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AUTHOR'S NOTE

I HAVE endeavoured as far as possible in the following pages to relate the facts of my experiences as they actually occurred, but as there may be found persons who will doubt the truth of the narrative I append a letter from my chum, Sapper Dunn, whose signature has been witnessed by a Sister of the Hospital in which he was lying wounded at the time.

The original is in the hands of my publishers, as is also other evidence which I am bound in honour not to publish.

DEAR MISS LAWRENCE,

I once more take the privilege of dropping you a few lines, hoping they find you well

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and hearty to receive, as it leaves me to be keeping quite well at present. Well, I have not heard anything about my operation as yet, and to tell you the truth I don't want to either, as I would like to hang on till after Christmas. Well, for the moment I did not recognize you as you came down the ward the other day. You looked so different dressed as a girl from the Royal Engineer comrade-in-arms which at Albert in September 1915 you happened to be. When I remember you I can hardly believe, though, that three years have passed since then. It seems so short time ago since you, looking so fine as a khaki soldier, joined up in our mine-laying company, and spent ten days and nights within 400 yards from the Boche front line, under rifle fire, trench mortars and "coal boxes." Often you had to be quite alone too all through a day or a night, and we never knew what intended to fall next, did