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Mum and I know of quite a few who have wished for Paris leave especially to see her.

We both agree that Paris has many advantages over London and if there is no coal shortage this winter I really believe she will be better there as no danger of raids and we can see each other about twice a fortnight which as you know will mean a great deal to us.

The good weather still holds and today we have news of some more



In the Field
20 Sept 17

Dearest Mother

Just a few lines so that you will not think that I am not with you very often in thought. I fully realize how lonely you must be without Sarah and how much you must miss having her about. I sometimes feel a little guilty that I am keeping her with me so long, but as I often tell her she must decide these things for her own self and when she

if I think the work she is engaged in is
tiresome for her. It is a splendid
work and does a great deal of good but
I do not want her overtaxed. The next
feature about it is that it brings her
in touch with quite a few of my men
who go there on leave and you would
be bound to hear all the nice remarks
they make about her when they get
back again. She is tremendously
popular with all my officers and

feels she wants to go she
knows that she has my
full approval. I still fully intend to
try and get to Canada for
Christmas as I know
Father and Mother are
expecting me there but such
leaves are only granted in
very urgent cases, such as
death or business failure.
However I intend to try as
soon as military matters
settle down for the winter.
I am hoping to get there
or few days time to Paris
about the 1st of October
and will let you know
how I find Sarah and

two years in France last
Monday. In some ways
it seems a long time
and yet I remember every
detail very clearly and
how pleased I was when
my brother Wood looked
me up for the first time
just about 2 years ago
now.

Nearly dinner time so
will close with very
much love.

Devotedly

J. H.

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successful operations
to the north (which I
hope will be duly confirmed
later on.

The war does not seem
very much nearer an
end but we must see
it through to the victory
for which we have
sacrificed so much
and even if several years
yet must "carry on" but
I really do think the end
will arrive sooner
than that. The French

most of my men are now working on
trains in forward area and we have
trouble keeping our horses here in shape.
I had over 20 wounded or gassed last
week including an officer (and so it
goes).

I saw men well and our medical
is not over being ~~seriously~~ laid up
since I left Canada and am thankful
but must not boast. I celebrated My

are greatly encouraged
by the way the U. S. is
taking hold and I feel
that next year when
your army will be in
shape to do something
that the Huns will
see that the game is up.

I saw a great many in
Paris (Americans), but it
struck me that far too
many young men were
in the American Red
Cross who should be in
fighting units, however
I suppose this will
adjust itself in time