

## Outside the Box

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Therapia  
Bosphorus  
Aug<sup>t</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>

My dear Father,

Many thanks for your last letter but as it is at this moment down at Scutari I do not exactly remember the date but it was in the twenties of July I have come down here for change of air & it is a delightful place from about 200 yd<sup>s</sup> to the left of the Hotel you can see the opening of the Bosphorus where the Black Sea runs into it consequently we

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get the sea breeze every day as regular as possible I am afraid I shall have to go back to Scutari tomorrow but I shall try to be allowed to come here again as this place is so infinitely superior to the other. We bathe almost out of the Hall door of the Hotel every morning. I am making

a very pretty sketch out  
of the windows of my  
room (for it is to [sic] hot  
to go out in the middle  
of the day). I am afraid  
that I shall hardly

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be strong enough to [go]  
back on the ~~end~~ <20<sup>th</sup>> of this  
month but if I am  
not strong enough I  
have no doubt I shall  
be able to get leave on  
to the end of the month  
by which time I hope  
to be all right again. I  
do not suppose that  
they will give me my  
company by purchase  
for a long time yet but  
of course I shall get it  
the minute they will let  
me & they must do  
that as soon as I have  
been about 2 y<sup>rs</sup>. in

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the Service as they have  
done it already I went  
up to see Miss Nightingale  
the other day & had a  
bit of a chat with her.  
I also found out the  
De Gulens in Pera  
& dined with them the  
other day. Young Ellis  
who is ADC to Cunningham  
who commands the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Division of the Turkish  
contingent whom you  
remember at Brussels  
has been down here  
this last few days & is  
going to his own  
camp again tomorrow

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he wishes to be remem[-]  
bered to you. I suppose  
you all enjoyed y<sup>r</sup> trip  
to Spa very much.  
How did Adolphus  
get on at the Eton crick[-]  
et match at Lords did  
he get a good score.  
tell little Anna that  
at the Comte de Gulens  
I saw (I think her name  
is Suzette) the little  
girl who actually was  
smaller than Anna  
her & that she has grown  
a good deal & will

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catch her up very  
soon but she was  
a very naughty girl when  
I was there & w<sup>d</sup>. not  
go near me probably  
because I happened  
to have a red shell jacket  
on. (bye the bye I hope  
Anna does not grow  
at all if she does  
it ought to be put a  
stop to by short allowance  
of bread & butter & an  
extra nip of brandy  
every now & then.  
You must tell her this.

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I have not yet heard  
from the Crimea  
so I cannot give you  
any news from there  
& it is getting very late  
so best love to all at  
home &

Believe me to remain  
Y<sup>r</sup>. ever affec<sup>[tiona]te</sup> Son  
G.H.Waller

P.S. Bye the Bye I forgot  
to mention two persons  
I had seen, the first was  
a Mr Havyland a Queens  
messenger who said he  
knew you before you  
were married I met

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him in Pera where  
I had gone to meet a  
brother officer & he seemed  
a capital old fellow.  
There is a man living  
down at Bugktarin  
named Johnson or Johnston  
whom I dined with the  
other evening. He has  
something to do with the  
land transport of the  
Turkish contingent who  
said he had met you in  
Brussels he is a Major  
I believe  
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