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Dearest Lucy

I fear I have neglected you of late but you will understand that it is hard to keep up ones letters when on the move.

I have 2 of your dear letters in my folder still unanswered, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sept 6<sup>th</sup> but think I have also received one or two since. Am glad you got my cable from Paris and hope the other for your birthday reached you in time. Since last writing you are back home and old stamps found once again and more or less in the open. But as I have told you all about it in diary letter on Sunday I won't repeat.

On Monday I had to have the gold crown (my only one) removed from one



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of my back teeth as had not slept for 2 nights  
with it and had too much to do to look up  
a dentist. I got relief in part that  
evening but my face was swelling up  
the size of a house yesterday and the M.O.  
fearing an abscess and as we were near  
parley in afternoon sent me to hospital at  
one of the C & S farms where I am writing  
today very comfortably, up and dressed  
so you see it is not very serious. Was  
treated this AM again and swelling now  
much reduced and pain very slight so  
no need to worry. Have just written  
Dear Father a long birthday and business  
letter and have been waiting the loading  
of an ambulance. I have 3 very pretty  
cases in ward with me, I will shell



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shock, one of whom is wandering in mind  
and the other who has quite a sense of  
humour but cannot remember a thing  
that has happened and is very funny  
and most suspicious of everything that  
is being done for him. Another very  
sad case with leg off below hip  
and very weak. I'll be my first  
experience in hospital since leaving  
Canada so quite a novelty.

Cool and bright and the good weather  
helps as it will mean more sun this part  
than down below.

Am a little worried about Father and  
his business problems but know you  
are taking good care of him and will do  
all I can to get away about end of Nov



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Cherful letters from Sarah who is much  
more comfortable at Hotel Bernet and I do  
not feel so worried about her. She is not  
so busy at Club and as no Canadian  
leave till Paris except for W Co's men.

Lead you are going to take up gold as  
an increased advertisement for dear  
Father to play and with Sidney no  
waiting for Gars etc etc. Am sure you  
are enjoying it.

Wheeler is now staff capt with one of  
the Infantry Bde's. Campbell is also an  
acting Capt in the Regiment.

See your Bishop has married. He has  
done splendid work and his.

Woud add more dear  
very much love Ibb