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How is it they only got 5.4% as  
I understood we got about 6½% for  
the Anglo French bonds we bought for  
the firm.

I quite agree with you about  
A.H.M. and do not like his  
attitude at all. after all he is  
getting more than you and very  
much more than Woodard. However  
we cannot afford to have him  
dissatisfied just now. Perhaps he  
felt we should have paid it off sooner.  
I suppose this makes you right up  
to date with him.

I have already written you about  
Round Robin so won't add more  
as Sir George wrote me direct. I am  
only sorry we could not see it  
from quite the same point of view.

I had such a nice note from  
Shorwood about ~~Wood's~~ and my subscriptions  
and am so glad you paid it. It was  
not very much for the sum of all

Ms. A. 18th



In the Field  
1st May 1917

My very dear Father

I intended writing you a few lines  
yesterday but was up in front until  
7.30 and did not feel like it in the  
evening after writing Sarah a few  
lines.

I have quite a number of your letters  
before which have come to hand  
during last few days although none  
of very recent date as they now  
seem to be delayed for some  
reason.

Needless to say I was very glad  
indeed to see your dear handwriting  
again and to feel that you were  
able to be about. I gather now  
that you must have been at  
Atlantic City when the sad news came.



3) I see you hope to pay Aunt Elizabeth off by June and do hope you can. It will be great to feel perfectly free even if we have to face hard times of adjustment for a bit. I understand you paid Edna without touching the Anglo French Bonds? I hope this is true but perhaps I am too optimistic.

I do not quite understand of baby Sir George wants me to sign the paper you send out on re-reading your letter of April 2nd and enclosure from him. I think it must be all right so will enclose one with this and send the other later on.

I quite see your point of view in handling the matter entirely through Sir George but thought it might be nicer to notify them personally but it does not matter much. Yes they certainly would have held us up for a premium as 5.4% which you say they get is not as good as the 7% they have been getting although better security from their point of view

Two business<sup>2</sup> letters of March 26th and April 2nd dictated by Holmes seem very satisfactory. I cannot see anything for special comment in them as shell output seems to 3 cars of shells per week or about 400 per day counting Sunday. The wages are high but suppose they will be higher yet as the summer approaches. I see you will have to take on 4.5's at 3.25 after present order for 36,000 60ps but Holmes thinks them a better proposition. I am half hoping there won't be need for them soon but it is very hard to say and I would get an order at that price as soon as possible. They will certainly be easier to handle and machine

Your hand written letter of March 26th reassures me as to your health and I fear you were overworked and over-worried but thanks to Mr Beal are now better again. I have great faith in him if you are "obedient & patient" as you say.



be the thing but fear we are too  
much inland unless we could build  
marine bairns. I would not be  
afraid to tackle them. What do you  
think?

I think you did well to contract for  
100 tons of plate even at high price  
and certainly with the risk you added  
we should be safe enough even if the  
market fell.

You have my full consent to  
increase your salary. I wish it  
could be doubled. After you pay off  
Aunt Elizabeth we can readjust it  
and in meantime would suggest your  
adding dear Woods to yours for April  
May June and thus keep yours  
and mine down to the allowed \$15,000  
until we "are free" then we can  
rearrange without consulting anybody.

Do you contemplate being able to pay off  
Aunt E without touching Francis's bonds?

I am mailing you the historical  
record of the C. L. H. which I would  
like Col. Hobbs and Abbott to see  
very much love  
John



and I would like you to continue of  
mine each six months \$20 net  
left again. am very glad they  
had a balance. I do hope that  
Corwood will not leave you as I  
consider him the right man in  
the right place but of course he  
must have scope and we must not  
be selfish or try to hold him back  
from bigger fields.

yes I am much happier in  
my present command although I  
have not been gazetted yet. These  
things are very slow but have  
no fear now being passed over.

It would have been a great pleasure  
to me to have had dear Wood's  
commendation for the work we



permit. The game has just written that he has had  
of nice wooden cross made and will have it erected as  
soon as possible.

I am now reading your letter of April 1st and am  
wondering to hear you were "quite off" and hope and pray it  
will be a long time before you are like that again.

As I did not send a cable from London, they are  
all mailed from here and wired from London unless I  
suppose accounts for it.

Yes the problem of business after the war is hard  
one and I think it will be wise to reduce expenses and  
sell our way going pretty slowly at first, pushing better  
and small engine business and steering clear of high speed  
or low speed large engines of any kind. I have a great fear of  
them. If we were near the dear or lakes shipbuilding would

did, I would have valued it more  
than the Army Commanders  
you may remember my telling  
you about being congratulated  
by a Colonel of the Scots Greys at  
Carps Hqts, I did not know it  
at the time but he turned out to be  
Prime Arthur of Comaught. I was  
pale but not as differential as I  
should have been, thinking him only  
another Lt Col of equal rank to  
myself. He is paying the Corps  
a visit just now.

I am glad you have faith in  
Russian rubles as I felt a little  
shaky about them once or twice  
lately.

Major Bal sent me an aeroplane  
plate of the spot where the dear had  
been hit but fear I cannot send it  
through the mails although it is too  
far back now to be of any tactical  
value. I will keep it for the