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## AN EAST GRINSTEAD SERGEANT IN THE DARDANELLES.

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In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Brinkhurst, "Henfield," Cranston-road, Sergt. H. J. Brinkhurst, "B" Company, 1/4th Royal Sussex Regiment, writes as follows:—

"First of all I must thank you so much for the nice letters which you have sent me, also for the *Observer*. We have now had three mails; the first was a week ago to-day, when I received three papers and two bundles of letters; the second on Thursday, when I received the letters of mother and babs and the *Observer* dated August 7th; and the last we received this morning, when I received the parcel and letter which I should have had at Bedford. I was very pleased indeed to get the shirt, as the one I am at present wearing I have had on for three weeks, and when you think of the hot weather and the dust we get out here you can guess it is a decent-looking object, and also, I am sorry to say, we are just beginning to get some tiny, but very close, friends. We are still in the trenches and we have no order yet when we shall get a rest. You will be pleased to hear I am still quite well, but, of course, a bit tired. Our living is now much better and more varied than it was at first, and we are not having such a hard time now. I expect you wonder why I don't write more often; well, in the first place news is very scarce indeed and we have no paper. We have plenty of this in our packs, but, as I told you before, they are all at the base."

Continuing on the 30th, he says: "I got stopped last evening, so will now try and continue. We have had a decent day to-day. We had an issue of Woodbines and tobacco, and you can guess we have enjoyed ourselves. You will be pleased to hear that Ted (Corporal Jenks) and I have both been promoted. On the 27th inst. Ted was made Lance-Sergt. and I dropped the Lance, and we are both to remain with our present companies. Now I have some rather bad news to tell you. 'C' Company had several casualties yesterday (several names obliterated by censor follow). The weather here now is very hot in the day, but at night we find it very chilly, as beyond a couple of sandbags, which form part of our kit and which we wrap round us, we have no extra clothing, our overcoats, blankets and all being left at the base. However, considering everything, I think all of the boys out here are very cheerful."

Writing on 11th September, he says: "Just a card to let you know I am still going on all right. Ted was discharged from hospital yesterday, but they are still keeping me. We were shelled here yesterday afternoon and several men were wounded. I hope to rejoin shortly."

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