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Title: Letter from Hope Squire 5/6

Description: A hand written letter

Details: Letter from Hope Squire (Frank Merrick's first wife) to Frank in prison, 26 April 1918.

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Friday april 26 th 1918. In own beloved prophers to the place, disappointing to find that we have done as solves ont of three or forthestes, I do think we might have been warmed about those visiting rules. How i one to know these things when they are not on the printed mules and we are not habities of prison! anie and? will came alone next time for I don't intend in viting your people afain of Course if you as they wrote & specially would a visit I would. You have evidently not quite understood what among I are so, it was that I ally has evidently let Unel George think you are in the army! well I have some really interesting news this time. On Monday who should turn up but Harold webster - I was so take. abook I hardly knew what to say, but low heally gasfed out You havn't taken on the Scheme? He said "No"; I said thank God " & the could't get any poster fram his looks that it was on account of Serios a fatal illuese, he came forward & puting his arm 1 am me in a brotherly fashion said I wish it were MM Merrich who had been let at instead of me, but not for the wasa which has liberated me! " we had a 22 hours good talk, he really does look a wreck, & was Vischarger because thing had got so serious that the Prison would't be responsible any longer. He is prist as tice as lover, I says if called at upan is prepared of course to go they It all again. He has received (I showed me) a letter from his form interacting that they will not have anything more to be with him, although if you remember at the time of his calley upthe head went to the Iribural & tried to get be up becal be was so "i Infa sall" to the In Low has at last been arrested, is at warrington & will be turning up soon at W. Scants. I home I han Arm Avolay, that Charles has been discharged service heart trouble having care a. Its hice to think these two good wer have got their liberty afair, though it Seems Sail that they should have had to waste so much true in getting ill when they would other wise have been leady useful im selfish listes, Yes I I'll answer about M.S. the Society has been disbanded. So has the M.M. League - & the Clinistian Chivalz parighlets are to be shared up between existing Societies that will distribute the The was a little balance which is for defraying postage. On June 16th we are going to have a big musted Service of Intercession in S. Schare, at least we are going to try: To day I was stopped in the road by Sima Speelman who asked her, kindly after gan I wished me particularly to send his Kindest refards. I'Brigon to write to a free! in Duland who has the Hayon got to level them to gon. I constantly promise to send foft, messages, but I don't alway remember the habitual & old ares I went not repeat, but away new ares are Dora Silvan, Crume Low, Leofold Klain, Herry hill, Ment bill, Met Garat, the Dennis's, and Robinson, & Daditon Smith, Wol Anguier, Bretey Julius, etc etc etc. The London lot of course, & Sheffield. Eleanor B is Sending a book called "bill animal ways" & The is landing you a love, book which For good real called the Beloval Papaboun." Also we

of loss o nowe wheat the new the the pape of the Die how good of for, I the stand the rest both think you will like to read a pamplet called "the Bahai Movement." Cocar has lone a grand binding for it. He was so en raptured because you mentioned his have in your last? I remember reading another bookelet as the B. M- Dury the Saucilluse when I learned Soperants white you were in australia Ithink) Thekla is going to learn Sop. of find to har amazement that lot of Sop: books have been brailled & are in the B. library. Penelope sends her love & best wishes for your birthola, on herday - she is going in for a Commercial escam as that day. Matthewhan prior given bent to the most blood -· Curling howls, a strange pues came into the Kitchen he has I wir an it away & I can still hear his eng hows further down the road, Hughald has not get forgiven we for sending them to put Brooks banks while I came to London. He want stay in the have went very won't cat & looks grieved, land he goes bisiting to various atten houses where he is as affable as a Cat Could be. Matthew is extremely loving he wants a Just making of him all day & all high! Me Craver Sighes has given he an old ping for your brite day present, it holds a quart, it is no particular church but bey old v a beautiful whose apple free neck & faint flower below. I have get you a bring den - whent about as large as one egg - in black wetal (not bronze.) very realistic . The other presents which are waiting for you were described in the letter you will adjet. a Yacobean Rife box with two hangers oak this shape to there is a shallow drawer for tex spoons, & above it a Knife & fork inlaid in pear-wood. Then there's an gutige tabacco for like a barrel made of walnut with very carry graining, I save helsen words on it. also a Sporte Vate White with buble handles & blue of fold patterns, Inearly got on a cello for \$ 4.10 - toole, but some are long of it first. Thave woll the troling IN B had a new pupil who wantal are cheap to, as I here get true to fraction I let him have befor what I paid for it. I fear you would be hore field if you sao the lopped trees in the garden, but the house will be worth lighter & the garden will bluefit, & they will soon sprout & be quite wie to look at. The get such a good show of Wall flower, your growing - I the two first to flower were those on Worden's Grave, also his primarces are out Some of us begelables are appearing Salis factorily to the aweet pers are coming up in great proposion. hearly lover, time I have been at or the past 3 weeks I have seen the detective who askested you tenever seed we. Yesterday I got the windows all cleaned - Such an event! First time theire been properly Jane since last whitem tide. Can you believe that its nearly a year Frice you arrest. I feel as if it were many years. I was much interested in your Unitings report atory". I severally find a good deal of justice & Comfort with edea.

