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Dearest Mother

Here I am back again once more but to new part of the line where things are very much quieter in every way.

I have had a wonderfully happy time days with Sarah as you may well imagine but leaving her to come back is very very hard. War I fear has lost its romantic side and when lasting as long as this becomes a dull hard grind and a prolonged separation from ones dear ones. However we all have much to be thankful for and we must not complain.

I will record my days in my diary letters which I will start tomorrow but wanted to send you a line right away as I fear I have been very neglectful about writing during the last two



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weeks. I find the regiment in  
the most comfortable billets we  
have occupied since those we  
were in last April at —  
Strasbourg & I ~~had~~ have each  
a room in a chateau owned  
by the mine manager and we  
are close by.

I have quite an accumulation  
of mail including yours of  
Sept 28 with enclosures from  
Darnal and circular letter of  
Oct 3rd from Ottawa; also  
Alice's sweet letter of Sept 27th  
for which please thank her.

I am so glad you are having  
such a nice visit with the  
girls and babies, How I would  
like to see you all.

I also have four bundles of  
papers from Father and a  
magazine from you for all  
of which many thanks.



I called on General Carson who was very nice to me indeed but I cannot do anything for the owner here; however it is just as well to keep in touch with him. I saw while there Col Hood who was in the Royal Scots with Uncle Ned.

I also had such a nice visit with Mrs Blair who wanted to be remembered to you all.

I like Sarah's quarters very much and also the people who are staying at the Lipschit with her. and it is a relief to know she is so comfortable. She is a little thin as a result I suppose of her ear trouble but otherwise looks away well.

I have not heard from Wood yet but may any day now and hope that he will be up by this point too. The artillery did not come up with us.



I have a bed and sheets, electric light and all the comforts of a home here which is an agreeable contrast to recent conditions

I feel badly about not having answered Father's business letter sooner but will try and write him at length tomorrow.

I sent him several packages from England which I hope will arrive in due course

Had a nice note from Mrs Betts who is in France with Harry (William wounded but now out of danger) who is in England so I did not see her although I called. Barbara went to the theatre with Sarah & I.

I suppose you had a lovely visit with the girls. Very much love

Please your devoted Son  
We had a lovely time  
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