

Mr. Douglas

As I think these shells
may be of interest to you, would
you accept them from me for your
past kindness.

They were presented
to my Mother in law years ago from
Capt. Vickell. I think at that time
he was C.O. of the old turret ship
H. M. A. S. Cerberus. It was at the
finish of the Boer rebellion in China
the Boer loan was at the same time
if I am not mistaken.

It is peculiar that at the time he
gave them, he had not noticed that
they were live shells and after
returning to Melbourne, he sent an
urgent Telegram saying do not handle
the shells until I see you again.

They are harmless now so all is well.

R. These guns are out of date now?
W. Thomas