

Elandsriver station

Aug 30 - 1900.

My dear Maggie.

Please do not wait until I get home before sending me some socks, or you will have to wait some time. Please also send cigarets again as I now occasionally get a few letters & am desperately hard up for them. 100 a week please, will you get them from the stores about 8/- a hundred.

I am getting pretty mad at being  
here, as there is a lot of  
fighting going on at Belfast  
train loads of wounded coming  
down. They said they had  
surrounded Botetown but the  
wire this morning said they  
were retreating both N & South.  
Goodness knows how long it  
will go on, if the Boers go up  
north they will be in an awful  
country, as bad as Natal &

are fully healthy. I hope get  
up there before it is over.

A 9.2" gun went up in a truck  
the night before last, it is simply  
enormous & fires a 380 shell  
11 miles, it will wake the  
Boers up a bit if they can  
fire it, but of course it can't  
leave the line.

It has rained hard  
the last two nights, it is a  
mercy to have a roof over

our head. It is very  
early for the sun to  
begin.

Don't forget the cigarettes &  
address to me

Army Post office  
Pretoria.

With much love  
Yours ever  
John.