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My Dear Lord Mayor and
Mr Sheriff of the City of York.

Gentlemen.

I very much wish to thank you both, for your very kind present, which I received on Monday morning, needless to tell you, that I enjoyed the contents, and the boys as well, as far as it would go round, being a citizen of York, born within the City Walls, in Tanner Street. I shall appreciate the present, in honour of the old City, and do my best, to uphold the honour, of the City of York, you will see Gentlemen by this slip of paper, taken from the Grangemouth News, that we sometimes enjoy life on active

service, as well, as in peace time

I remain

Gentlemen.

your obedient servant,

Corporal W J Stockdale

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The Transport workers from the Port are a cheery lot of fellows. In spite of the booming of the big guns, and the scenes that are inseparable from a battle-field of such dimensions, they manage to keep up their buoyancy. Last week it came to the knowledge of some of them that one of their number, Private Polson, Kerse Road, had received information to the effect that he had now become a proud father. The joyful occasion was not allowed to pass unnoticed and so in the evening the sons of the Port assembled in large numbers at one of the cafes where they celebrated the event in grand style. Corporal Stockdale presided over the gathering, and after the chairman's remarks a lengthy programme of songs etc., was proceeded with. Songs were sung by Privates Kemp, Denniston, Greer, W. Smith, P. Smith, and the chairman, while Private Bryson gave a selection of music on the melodion. A jolly night was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Chocolate Letter #196: W. Stockdale

Corporal Stockdale sent the Lord Mayor a newspaper cutting along with his thank-you letter.