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I fear I will not see him again  
until I get back. He saw Sarah  
and they had a very pleasant day together.

I hope I'mes will overlook my  
not having written him more often  
but I feel that my diary letters are  
no doubt circulated and they contain  
the very meagre items of news I  
have to impart.

Please excuse a short letter Estelle  
dear but I have to plan our tactics  
for tomorrow's scheme as well as  
writing a line to Wood and Sarah.  
Very much love to you and I'mes  
and a kiss for Leonard.

Your devoted "bro" as I'mes  
says  
Ibf.

6th April

Dearest Estelle.

I have been going to write  
you for a long time but somehow  
have kept putting it off and have  
been busy the last two weeks with  
special training. I have felt a little  
worried about you and fear you  
are not picking up as quickly  
as you should. I do hope that by  
now you are feeling more yourself  
and that the little son is daily  
growing and gaining. I often very  
much wish I could see him  
as Stephen too. I am a snapshot

front in a beautiful part of France. Up to the present we  
haven't lost a day though had weather and part of  
the time has been just like summer. I think the  
men and horses have enjoyed it also very much. The  
Imperial Cavalry staff officers who have been attached  
to us for the training have been most kind in every way  
and although belonging to famous regiments do not  
put on any airs or graces whatsoever.

McHaugst had a "small game" in which I  
won 4 francs, the first time I have won since I  
have been over, but we have only played three or  
four times. I had got back from Deane last  
Monday or Tuesday and if I get away tomorrow

of each in my cigarette case and  
after look at them.

Before I forget about it please thank  
James for the (November) Militia list  
which came this week. I like  
to know just how things stand  
over there and it is the best  
medicine. If not too much  
trouble I would be glad to have the  
latest one when it comes out.

I am glad to say that I have just  
heard today that my application for  
leave has been approved and if  
all goes well will start out tomorrow  
night. I do not count too much  
however as it is so easy to be  
disappointed and I thought I was  
going two weeks ago.

McHaugst had a very nice time  
here about 50 miles back of the