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Dear Mr. Lauder

Just a few lines in answer to your letter you sent to my home address. You will get a shock when you receive a reply so soon. My wife sent it in to me and she greatly appreciates the kind letter you sent me. Well sir, I caught my lot on the 18th of Sept. in the big push towards the Arnhem bridgehead. As usual 50 Div. were in that lot as we were attached to Guards Armoured Division. It was at Eindhoven in Holland when I got it in my shoulder. Mr. Hand got it as well, you may know Mr. Hand as he is an old Hampshire bloke and Pte. Rushman got it as well. How are your injuries going on now? I see you will be a foot slogger no more and you will not be sorry over that will you? I think there are only two of the old platoon members left now and they are Cpl. Heath and Jimmy Brett. They kept dwindling away one by one. Major Walters was O.C. again and we had “O Group” Wright as well. You will have to excuse the scribbling as I have only one arm free and I am still feeling groggy after my second operation that I had last night. Have you heard from any of the other platoon boys? I made visits to the beach to see their graves and it looked as though it was all A Company that caught it. I will close now and thanks for the letter and my people at home greatly appreciated it as well.

Good Night Sir

Your Old Friend Sgt. Farrar

P.S. You will notice the quick rise in promotion so don’t laugh. Don’t forget to write again will you?