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Sunday - 7/1  
5.30 P.M.

Dearest Mother

Will now finish the week which I commenced on Friday although nothing very startling to record.

No Canadian mail yet which I find queer but suppose that it is possible that some has gone down in the recent heavy toll of submarine sinkings. I have had nothing yet since your letter of 11th from Atlantic City.

Wrote a lot of letters on Friday night and am now fairly well caught up to date which is rather a relief as I hate having them hanging over me. When I am in the night indeed I seem to be able to write a lot but fear I am very offtan in the mood.

Saturday 5 May. Made an early start and was out until 1.00 supervising a tactical scheme carried out by 'C' Squadron. Had a conference on the ground at noon which I hope was restricted if not appreciated by all.

Very warm but I must say I haven't and seem to thrive in hot weather. Although one feels it more when it comes suddenly.

The Corps has agreed to allow me

to relieve one of the forward squadrons  
 under to do some training which will  
 be quite a help although I hardly  
 expected them to comply with my request.

The regiment has not really been  
 together for any work of this kind  
 since last August, and it does not  
 look as if we were going to be relieved  
 on this front for some time although  
 there are of course all kinds of "latino  
 rumors".

Inspected my transport after lunch.  
 I am very proud of their turn out  
 and think they will take some beating.

Lay down in my room for an hour  
 (a thing I very rarely do) and read the  
 Saturday Evening Post. Wrote Sarah  
 and Paw Strawlskye. I have not  
 seen or heard of any of his brothers  
 being in the casualty lists.

Changed "beluchs" at my duty and  
 went and read in mess until quite  
 late. Saw quite a few get the  
 "Times" the next day. Do not know  
 how they manage it.

Sunday 6th May. Hat back and  
 clean clothes (much needed)  
 and attended divine service at  
 which little Shatford again

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affiliated. I like him so much. He  
 took lunch with us on the way back.  
 He did not say much about Wood but  
 said that Capt F. Birch or R. C. Chaplin  
 at Corps Hqts. saw him at ~~the~~ but he  
 was unconscious.

The Colonel of the Anzac Corps wanted  
 troops to assist the day with me  
 lunching also and has only now gone.  
 He was sent down to get pointers from  
 us on recent operations, and I gave  
 him all the information I could. He  
 seemed a very nice chap and quite  
 young. I was sorry we had no  
 whisky in the mess but the supply is  
 now very limited and a march has  
 to be signed at Corps Hqts before we  
 can get any.

Very much cooler today with a high  
 wind which makes the dust bad, but  
 sun very bright which makes up  
 a good deal.

Took our quest over to the new field  
 where we watched some officers but  
 digging and jumping. I put the  
 pony and Bunker over the course.  
 The Times in the mail today  
 a fair one which of course is always  
 a disappointment.

Have had the braids taken off my arms  
and am wearing rough haddock  
shoulders over in accordance with  
"causal" practice. One surge has faded  
and a sharp is left but on my feet one  
you can hardly notice the marks.  
I saw a globe with an article about  
road and find it so funny I have  
not heard yet, but likely will soon.

Madame Saulnier's (Parker Blue)  
two sisters have returned to school  
after about a month's Easter holidays.

They were very shy and she very  
careful of them so I could not miss  
them much except their talk and  
laughter around the house. They were  
what I was as I told you.

Smith and I are going forward  
again tomorrow to keep in touch  
with the situation which is necessary  
although I do not anticipate further  
work for us here at present unless  
the ship should make up his  
mind to drop back. I am  
Jelly and Shuma are still with you  
please give them my love and tell  
Dimes I got his March 11th  
last O.K. Very much love  
Jf