

7LGA/2/1/28-Written from Chateau Mauricien, Wimereux

Dearest AGA We suffer incessantly from the gramophone [sic]. It has played from 8am this morning, hymn tunes & carols now giving place to Harry Lauder. Groups sit or lie round it enjoying the horrid thing: & the pleasure of cigarettes and cakes & chestnuts is incomplete without it. For these reasons I like it better than any other present I have ever had. We have just had a gratifying letter from Lord Esher which I enclose as I think M[other] wd like to see it if you can remember to take it to her on yr next visit to Aldeburgh. He came out to inspect Voluntary Hospitals. We are all very well here & are having quite an easy time. We closed Claridge last week - much to our regret - & some of the Corps went home & some are taking short leave holidays. Lovely sunny cold day today with a big sea & spray well over the breakwater on the harbour. Much love to you all Yrs LGA Enclosed: Letter from Lord Esher to Louisa Garrett Anderson, written from the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, 14 Jan 1915, praising her work and saying that if he had to be wounded he would rather be in the hospital at Wimereux than any other. Also in the envelope: 1. Postcard of The Hotel Mauricien, written by Louisa Garrett Anderson to Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, dated 10 Nov 1914, asking for letters and saying that they are settling in at Wimereux. 2. Undated letter to Louisa Garrett Anderson from Mrs E Toms, widow of a man who had died at the hospital, thanking her for her letter and for the care given to her husband. MS note by LGA on the top 'We get letters like this all the time - they are so touching.' ? AGA - Alan Garrett Anderson - brother