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of the British Corps. In fact
the whole Army over here is
being greatly increased.

The weather lately has been
colder and miserable but we
are glad to have it now and hope
for better conditions in the
early spring.

My brother's brigade has been
moved ~~to~~ to the rear for a month's
rest so I won't be able to see him
for that time. They are just about
a year out now and a rest
should be welcome as they have
been in firing line all that
time.

I am writing this with your
Christmas present. Use it
continually. I do hope you will
be all right again when this
reaches you. Very much love
L.H.

Belgium
16 Feb 1916

Dearest Mother

Just a few lines to say
how sorry I was to hear that
you were laid up with "La Grippe"
when Sarah last heard from
you. I say "were" as I sincerely
trust that now you are
feeling quite yourself again
and have no bad after effects.

It is a very unpleasant
thing to have and I think often
makes one feel worse that
one really is. I do hope to
get some better news of you
in the letter I expect to get

realize what a wonderful sacrifice you have made in giving her up to me and being separated so much lately. I can never begin to thank you enough as this thanks could express my appreciation of the dear little woman and your goodness.

There has been quite a little activity just to the north of us lately and some trenches have changed hands several times during the last few days. They were at it again last night but have heard no result so far, except the cannonade until early this morning.

Our Canadian Corps is being continually increased and will soon be up to the strength

from Sarah^{III} today. It does seem hard that we should be so much separated and especially so far dearest Sarah and you who have been so much to each other the last few years.

I expect to be able to get away again about the end of March and I think she is planning to sail in the early part of April and I want her to make you a good long visit. I will send her a week end cable each week which will keep us in touch with each other and as I don't expect there will be much leave next summer there will be no excuse for her to want to hurry back! I know how long to see her now and I can fully