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My dear Mother

I feel I must write you a few lines to tell you how much I have admired and appreciated your wonderful generosity and self sacrifice in letting dear Sarah remain over here until the first of the year instead of wanting her this fall. You have really been wonderful and I admire and love you even more than before (if that is possible) for your wonderful generosity. I left the matter largely in her dear hands, although I said that I thought she owed you a great deal (as we both do) and suggested her sailing. I hope she will decide to go over early in the year and pay you a good long visit as it is now nearly six months since you have seen her.

Sarah sends me one of your letters to her occasionally (I hope you don't mind) and I love reading them but can see how you miss her and how brave and self sacrificing you are about it. I hope if she does go over she will visit London for a short time as well as I know they have missed her bright sunshiny presence very

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sorely, especially Mother & Father who love her very
deeply but everybody else that even in life
she seems to have hosts of friends. I am naturally a
little jealous of them sometimes especially as it
is now nearly 10 weeks since I saw her bright
little face and I do miss her so terribly. Sometimes
I hardly seem to be able to wait the 3 or four
weeks before I hope to get my first weeks leave.

Things have been very quiet along this immediate
front since we have been over although we have
supported several attacks near us and a few nights
ago pulled off a little show with comparatively
little loss (2 men) killing about 30 Germans and
taking 12 prisoners, which latter were very useful
as sources of information which really was our object
Our casualties to date are about 600 ^{in 2nd Div. from -} but principally
amongst the infantry. I can hear the guns all
around me as I write as we now have established
an artillery superiority and always fire the last shot
and generally two for every one the Bosses put over.
I have asked Sarah to send you on my dear letters
which may be of a little interest to you and also

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Percy (Please give him my kindest regards) and
hope she does.

I am now fortunate in being near my brother
Woods Battery and see him quite often which is
very far both of us. He has just had a weeks
leave and spent a very happy day with Sarah in
London and enjoyed it so much. I think it did
the dear little woman good also.

I am very well, never better, but am getting
fat I am afraid so am making a point of
taking a few or five mile walk everyday in
addition to my riding and hope to keep in shape
that way.

I do sincerely hope you have obtained relief
from your rheumatism long time this. It pains me
very much when I hear you are miserable and I
think of you a great deal, much more often
than I write. Will draw to a close now with
apologies for the paper and very much love
your affectionate son.

P.S. It hardly seems a year (on 22nd)
since Sarah & I were married. He has brought me wonderful happiness