

Outside the Box

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Camp before Sebastopol
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My dear Father,

I got off rather easy in
the trenches the other day as
I had very little to do. I saw
Colonel Seymour the a few
days ago up in his camp as
the Guards and Highlanders
have come up to within a
mile and a half of us and
when I came back again
I had not been at home

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ten minutes before M^r
Boudier came and intro
duced himself he is stopping
now up at the 3rd Division
doing duty, lately we are
sapping slowly up from
the Mamelon & Quarries
to the Round Tower and
Redan. I enclose a plan
of the advance of the right
attack so you will now
be able to see our attack
on the Redan better than
you otherwise would have
done I will now tell <first explain to> you

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the plan. All the Brown Tren
ches were made before the

Quarries were taken those marked in red we made on the night of the Quarries the green are old Russian trenches & those parts that have green & yellow have been reversed since [sic] & are occupied by troops in the day time whereas the green ones are only occupied at night. The yellow ones have all been made since [sic] the Quarries were taken On the day of the Quarries Browne & I started from Edgertons Pits cross to the Quarries & I have before given you an account of the row & the morning after

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wards I was hit at the place marked (w) in the Quarries. I forgot to mention that all the trenches painted pure yellow were made after the day of the Redan I will now tell you about the Redan in the middle of the night we marched down to the trench marked (aa) where we waited till about 4 o'clock the 34th were formed up in rear of the trench marked (g) & started a little before us but we were up as soon as they were: Well we started out of the trench by the dotted line marked (bbb) <and followed it> till we got to the abattis

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marked (ccc). I got up to them at the place marked (w) where I was wounded I lay there (as I c^d not use my arm) for about 5 or 10 minutes when we retired so I was obliged to go back with the rest & I went along the dotted line (fff) back into the Quarries. The abattis

are made of boughs of trees
entangled together & pointed
so it is all a fellow can do
to get through them at least
for 5 minutes or so during
which time you are exposed
to the most deadly fire. The
sapping up to the Redan
is I believe to be conducted

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along the ravine marked
(dd) when it will be out
of sight of the Redan &
Round Tower. To give you
an idea of the distance
their guns took effect. The
grape from the Redan
took effect as far as the
crooked line marked (p) on
the right of the plan so we
could not get out of the fire
all the way up to the Redan.
I have just received your
letter of the 23rd saying you
had received my letter of
the 8th June as well as
one from M^r Bracebridge

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at Constantinople enclosing
your letter to M^{rs}. Brace
bridge Thank little Anna
for her letter & best
love to all at home &
Believe me to remain
Y[ou]^r ever affec[tiona]^{te} Son
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