

BOTURICH,  
ALEXANDRIA,  
DUNBARTONSHIRE.  
ALEXANDRIA 5313.

My father was attached to ~~the~~ this machine-gun unit, for a short time, but was sent back to hospital with a high temperature, suffering (I think he said) from Scarlet Fever. The officer who replaced him was killed (I think a day or two later) with numerous (I think he said thirteen) bullet wounds in his body.

The position they occupied was a nasty one on a forward slope, so maybe my father had good reason

for feeling the end might  
be near, & I don't suppose  
incubating fever helped  
either.

I suspect <sup>yes</sup> the story of  
the fever & the writing  
of the <sup>(16/10/17)</sup> letters relate to the  
same period & place.

P.S. See his diary entry  
29/10/17. "Heart-sick  
with Temp 104.1.  
Taken in sand cast to  
CCS Batch" (in Cairo  
by 11/17)

Robert F.

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(on reading these letters  
for the first time, I opened  
the envelope).