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sufficiently provided for in case  
of my death if I did and even with  
the alteration we made in it I don't  
think she would have as much as  
she should have. My own estate  
with insurance would only be about  
20,000 which would not yield you  
more than \$1000 a year which I do not  
consider enough. I think you will  
agree if you will look at it from  
my point of view. Shares in E.L. Lobb  
after the war I fear will not  
yield a dividend. I am only too  
willing to meet your views provided  
she is reasonably well looked after  
in case of my decease. The Ram-Robin  
cont. stands means that I will off  
practically all of my share [for what  
might be brought share otherwise  
someday] in case of my death which  
do not consider fair. I am sorry I  
have no copy of it now. (It is in England)  
but will send faint and think it  
over again. Meanwhile please

all of  
DEC 8-16

RR

In the Field  
14 Nov 1916

My dear Father

I have just written out a  
cable of good wishes for your  
birthday which is the day after  
tomorrow. It may not reach  
you until Sunday but that  
cannot be helped. I have just  
had a note from Wood which  
enclose and also a former one  
which explains why your two  
letters Oct 1st and 8th were so  
long reaching me; I have them  
before me now and also  
your personal letter of 22nd and  
diary letter of 23rd and note  
about Russian bonds of 18th.  
You are very good to write so

perhaps you will soon<sup>3</sup> be able to rearrange so as to get this reduced and if you have fewer labor troubles during the winter you should increase. In my opinion we are going to require twice as many shells in 1917 as in '16. The number of guns is increasing all the time and they must be "fed" and we cannot let "let up" for the time until he is shelled into absolute submission.

I am anxious to know result of your talk with Sir George about B.G. as I do not understand (as I inferred from one of your letters) how they still have any hold on us if we are them nothing.

about Rain Robin I would be willing to withdraw my objection except that I don't see how Sarah would be

many personal<sup>2</sup> letters as well as your most interesting diary letters on which I have already once congratulated you.

We have indeed much to be thankful for individually and as a family and can only pray and hope that all these blessings will be continued. It often seems to me that one of the forms of praise that the Almighty appreciates most is that which comes from a really thankful grateful heart even when it is not actually praying.

We both follow the necessities of shell making very closely and sympathize with you and Margaw in the many troubles you encounter. It must seem very uphill work sometimes. 4000 shells in process seems great many to me, but

Do you know him at all? I  
would like to see Wood get 3 months  
leave to Canada and I believe he  
could if a little influence were  
brought to bear in Ottawa and  
with powers in England. I wish a  
few are getting it. He has been  
at it a long time now.

My position here ~~is~~ is very  
irksome at times chiefly due to  
inactivity and lack of responsibility  
which I have always had and like.

The French helps a little and I must  
not complain as we have so much  
to be thankful for.

Love to Mother and Alice  
and with best wishes

Dreman  
Yankeevald <sup>son</sup>  
Df

Think it over <sup>II</sup> again from my new  
point. I enclose Wood's note about how  
he feels.

About Russian bonds please  
invest what I may have from time  
to time in them or British <sup>Canadian</sup> war  
bonds as you may deem the most  
advantageous. I would like 2000 Roubles  
of Russian in any case.

If it is not too much trouble  
could you send me a copy of my H & E  
Bank book since my ~~so~~ departure  
and also a list of cheques you have  
issued. They could be easily copied by  
one of the girls from the stubs. I would  
like to see them. I analyzed my <sup>own</sup> ~~my~~  
expenditures for last 17 months and  
am sorry I have not saved more out

Excellent even in wet weather. Hope to hear from  
Wood any day now that he is up here and hope to see  
him before his birthday. They will have a much  
easier time up here. Sarah keeps well but Joan is  
very lonely at times. We had stew to follow  
enforced separations more now than ever before  
and the end does not seem to be even in sight. I  
hope you got the German helmet for your birthday.  
Received advertisement and Liberal Party program  
today for which many thanks. There seem to be a good  
many changes taking place in Ottawa and also in England.  
Dear Pearl is to have the say now as to all our sea matters

of my pay and am going to try and  
practice some economies during the  
coming year. I want to feel I can  
buy and furnish a house on my  
return to Canada if it is at all  
possible. (It would be about \$10,000 I think?)  
I consider your analysis of the  
Russian situation very accurate.  
I have also read your diary  
letter of Oct 23rd and am very  
pleased to learn of encouraging  
increase in output and also promise  
of your being allowed to continue the  
60 pr shells from the Cavitt.  
Things very quiet on this front.  
am going up to visit men in trenches  
tomorrow. I try to about once a  
week. They have a pretty wet hard  
time working for the engineers  
digging mines under the Hun in three  
8 hour shifts. It is very wet  
in front but the roads here as  
compared with Flanders are