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Dear Mary

I received your P C [postcard] this morning dear. Thanks very much for same. We are all ready packed up for off. When and where I don't know. But I think it is tomorrow night. I was very pleased to see you dearest one. How I loved those few kisses I had. How sweet they seemed. When I was looking out of the window in the afternoon and saw you I could even see your eyes dear sparkle with love when you saw me. Darling I only wish we could have had an hour or so together with our two selves. I have looked at your photograph, yes, I'll say hundreds of times this last day or two. I have slept with it under my head since I got it dearie. I am looking forward to the time when we shall meet again and I do hope it won't be long. But one can never tell. I shall always be true to you, Mary dear, while I'm away. This will be the last letter you will get from me from Newcastle. I am going to tell you something now, dearest. I was going to ask you to become engaged to me, then I thought perhaps I'd better not as I may not have the luck to come back, but I am hoping so. I thought it was no use fashing[?] you like that dearie. When I do come back then I would not be with you five minutes before I asked you for your hand. Well dearest Mary I have no more to say this time so I close this.

The very best of love & kisses

From Your ever loving Fred

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