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Staff officers who are attached to us for instructional purposes are awfully decent chaps and represent the real types of Englishmen we hear about but do not always meet. They belong to the "Scots Greys" and "Dragon Guards" and other swanky regiments too.

I had a letter from Sarah today in which she said Wood had returned to France from leave. I am hoping to get over next week but of course may be disappointed. If I am able to get off from here I won't likely see him until I get back.

Please thank Father for his interesting business letter of March 7th which came today also for London papers dated Feb 26th which are always welcome. I hear a great many

5th April 1916

My very dear Alice  
I hear I am very much your debtor as far as letters are concerned and owe you at least two as well as having had the pleasure of reading a couple of yours sent to Wood. I always enjoy your letters so much, you have a sense of humor that you exercise most efficiently when you describe local London doings and it always amuses me very much. I am often told that I lack that valuable commodity and fear that I do,



wish I could tell you its name. The country is studded  
with them here and they are far enough from the war  
zone to be unaffected like those up at the front.  
There are beautiful hills all around us, some wooded  
and some in pasture and some cultivated. Streams  
seem clean and fresh and there is little or no  
mud. The Ewers and I are now sitting in our  
comfortable little mess room writing letters. We  
have a fire and are most comfortable. Last  
Sunday Monday and Tuesday were like summer  
days but it has now turned a little colder  
although the sun is bright today. The British

but nevertheless appreciate it very  
much in others.  
My diary letter seems to cover  
my daily round and common  
talk so fully that I find it hard  
to think of anything else of interest  
to relate in my midweek letters.

We are greatly enjoying this change  
of life and surroundings and  
I am sure will be sorry to return  
to our old Divisional Area next  
Sunday. However we go into a  
new billet there that I think will  
be quite an improvement. At any  
rate we will all be together which  
makes things so much nicer.

We have enjoyed our joint mess  
here very much. I think we were  
too cut up all winter.

You would love this quaint  
little French village I know. I




hedge rows in great numbers, but  
have little or no scent.

I must write Estelle a few lines  
and hope you will overlook rather  
a dry letter. Soften picture you  
threw at Lakewood and cannot tell  
you how I admire your devotion  
to dear Mother & Father. I know it  
means so much to both of them to  
have you with them. Be careful  
dearest Jay and don't overwork.

So glad to hear of "Pretty Little Fellow"  
Bessie and tell me about all the pets  
when you answer. How is Sally's colt?  
I have two pretty good horses now but  
after long for Derby. Have you  
heard of him lately.

Love to Mother & Father and  
very much for your dear self.  
Your devoted "bro"

Edw

  
Sailings have been <sup>II</sup> cancelled and  
fear that trans Atlantic mails  
may be even less regular this  
spring than they have been. We  
are all sure that several Canadian  
mails are either still held up  
somewhere or have been lost.

Your friend Sergt E.A. Faulkner  
won a prize of 5 p/s for the  
cleanest saddle in the Squadron  
on Sunday. I am sure you will be  
glad to hear it. How is his little  
daughter getting along. Corp  
"Bob" Baldwin is a rough diamond  
but is a good man with the teams  
to whom he continually chats



in method of feeding "Seaward" will be good. Scary  
a snap of the dead bird in my cigarette case as well as one  
of Stephen in Mother's arms. The first two grand children

I have just made a round of stables (4.30 to 5.15 PM) to  
see if all my boys are on the job and taking care  
of their horses. I gave one man 5 days F.P. today for  
striking a horse over the head with a piece of rope  
three times when not in a passion! This excuse was  
that the horse had been another beside him and  
kicked another and deserved it, but I would not  
intertain it. I am going out to get a couple of early  
French violets to enclose. They are out under the

as he grooms feeds or drives them.  
I hope to confirm him in his rank  
at an early date. I have promised to  
try and have his so transferred from  
the 23rd when it reaches France.

I am ashamed of the amount I am  
eating and have really never felt  
better in my life. I hope you are  
"letting up" a little as I fear you  
are attempting too much. Did you  
work in a little holiday. The  
Henne Cronyn's, who looked Sarah  
up at Lyford was spoke in most  
glawing terms to her of all  
the wonderful work you are  
carrying out.

Feel a little worried still about  
dear Estelle and do wish she was  
feeling better. I hope to change