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My dear Father

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I put a few midweek lines to say
all well and to confirm a cable I
am sending as follows.

"Hasten I letter with reasons for leave
to Canada this fall."

I am quite decided to get over as I feel I
owe it to you, the family and Sarah
and it to her mother. I shall wait of
course until things quiet down and
set back as about the time for the leave
but want to have the necessary letters
here well beforehand as explained in
my last letter.

Nothing very startling this week so far
and think things are settling down here
and that we are going to let the firm
retreat in his own time as he

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quite evidently intends to do without
masting men forcing him too much.
and still hoping for leave about
1st Sept and hope they will let me
go as I want to talk over plans
with Sarah as well as see her. We
hope to spend it either in TOURS or
near Bordeaux.

He then throws a few shells around
us each day but they sound pretty
loud when they arrive. He has
let up considerably in the bombing
which is more trying than the shells
which give a little indication as
to where they will land but with
the bombs you can never tell and
imagine every plane is right over

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head. I expect to have the regiment
sown all together again.

The weather is beautiful with
heavy fogs in early morning, and
bright sun at night. Flies are
bad and stench of dead horses hard
to get away from. Although we have
burned all in immediate proximity.

No mail since I wrote last letter.
Very little sickness amongst men
and the horses doing well in spite
of scarcity of water. The Corps is in
great spirits and all hope for
several more good "gas" at the time
before winter. All things German
are scarce. Have you had
a good holiday before this
Love Lff