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My dear Father

Many thanks for your letters of 3rd & 4th and 10th & 12th Feb with H & E & C.T. reports which to me seem just as satisfactory as formerly. I also read a beautiful letter you sent Sarah and which I returned as she wished to send it to her mother. The letters Mother and Alice write her from time to time show that they think of her as a daughter sister even if they have not seen much of her and give me the deepest satisfaction.

I cannot write at length as my leave as usual has put me behind in matters of correspondence so I will only attempt to answer one or two points that seem important

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and U.S. shells. Push both of these and drop and  
get out of tractors as soon as possible. The Can Govt  
purchase of 500 tractors from Ford for use of  
about \$800 each to Canadian farmers ends our  
chance of making a success of them in my opinion  
at \$1500 each. I am not in favor of your going  
any further and fear you will have trouble disposing  
of those you have contracted for. The removal of  
duty on tractors will also let the U.S. make now  
on even basis at once. It is hopeless to my mind  
and the sooner you drop it the better. I

Told you result of my visit to Mr Ray  
Canadian High Commissioner in Paris re contract  
with French Govt in last diary letter.

Will try secure New England's ability at first  
opportunity.

40¢ per lb for marine engines seems high to me  
Would very much like to see a few new good tools  
added to boiler shops.

Cannot write about clothing & saddlery in stores ~~here~~  
stable and don't see why. You need money. If you  
do anything go straight to Gen Shannon about it.



and explain they were surplus when I took over from  
Major Abbott and used for later deficiencies. and moved  
to stable when we used our little ~~box~~ room at  
armories as a recreation room for men and needed  
the space the boxes occupied. They have never been used  
personally by me.

Have written about my visit with Dunes

I do not approve of tablet for Wood at Princess  
and as consider we would be overdoing it by  
putting a third one in London. I approve of the  
one at New Byrom Hospital and also one in  
Memorial but no more in London and think I  
express the wishes of the dear boy as above.

about R M C Marine Plummer says that the  
scheme there is to later ask for subscriptions to a  
monument on college grounds for all ex cadets  
who have fallen which would have all names  
on it. I would therefore suggest your writing the  
Commandant Col Perrault to see what is being  
done and if any individual tablets have already  
been put up in college.

I quite agree to allotment of 40% of the 1000  
for hospital to the less what girls subscribe. I  
said 200 in a previous letter but consider your  
suggestion a very fair one and am only too glad  
to have the privilege of subscribing as above.

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hands I gave Dunes all correspondence so same  
as cannot carry much around with me. Copies



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Re Woods Hit : as all packages now in your  
hands I guess I must all correspondence is same  
as cannot carry much around with me. Cope's  
explanation seems satisfactory as large there was  
insurance.

Rise in prices of belting very interesting but  
not as great as I would have imagined with  
great demand for leather for military purposes.

Glad big punch at last moving.



Saw factory closing order in press and pictured you  
as closed down for the 3 days - a welcome respite in  
some ways I feel sure. Snow in Paris in March.

Will be glad to see business tax adjusted and  
paid and hope you will be able to convince auditor  
about the depreciation which I consider fully  
justified.

With regard to Mr Halmer I do not agree to  
pay him a fixed bonus of 3/4 % on Munster  
Board contracts but prefer to give him a  
bonus each year as you see fit. If he needs extra  
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Justified.

With regard to Mr Holmes I do not agree to pay him a fixed bonus of 3/4 % on our Munham Board contracts but prefer to give him a bonus each year as you see fit. If he needs extra help give it to him but increased turnover is all one account of cash and should not involve much extra bookkeeping. While I admit his faithfulness and interest I do not consider some of his methods as up to date as they should be, nor <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ figures we often wanted in past ever available. I would consider \$2000 a very handsome bonus for current year. I am therefore saying you "not acceptable writing"

Mr Wargan is indispensable especially in my absence but ~~is~~ while admitting that he has given us ~~us~~ his best and worked night & day at some time consider he is getting a much greater remuneration than either you or I considering our relative positions but am agreeable to it as long as he gives you the loyal support he has and am glad to pay him. He has advised us badly re engine business in past and now re tractors if he still advocates them per his letter to me. I don't know Mr Holmes private views on tractors yet. Mr Wargan does not yet admit a soundness of boiler business as he would have tried to push it more than he has since I left and from what I gather has let it suffer during last few years for shells and wants to now put it behind tractors. above for your only



Sorry about Abbott & Hobbs. Give me his address  
when next you write.

If Abbott & Hobbs don't take any pride in having  
the 1st Hussars directly represented over here I  
am sorry and can hardly understand unless they  
still bear me a grudge re Reason. Don't bother  
any more about them. I thought they were  
keenly interested but now see I am wrong.

Sorry about Hally. It brought a lump to  
my throat but cannot be helped and feel sure  
you did best you could. Wood & I were both very  
attached to the old mare. Hope she will have a  
good home. ✓ If all sound (Tamblyn seemed  
say) would like to keep her if it could be done  
reasonably.

Glad to hear of additional 4.5 order. We



way would not be a great deal more  
reasonably.

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must get to pay big war tax

Feel you should get dear brother to "let up"  
a little on some of her Red Cross & Church  
activities. Why not drop out of latter? a good  
change with new rector.

Have nice visit with Gen Panel this  
afternoon and told him about my leave. He  
said he would say a word to Corps Commander about  
my abilities if occasion occurred as he is only  
general officer in Corps who knows me personally.

Have plans over his 3 times brought trying to  
drop bomb on mines. Getting settled down  
again after leave & home's visit. I shall be back  
for Feb Cosmopolitan which came today.  
Very much love JH



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forgot to say that I don't find I shall have to increase  
Sarah's allowance as living 50% higher than when  
she came over of course my pay just the same.  
It's hardly enough to do this and pay for  
the more frequent leaves I am now able to get  
and as we both feel (and am sure you will agree  
too) that we want to take full advantage of these  
precious moments together in these uncertain  
times I may occasionally have to draw on  
you for money, which drafts I would like  
honoured out of my funds in firm and not from  
H & E or Bof W! accounts.

I therefore recently sent Dudley Blair at  
Bof W Pall Mall London a draft for £50  
which I hope you will honour when presented. Don't  
want to bother Mr Blair so thought it best to  
put it through direct.

I have a lot of clothes and  
uniforms but will wait a little longer about  
them and give James some messages about  
some of Wood's but I could use. Have only bought  
2 pairs breeches & 2 pairs boots since I left Canada.