on bold sheet should have allowed ugoefts to faring, - ye as near worth is toll vanishing of Do you remember in the Rosiconician book how he describes the two or three days after health during which the soul is reviewing the whole of it's past life. I think the best type of writing on P. that Die real guerall, seem to consider it not as puint ment but a state of revelation whole one sees me self so clearly foot the To truly & Leeply that there is of becestil, much self inflicted punishment in the Way of real remorse. and it rather beautiful to think that are can start and heat ricarnation (if such there be with a clean alate! his to the penny a day parable, Die here tried to analyze it get, but I will read up afair. I am a review a the brook of a socialist poet who is in prisa - save of the poets was be good, but two lines struck no enormal he is withing about love & deploing the old hunter & captive ideal _ & Concludes "Others" may sing passions frere mystery - The comrade slip of equal lovers It" It saw in glind o housto this right II I I I I I I I I I I I I would be rather Interesting if you and composed each a piece, with this rhythen for the theme, of the Sati-- ment of the work as a proparme, The R.C. Bishops & Prests in Irela Jave all stanting soldly against Conscription & their a peat hiplay of passive resistance on the part of all the Mahard its. By the way or in Canada theyer pist recartly made a proclamation that an a making a speech criticising the perfect righternouses of the God or the allies in the war well have a fine of \$ 1000, or 5 years infrisonment, The CO's there will need hard word courage, want they! I guite afree with ga about " wer thinking". That is no doubt whey to omen's perceptions are so much sharper & here accurate than mens in general-the do less organized thinking, & when the thought flash into their winds there is less chance of them being obscured by machiner. I have fut it very bally, but perhaps you can gress what I wear, Thekla & I are Still keen a Hosen, we are reading Little Golf" now - in German of course. I find the prose plays very undertaintable . Daving Yordan Says "Por and "is as Soficiall as Bran--iil. I shall be able to speak I, better oon I hope with all this practise, I can't I apparently moore else can find you are lasy penal books worth reading. M. Ganeral his written (30 letter) afair sand ger all sats of affection & lotine etc. There histotel for some time to tell you, but I think I will was howevery to Allen Skumer is, fe has been out of prison Since pist before Kinas, - has lost the use of one arm I are lef, which be nice never refain, but until recently washave hoped he might be spared, - but Miss ashter & I have been told that there is practically no lige for him he may live a few mouths, but 3 Drs think it is impossible for him to pull thingh, Phillip has not been told this, it was

never do to tell her, She could't bear it. She goes to see him every o the day, tramps hiles & what she lives a feaven knows, for the is with out means, Of course I keep her supplied at intervals with bits of this What & occasion at anonyma money, V No batto is awfull good, & one of two others. But she is been promise wait have help of the from the members if the contocafe it, viidad its by bificult & make her accept anything. The is a remarkable little woman, I went to see aller twice [in bel] before he was moved to the Have where he how is; I he looked really beautiful, so theto peace fed & so totally devoid of bitterness is complaining. They like to hear lover, scrap about gor, ## If Of course he hight pull ran for he is yang 28, + Dr are the unstaken. Phillis is 37. h. M. leg Ved on april 2nd, Pour Olive was literally a breek - The has first gone over to I reland for a charge & rest. They had a dreather time for the last few weeks, as he was been at I pain, all sotts of Complication set in; but a be, peaceful and. arthur so how so in settled - he thinks he watter throw up the business after theles, V (o to Canada, So MMC & Hitty for Clive) timb they will be are the house & got a little ne. Then has been aufully under & defressed for last lother this, we can't hake out if the really happy. She has painted a few beautiful pictures - I want to Set are for you - sand with a lit of deep blue sea, & a Sand hill. The Course often It see me but Jack here does, - he is still sulking I think . I there is so much I want to to the Island era get it Inc - well I sigh can't with out you, In alway think of Rand surprises & preparations for when you come home, -but what will all y work & the time the follow waste I dut get half done that I would like . Oscar has fiven me 15 god of lightid blue cloth for a hew set of Custa. for the large berrow, - which is saucha for tobe done up ber framely for your return, I put an large bed in these lay ago, & a small are in an roam, I moed to feel 80 cold & lovely in the large are. Despect you often wanter if its a bream that you love used to spend your rights with me! Often it seems to me like the days before we were weed When you were in Australia & I Carllist see you, & so sellar hear for you the all offer is that I know how that you are the By of me I lasty on we all the time, I have no believe and which I lay for most, you or Peace with laged for you more than any are day thing for so many many years - and so often lady the Says cones into 2 wind " Soly County gots the Sovement of reserves. I suffer it is it true, but I get so tire of people apath, short the this that maker & their prossing about the this that coul easily be put up with. he beliste says the Same , he are gain ber "individualistic" Perhaps you would figuil been at liberty for the past "one months. When you came at of prison, In go, to put you prior above everything to