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Dearest Alice

Just a few lines to catch  
midweek mail and let you know  
all well. I have just sent the  
usual cable to Father as I feel  
you will be depending on them  
while we are on this front.

Jumped up once again with  
a working party of 300 but  
without any horses. The men  
are working at the roads right  
up in front at night as they  
are being rapidly pushed forward  
and installed right up to the  
front line where possible. We  
are living in the open and as  
the weather is wet the men are  
not very comfortable as they have  
only small "tarps" to cover them. We  
are in the remains of a battered  
house in — and fairly  
comfortable. No letters for some  
time. Very much love  
Dbb