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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 rows and rows 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

at every 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.