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My very dear Elaine

While waiting for my boat
will just drop you a few lines
to thank you so much for a
letter I received a short time ago
from you written about Easter.

It was very good of you and
I appreciate your Easter wishes
very much and never never
find your letters a bore as you
seem to think. You know that
news of you and your family
is always welcome and after all
our little letters are our very
greatest pleasure.

You said you were waiting
about the 1st of May so I

suppose and hope you are
now comfortably settled in
your new home and am sure
it will good for you all to be
out of the City. For the hot weather.
Montreal seems to be renowned
for extremes.

I wonder if you went up to
visit Mother as if you are
there now as in her last ones
(the first written since 11th that I
have received) she said she
hoped to have you up as soon
as you were settled. I do hope the
dear brave soul is better as she
wrote in bed and I fear was
perhaps worse than she said.

It nearly broke my heart to
read her dear letters and yet

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here seems so little one can do.
 The enclosed several of yours also.
 which I was glad to read. I also
 have a nice long letter from dear
 old Schoof expressing his sympathy
 and enclosing one he had dictated
 to Wood. Please thank him very
 much. I wrote him a short
 time ago but will endeavor to
 answer it when I get back.

I was fortunate enough to get
 10 days special leave and am
 now on my way over and am
 looking forward so much to
 seeing Sarah; hope this evening.

Made a very early start and
 came down by a sidel car in
 3 1/4 hours thinking the boat
 left earlier than it did and
 now find I have four hours

on my hands and delays when
going on leave are always hard
to brook as one seems to want
to get over as quickly as possible.
However I am very lucky to
get over as I have just been
back a little over the 3 months
and regular leave has not
opened up for our Corps.

It was a beautiful spring
morning after a rain last
night which laid the dust
and everything in nature
seemed so beautiful, and yet this
spring is not the same to
me now to any of us I fear.
Mother sent over her words
sermon and I have just read
it. It was a very

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beautiful tribute to the dear boy and I appreciated it very much especially the reference to Wood's diary. This diary was right up to date and I completed the last fateful day and sent it by registered post to dear Father. I do hope it gets over all right as it will mean so much to the dear ones at Lakewood and you all. He kept it very fully and often expressed his inner thoughts and some of them are very beautiful.

Dad taking his camera with me now for Father as I was afraid it might get broken if sent with the kit.

I have no letters except darling

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brothers but suppose they will
come soon; it does seem a
little hard that they should take
so long just at this juncture,
but it cannot be helped. I will
endeavour to get the remainder of
his kit and possessions in England
off to Canada while I am over
but they are very slow getting things
over from France now; so many!

Things quieter on our front
and it looks as if the Corps were
settling down for some months
but of course one never can
tell what may happen.

Yours truly
and with very much love
for you both
Devotedly J. B.