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My dear Smith

I rejoiced greatly when I got your message for I do not see why they should ever hold us up now. It should go through with few if any changes.

I can't imagine the effect of it. It is certainly a most singular situation for by the queer working of Fate I have certainly made a scrap not merely of a battle but of the whole of the greatest campaign Britain ever fought. The question is will people realize this, or will they confuse it with "Times" histories & catchpenny nonsense of that kind. If they really do recognise it then the Strand should sell like a special Edition. But we must not hope too much.

I've got it done now up to the end of Louis — and my Louis information is the

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fullest of all - so there is no possible fear of
running short of copy. I'll ask you to put a
few officers who have helped me on your free
list.

It is very good of you to send me my
M.S.S. without raising the legal question.
They may mean something to my lads in
the future. My big lad is in the Hampshire
& yearning for the fray. I wish to God they
would let the Volunteers go. I believe we
should do right well - indeed that we hold
in our ranks some of the best material in
England.

I am sending you a bound
Sherlock Holmes MSS as a souvenir.

Yours most sincerely

Alonau Doyle

P.S. Yes, we should send out plenty
of stuff to the Censor. Do you
want some more. When the spring
comes he may be busy.