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received it. I must go down
and see him soon, not nearly a
month since I was there.

Dear old Jane, give her my love,
I remember I was not quite sure
it was she at first on my back
from Delaware that day, so she
still remembers it. I am sure
she is a great help in the garden

I don't blame Blair for wanting
to get over even if hard on Mary!
Still your men are needed. I see
50 Canadian officers killed in today's
fight and 3 times as many wounded. I
think it time were relieved. Both
sides on our plans have been but
they seem to think we don't need it
as much. I see also we were not
given credit for last village we
took while regiments who failed
to take the one on our right were.

Yes I fear Bob is a rough
character but he has a good heart
I think all the same. Would like
to see the white shoes. Very much
love dearest girl
Dob

In the Field
2-V-17
6:00 PM

My dearest Lucy
I have just sent Father a
cable that I am well and
will send you just a few lines
for Sean to take over to the
Field post office at the same
time. Beautiful May weather
at last and birds sprouting
everywhere and birds singing.
The house has some beautiful song
birds that we never hear in
Canada. Smith & I have been
out looking for a new drill
ground as our present field is
being ploughed up and we went &
returned by the Bois de ~~~

front to see the buds and grass started in little pieces
the 5" line that had not touched by shell fire even the
that were half shot away seemed to make an effort to
stop the sunbrows of edging and sprout a few little
buds. It was almost pathetic and made you want to
curse and crush the treacherous hands that are
responsible for all this destruction and sadness in
the face of beautiful and wonderful nature. One almost
wonders why God allows it but wonderful are His
ways and wisdom try and understand them and have
faith that He is working out a great problem for our
good. Even as sure as I can hear the steady rumbly of
the guns as well as the singing birds. I said old Barber
how glad you got French letters. I said old Barber
about it several times and has asked if you

where the ground was literally
covered with violets and some
kind of a little white daisy. I do so
love the spring and know that
you feel the same way. I am
now sitting with my window
open and no fire for first time
in the 6 1/2 months I have been
here.

I got a mail today with letters
from two of Wood's English friends
and Victor Nordheimer. Also one from
Uncle Jack and another from dearest
Alice. My correspondence has
increased of late.

I also have your two letters of
March 22nd & 27th as well as the
last one from Atlantic City dated
April 11th. You are awfully good
about writing and I do appreciate
it so much.

Talking about spring I was much
struck on Monday when up in