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Inriktila
30 Oct / 89

My dear Pippa

You are really very thoughtful & I have written me 2 letters running. The last I received contains a mysterious statement, which I don't at present understand.

I have been very busy for the last week, as just about 6 days ago we got a telegram saying that our detachment was

to be off at once to Toungoo,
being relieved here by 200 men
of the 52nd. As the notice was
a little short we have had
rather a busy time getting ready,
but things are pretty well
settled now & the troops depart
tomorrow night. I am not
going for the present, as I have
to go on doing Station Staff
Officers ^{here} for another 3 weeks or
so. I don't want to go to
Toungoo a bit, as it is just getting

cool here now & it is beastly
hot down there - besides ~~the~~ ^{our}
Colonel harasses people somewhat
I believe.

We had a general & his staff
here the other day; he wasn't
very entertaining.

Has the family of Rendel
taken to assault a battery
all round? If ~~they~~ so I am
sorry for that "peaceful" young
man of Comiss's.
How are the Homsrian crew next

down getting on? Give them
my love.

Why doesn't the Government
make up its mind about
Ralph & let me know? I
suppose he won't come out here
at once if he gets the Sappers.
Does he wear specs? If so he
will do the corps credit no
doubt.

Give my love to the family
as well as to the Homers.

Yours loving
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