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In the Field
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Dearest Alice

Just a midweek line to tell you I
am thinking of you very often and
your devotion to Mother and Father.
You are indeed doing your duty very nobly.
I don't know whether you were able
to make out my French letter or not
as I fear the language was not very
well chosen. Since writing it your
sweet (was letter) came which I
passed on to Wood as requested. Many
thanks for writing so often, you are
so good about it. You said Aunt
Ella was in Basle but I presume
you meant California as Mother
recently enclosed a letter from her
there.

As you say promotion is very rapid
in Canada. Look at Spencer, White
Campbell and Lockshutt all subs yet
with a year and a half's experience
in France and many Majors with
none and Captains galore. ~~of course~~

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It is slower with us than any other combatant branch which is very discouraging at times, although if we are ever used I imagine it will be good bye to the majority. However we can all do our best regardless of rank over here which is at least some satisfaction.

It has been intensely cold for nearly a week now and I am sure was not far from zero this morning. I had to rub my ears. I don't think I will send my cable now but will from Sandoh next Sunday as I hope to be over there and of course am looking forward to it most eagerly. I am going to look Wood up once again before I go although now he must be about 10 miles away. It is very cold ridings and roads so slipping nearly lunch time dear girl, so must close with so much love

Shb

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