

visions were left over that  
about 2000 more of the troops  
had a portion thereof, on their  
arrival from Tripoli on the  
following day. I really think  
that your promise of £5. did  
more than anything to en-  
courage my Mother in her  
idea. Everyone was not so  
practically optimistic, to begin  
with. Yrs very truly  
Letitia Baker

TELEGRAPH  
IWERNE MINSTER

Ans'd.  
Sept. 13/98.  
£5 sent

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Sep. 10<sup>th</sup> / 98

Ranston,  
Blandford.

Dear Gen. Pitt-Rivers

As I am the unfortunate  
person deputed to settle the  
accounts for the Soldiers' Tea  
got up by my Mother at Langton  
Lodge on Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, I am going to  
ask if you would be good enough  
to let me have the contribution,  
which you very kindly promised to =

wards it. I am trying to get  
the whole thing finished & I  
hope you will excuse my youth-  
ful haste. I am glad to say  
that the tea was a very  
great success. Out of the 1000  
odd men on that day in  
Camped near Blandford, about  
1200 appeared, & on seeing the  
way in which they enjoyed

their tea, cake, pms, bread &  
butter, iced lemonade, plums  
tobacco & cigarettes, one could  
not help feeling that the enter-  
tainment was not in vain. They  
thoroughly <sup>appreciated</sup> ~~enjoyed~~ the concert,  
& they liked the writing &  
newspaper tent. They also do-  
vously considered that the  
specially stamped note paper  
was a most delicate atten-  
tion. Such a large amount of pro-