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We rode up to Canterbury last Thursday and bivouaced for the night returning on Friday morning via "Walling Street" a road built by Alfred the Great from there to Seover. It takes one back to the old days. Sarah walked over to Saltwood Castle this morning and looked over the old place and a dear little church there as well. The Castle was originally built between 500 & 600. We intended taking a canoe trip up the Canal next week end but I shall not let Sarah sleep out of doors.

Please remember me to Frederick & Flora and Percy and with very much love  
Believe me  
your affectionate son (in law)  
D.H.

7<sup>TH</sup> CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES  
EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Sunday  
25 July 1915

My dear Mother  
I feel almost ashamed to write you after having been neglectful so long. I can only hope that you will forgive me. Sarah I know keeps you well posted as to our doings. It is a great comfort for me to have her over in England and I cannot thank you enough for having allowed her to come so soon, much sooner than I had expected; you have certainly been wonderfully good about our engagement and have made your feelings secondary to our happiness on every occasion. I am not good

us and he Sarah - but it off so well that I was almost jealous). It was quite a coincidence our getting the cable about dear Elaine when he was with us. We sent a joint cable congratulating her on having the first son in the generation. We had tea and on the grass in front of the house this afternoon with three of my officers; and before flying over our heads, most of the time. It seems funny to think that they can get from here to the front in a little over an hour. Two of my officers are in hospital with influenza. Sarah & I called on them this afternoon and Sarah took them some flowers and reading matter; she is so thoughtful.

at saying very much but I do sincerely appreciate it. I only hope that the dear girl will not be lonely when I go over, but think not as she is such an adaptable little person and makes so many friends wherever she goes.

We are wonderfully comfortable in our little house herein Hythe which I have no doubt she has described to you. It is quite a relaxation to get away from camp for the week ends and spend them with dear Sarah. I was so glad too, to have the house and a spare room for Wood last week when he got a week's leave from the front, (the first he has had) I really think he enjoyed his stay with