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wounded and otherwise incapacitated
officers of which there are any
number and a good many with
no jobs to go back to in civil life.

Am glad you liked the "French"
flowers. I am awfully fond of them
and at the moment have a bunch
of crimson roses (most fragrant) on
my table. They seem to grow so
easily here, I suppose on account
of the lack of intense frost in the
winter. We always have some on
our mess table and my servant
Markham appreciating my love for
them keeps me well supplied.

It is sweet of you to say not
to answer your letters and I am
afraid that I often take advantage
of it. Your letters mean a great
deal to me and supplement what is
perfectly without repeating
anything whatsoever



In the Field
31st May

Dearest Alice

I have two of your interesting
letters in my folder to be
answered (April 24th & May 8th)
although I think I have already
acknowledged them in my
diary letter

What a lonely time "you fair
ladies" are having together. I
picture you very often and wish
I could get a glimpse of you and
the nephews. I fear that by this
time Estelle or Elaine or perhaps
both may have had to return to
their respective husbands who I
am sure have missed them very

well. The only drawback is that the stable is just beside me and I can hear the horses and a mule braying and rattling their chains beside me.

McLure's groom has purchased a little nanny goat as a pet and it is the funniest little thing imaginable. About the size of Poi and falls like the dog. It was in my room this P.M. capering around and almost turning summersaults. I am sure the nephews would revel in it.

I had tea with your friend Major Hodgins this afternoon and we discussed a number of topics of mutual interest, including the appointment of J. C. Alexander and G. J. to "cushion chair" jobs. I really think these jobs as far as possible should go to

Much. It will be nice if they can spend the summer somewhere together in Ottawa or that neighborhood. Give them both my dearest love and tell Elsie she is next in line for a short letter from this "bro".

It has been a wonderfully beautiful day, not too warm and I enjoyed a long ride this morning and another this afternoon and will be ready for bed very soon. The evenings are wonderful. I have only just now lit my candle (8.45) and can still see the beautiful sunset through the window of my little room, which goes across the end of the farm house and has two windows on each side so I get the morning sun as

Your letters are never stopped
dearest Alice. You must not
depreciate yourself in that way
about how it.

Please thank Mother for her nice
letter of May 11th and Father for
his of 14th & 15th which came
this morning. I will likely ride
down to Wood with them tomorrow
and will answer them in due course.

I am enclosing a few leaves off
one of my roses. I wonder if they
will carry their fragrance over to
Canada with them. Love to all
as especially your self.
Shf

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Faulkner is now applying for
a commission but I am not quite
sure whether I will recommend him
or not. He lacks education and
I don't think I could conscientiously
do so.

I am sorry I missed the
christening but feel honored at
being a god father to Leonard
especially when you are godmother
for the same young gentleman.
Poor old Psi, I am sorry to
hear of his decline, but I suppose
it is inevitable.

I should love to have some
snaps of Father Mother and the
"boys". I hope you will send them
if they turn out at all well.

I had a letter from Sarah today in which she said she thought she might meet you on 21st or 28th so it is likely you have seen her before this. She had had ~~no~~ letters from me and I fear that all American mail is censored pretty vigorously. It will be nice for you to have a visit from Lelia. She is a dear genuine little girl whom I have always felt very much drawn to.

I have no objections to Cousin Cora having a picture whatsoever, in fact feel honored that she asked for one. Please give her one with my love.

My position is still undecided but I have given up worrying very much now. I hate the thought of going down instead of up. A squadron commanders job would be rather a come down.

I have not heard of the 70th in the new Brigades so imagine they will be used as reinforcements. I shall be glad to hear about Stanley's play, which according to Mather's last letter has since come off. It is too bad that he & Redmond are not trying to really do something, as they both have ability.

You will have to sit out Bishop but he is hard to put down and I am afraid will have now forgotten the lessons we received along those lines at P.M.C.