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Tuesday 10 a.m.
In the Field

My darling Mother

I saw the dear remains early this morning at 3.30 and kissed the lips for the last time, alas no longer his.

as we were coming up did just after the Corps Commander had given me his orders personally, I met Frank Ware & the Gamm in a car and they stopped me and said Wood had been wounded slightly in the shoulder and they were then on the way to the dressing station to hunt him up. I did not get another chance to telephone home until 11.00 P.M. but found they had not been able to see him but heard his wound was not serious. We got

settled here quite in the afternoon about
 midnight and as I was turning in about
 1.00 A.M. F/Ware found me with a car
 and said had heard that Woods pulse
 was very low when he was taken to
 the C. S. at —. We motored there
 about 1 1/2 hours trip and found he was not
 there but telephoned the next one with
 same result. I took the call at the
 next one and the answer was yes Col
 Leonard had arrived there dead in
 ambulance. We motored over and I
 spent 10 minutes with him alone
 and cut off a little hair. He was not
 disfigured at all and looked very
 peaceful. He was in a nice coffin
 and was to be buried today at 2.00 P.M.
 but I could not get over as I am
 just now sending out two more
 patrols and have my hands full.
 He was hit while reconnoitering
 new positions for his brigade after

the first attack in the German front
 line. He was hit in shoulder but
 the real wound was in his back
 and today I was talking to Major Simpson
 who put him in the ambulance first
 and then said that he feared he had it
 pretty hard. The major sent him
 through on a special ambulance
 with no one above him, although he
 says Wood objected to be privileged so
 when there were runs and runs of
 wounded waiting. I think he got
 every attention but will try and get
 further particulars and will you
 know at length at very first
 opportunity. I cabled Jack Sabatt
 to tell you that fear the official
 wire may reach you first.

All his belongings for him at
 the time will be sent to you through
 usual channel and I will go down
 to the Brigade and go over his things

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at very first opportunity.

I wish I could say something to comfort you, but God only can do that and I pray that you and dear dear Father may be given strength to sustain this terrible sacrifice for our cause and the cause of freedom and right.

I am taking every care and am not called upon to go up with these patrols and will take no risks.

God comfort and help you my dear dear ones.

Will write again as soon as possible and telegraph me all particulars I can tomorrow.

Love
Dbb.