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In the Field
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Dearest Mother

Will you excuse my using this paper as I find I am out of the other and it is now hard to get very much. I think I wrote you a few lines when I was in England with Sarah now nearly a month ago but did not tell you that I cashed your Mas present and got a couple of Karbi shirts which I needed and which I am now wearing daily. They are nice soft ones with detachable collars and are so comfortable.

Sarah and I had 16 wonderfully happy days together, as I was able to get 14 days' extension and for me I think they were the happiest days of my life. We did not do very much but were quietly together most of the time.

Had the weather been brighter we would have gone down to Brighton but an east wind made it very cold there practically all the time was over. So we stayed in London. I do not like the smoke and fog.

there myself very much although it
 seems to agree with Sarah for I found
 her better than when I saw her last
 October and really quite a bit fatter
 which I am sure you will be glad to
 hear. I rather hope she will go
 somewhere in the country in the
 Spring or even come over to France
 if she could get a congenial companion
 to come with. I don't expect leave
 again until the fall but might be
 able to get to Paris for a few
 days in the summer. However
 we will see when the time comes but
 I don't like the idea of London for
 her for the summer. She has the
 happy faculty of making friends
 (and nice ones too) wherever she goes
 and that helps a lot although I
 know she is also very lonely at
 times and misses (as both very
 much. Under present conditions
 I fear it is quite out of the question
 for her to go over to America and
 I don't think she would be allowed to
 even if we considered it safe. I
 know it will be a great disappointment
 for you but at same time I think
 you will agree that it is

unwise for her to run unnecessary risks
 We write to each other every day
 and she gets my letters in three days
 although Postoffice have to wait a
 week for hers. I have urged her to
 send you a deferred cablegram
 occasionally while the mail service
 is interrupted as I know that they
 will reassure you a little.

We are all expecting to see the U. S. in
 the game with us very soon now
 and I don't see how she can stay out
 much longer, as after all we are
 fighting for American ideals as well
 as our own. I think your coming in
 will help to shorten the war considerably.

Our men who have been digging
 and other odd jobs all winter are
 soon to be returned to us for a
 period of training and I will be glad
 to get them back as the horses have
 suffered as a result of their absence.
 I have been intending to write Percy
 for a long time but don't seem to
 manage it. Please give him my
 very best and with very much
 love

Remain
 your devoted son
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