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HENRIETTA STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE,  
LONDON, W.

In the Field  
St Patrick's day

Dearest Alice

Just a line on some of Sarah's  
papers as I saw out of the alter and  
she sends this over with the three  
envelopes. An old friend of yours  
Gerald Rackham has been sent  
over as my (note to my) signalling  
officer, and rather I think he  
was a friend although I don't  
remember ever having had much  
to do with him. Was he not quite a  
beau in London. But, at some  
stage of our (or your) juvenile  
progression. I shall not let him  
warm up yet but will soon  
and think he will be quite ad

addition to our mess in every way.

I am naturally very pleased about getting the regiment (then at least given the name of Canadian Light Horse) after waiting around for nine months for what was really my due last June. I have not been gazetted but am assured that there is no doubt and that it will come through in due course.

I am sure you will all feel pleased too and when the gazette does come out I will likely mention it in my cable and you can then let "Frankie" put a little note in the local papers if he wants to !!

Am sorry I have not seen good this week, although I had a note from him. As an

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Men are all back from the trenches I do not have the same chance to get up. However we are sending up 120 again in a few days and I will have to go up and see them.

Enclose some "perce neige" or the first spring flower over here which takes the place of our "crocus or saffron". They are very sweet, something like a hyacinth.

I had quite a nice talk with Madame Saulery here a few days ago. The first time she had loosened up a bit. She asked me into her boudoir where she

was sitting by the fire with her  
sewing and we chatted for  
half an hour. Her Father and  
Mother and one sister are at  
Valencia ~~mes~~ in the "paye mrae"  
and she has not seen them since  
August 14. Think of how many  
analogous cases there must be.  
She cannot be much over 20

I do hope dear Mother and Father  
are keeping well. I feel worried  
about them some times; the strain  
has been so long. I know what  
your presence and devotion means  
to them, <sup>you know</sup> and how it is easier for  
Wood to feel we have you  
there with!

No Canadian mail for over  
10 days but some shared holiday  
so <sup>very</sup> much love  
D.B.