

DEHRI BRIDGE,
SHAHABAD DISTRICT,
BENGAL.

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My dear Pippa

The deed is done.

An interview with Stone, and
the Chairman's message that the
S.I. 17. would be dead for a
year have persuaded me that
the correct course to take is
that sketched out in my no.
66. I have therefore written
to cancel my application
for furlough and have applied
instead for 2 months & 25 days

privilege leave from the
8th of June to 1st Sept.
This will give me $7\frac{1}{2}$ weeks
at home. I shall then
have to return for 3 months
and shall apply for furlough
from 7th Decr probably
for 10 months to 7th Oct 1901
when probably the EIR
will have regained a few
sparkles of life. I think
this is a much better plan
than the other one as
it would be no good to

come out next October
with nothing going on.
Stone says there will be
no difficulty about my
getting furlough - on account
of the aforesaid deadness
he will be sadly glad to
give leave to all who ask.
The idea of taking priv.
leave from 8th June is, that
if I waited till 3rd August
when the full 3 months are
due I couldn't go on
furlough till the ~~of~~ beginning
of February, but by this

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method I can have 2
months extra furlough &
only lose a weeks priv.
leave - What do you think
of this - I think under the
circumstances it is much
better to have 13 months
have 3 on full pay in
the near future than 6 months
on $\frac{1}{2}$ pay -

No other news - Everyone is
very busy getting things
ready for the inspection. My
cold still hangs on but is
not so severe as it was -

With love

Ralph