

Van der Merwe Station

Sept 20 - 1900

My dear Missie.

Many thanks for a pair of
socks & some soap, both very
scarce here. Fifteen shillings
for 3 cakes of soap & 6/- for
a packet of matches is not
bad is it. ~~Pro~~ Pretoria prices.
I was sent here yesterday
to take command of the
Garrison, this is about

eight miles West of
Elmdorven, and just about
as desolate. The flies are awful.
We are living in a so called
Hotel, a tin shed with a
floor. There are two
dinner - tables close by
I must see if I can find
beer. It will be rather
a shock to get back to

civilisation again, having to
pay for things. Here if you
want anything and can find
it you steal, I should say
commence it. It sounds
all right but you can't
often find anything you want.
It certainly must be
unpleasant to have ones
country invaded. I don't

wonder that the Powers
dislike it.

With lots of love

Your aff brother

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