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Brigadier E. Phillips
H.Q. 8th Army
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Dear Mrs. Howe,

I told your son in the American Field Service Ambulance Car Corp, that I should drop you a line to thank you for the very welcome tin of Edgeworth Tobacco which he gives me from time to time. I once mentioned how good it was and he immediately produced a packet!

He probably tells you all about his doings in the Desert and he has been associated closely with me for over 18 months during which we have covered many miles of Africa, Sicily, and Italy.

You may like to know how full of praise everyone is for the way in which he handles his unit, quit regardless of his own safety. The men too are wonderful and many a Britisher owes his life to the magnificent way in which, often under enemy fire, the A.F.S. has brought them back to safety.

They always seem to be just where they are wanted and at the right time. If you know any of the relatives of the ~~the~~ drivers please let them know how highly the 8th Army esteems the unit. We are always frightened lest the U.S.A. Army will claim it and take it away from us, but I always tell your sons that if they do I shall say we claim him (and his unit) by virtue of ~~the~~ his having been at Rugby, and so half British.

You will be glad to know that he is very well and always so cheerful in spite of the fact he is so far away from his home. I hope God may keep him safe so that you will see him as soon as we've settled with our enemy in the West and East.

My kindest regards to you and best wishes for Xmas and for a Victorious 1944.

Yrs Sincerely

Edward Phillips

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and AFS Intercultural Program