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Dear Alice

It has been my intention for some time past to write you and now I have a good opportunity of doing so and will take advantage of it. I cover most of the news in my weekly letters to Mother and as there is little of it at best am afraid you won't find this very interesting. Your several recent letters have reached me in due course and I have greatly enjoyed having them and reading the news they contain.

I saw in the Toronto Globe the other day that Mr. Davies had departed this life and yesterday I got a note from Delia giving me the news. I expect it is quite a relief for all concerned as there was no hope of his ever recovering and latterly he had been quite a care. Sometime ago she spoke of taking up nursing while she was listed (in the event of his death) but

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whether she is going to carry out
this plan now or not is something
I don't know.

I had a letter from Aunt
Elizabeth not long ago telling me
about the house she has rented
and I think it should suit her
nicely. Dr. Seaborn should have no
difficulty in entering the Park Avenue
House should he decide to stay
where he is. It is a very desirable
location to my way of thinking
and of course a very comfortable house.

From all accounts Hazel's visit
seems to have been quite a success
and I hope it has done the
child good. She has had rather
a hard time but probably the
experience will be beneficial in
the long run.

Charlie Hunt wrote me some
weeks back and amongst other things
told me of his "family" hopes.
It seems to be quite the fashion
just now. I have seen quite a bit
of our paymaster Ihe Robertson lately.
Ohh and I went to school with him
at V.C.C. and I think you met

him when staying in Quebec. He married Ethel Purley several months ago and is much worried just now because she is threatened with measles. She and Cera's wife board at the same house in Folkestone also Mrs. Roy Nordheimer and several others whom you probably know.

I've had about Jack getting so fat. The only exercise he used to indulge in was riding and I suppose he won't ever touch it again. Tell him the next time you see him that it is about time he sent me a letter.

Yes I remember Ed. Kelle's wife, the famous Mamma Smith. I never knew her except by sight and she was a sight too on account of her size. I have seen some of the R C R several times, Colonel Macdonnell amongst the number. I tried to locate Balderson one or twice but was not successful. Do not know whether he is back with the regiment or not. I saw E. K. Eaton on the road the other day. I spoke to

him in passing but don't think he remembered me. Yes I remember Gorman of Samia. He used to be a regular attendant at militia camps and is as deaf as a post.

From all accounts Mally Fitzgerald is a wonderful child. Edger wrote some time ago and sent me a snap of the child and her father. It was hard luck that she broke her leg but suppose at that age no permanent injury will result if properly looked after. I hear that Chester Mathewson is now in command of ~~an~~ ammunition column belonging to me of the artillery brigades in Canada. Father Mitchell tells me that he was dismissed from the Public Works Dept. and that the move to Winnipeg was only a preliminary to dismissal.

Where is Gordon Hunt now? He certainly made a mess of things and it will count against him for the rest of his existence. I think I am the only ^{real} London officer who left with the 1st division that

is still with the Division in France. Graham must make a very poor commanding officer. He has few, if any, of the necessary qualifications and the battalion cannot hope to do well as long as he is at the head of it.

I hope the Barrons have a nice trip to California. Uncle Will certainly needs some rest and relaxation after the way he has toiled early and late for the past five or six years. Where do they intend locating in London when they do come back in the summer.

I had a letter from Bertie Pigger yesterday. He is still in England and was asking if I could do anything to help him get to France. My powers are practically nil but if opportunity offers will of course do what I can. He said that Mary had been ill for a time but was quite well again now.

I forgot all about calling up Fitz Arden when on leave in London. Fully intended ringing

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her up and taking her to the theatre
or something but somehow or other
it slipped my memory. Will have
to try and do it. Should I get
leave again in the early summer.
Morgan is on leave just now and
enjoying it very much, I expect, with
his mother and sister. No more
leave is to be given after the 15th
and everyone is wondering why and
wherefore. There is, of course, some
good reason but I hope it won't
be long before it starts again
as these stoppages just put one's
time just so much further off.

Will close now as there
is literally nothing else to write
about.

Much love
affectionately
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