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Dear Capt Pleadwell

Your very name is an asset - it must have an interesting origin. I only got your letter of Jan 17th today.

It is curious how one's traces seem to drift about the world. This Clark was a girl who masqueraded as a man to me (she did not know that I knew this, nor did I ever let on!) She was living in Chester at the time & wrote a lot of verse which she sent to me, ostensibly for my criticism but really to get autograph letters which she promptly sold. I must have been a godsend to a number of broken-down people in those far-off days! When I realised she was selling my letters I stopped. I can't recall anything of her verse except that it wasn't any good. Women may be the stuff of poetry but they can't write it.

You are happy indeed in being so far from the area of the present war. I could write a lot about the situation but one doesn't know where

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to begin about a war whose real aims are still
undisclosed. The main task is to beat Hitler,
but then, ah then! the trouble will really have begun

Yours sincerely

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