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My dear wife Mrs.

Here we are in a  
delightful chateau not many miles  
from where I was when I left this  
country. Geoff and his General used  
to be here when we were at the  
other place. Our landlord is a  
charming old man and used to be  
in the French Cavalry.  
He took all our photos to day  
and thoroughly enjoyed himself.

He is a dear little old man but  
talks very fast and is difficult to  
understand, however we come on quite  
well. He doesn't live with us or  
anything like that but we see a good  
deal of him.

We got her about 2 o'clock yesterday  
and we were rather busy getting things  
settled for the Ballns.

I spent all this morning  
walking round seeing them. They are  
all very comfortable and happy.

This is a delightful place & we had

The nicest day to day that we have  
had this year. It really was quite hot.

I went for a long ride with "The Boy".  
(I call Hayward "The Boy") this afternoon.

We wandered about for some time -  
He went and sat in a wood it really  
was glorious, you'd have loved it.

He is a great Boy, awfully  
young and jolly and comes everywhere  
with me. I am awfully keen on

his being a success. He's so keen

that I'm sure he will be.

He rides quite well too & is

carefully keen on learning all about  
it.

That place the General told  
you about wasn't so bad really. I  
got a mouthful of mud one night from  
a shell but otherwise wasn't worried  
much. They shelled the place a

good deal but nobody seemed to  
worry about it much. It was really  
a very interesting bit of the line.

I'm sorry that the holidays  
aren't doing well. Your old

Irishman must be great fun.

You gave me a good laugh about

2.  
a fine tent of a house.

The General has got a  
sister-in-law who lives at St Margarets.

It would be nice for you to go and  
see her. Her address is

Miss Field.

Wanscourt Farm.

St Margarets. a. Cliff.

He says that she's awfully nice and  
lives quite alone on her farm.

Go and look her up. I'm sure she'd

love to see you.

No chance of seeing G. now I'm

afraid. It's a terrible long

way away. What a litty Algie

doesn't like his girl. I must say

she struck me the same. Quite

ordinary. I'd have her over in

any crowd. It is such a litty

he's not marrying somebody

really nice like Burtie.

I hope that Burtie - Miss

Wills will go and stay with

you. She sends a awfully nice

little girl that. I'd like you to

know her better & see what you

think of her. I quite agree

with Algie about Dolly's looks

they don't appeal to me a bit.

I didn't take to her eyes they

were so hard.

I'm glad that Algie is

doing so well, he was awfully

lucky to get off so lightly. Anybody

who went over the harvest that day

was lucky not to have been killed.

It is all not about the General  
or H. W. being sent home. What  
awful not people do talk. They

seem to think that just because  
an attack is held up by strong  
artillery and machine gun fire

that it is the General's fault.

Makes me find that sort of

talk. They praise a successful

General to the sky & throw mud

at the one whose attack doesn't

succeed. The same thing has been



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found all along the line that looks

got on when they met moderate opposition

but determined Bush with Machine

guns was immovable.

We hear little or no news

here. The last I heard was that we

had the whole of Pozaris. I'd

like to hear that we had got

Martinhuel too. Then things

would go well. But these old Bush

are awfully good a dig like havers.

Personally I think it's like Verdun

all over again. To my mind this

has come to a deadlock and neither

side can advance any appreciable

distance. But how long will

come about that one. Well we

at it nearly two years now - it

doesn't seem to be any nearer

the end than it did a year ago.

I must be off to bed now as

it's late. I hope that Berlin - this

W. will come & stay with you too.

Best love dear me Mrs.

Your loving

Pat.