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My dear Mrs Armstrong

I was passing through Arras yesterday & went to Pals Grave.

It was looking well kept & flowers are growing on it. I have arranged to have the railings painted the same colour as the Cross (oak). I enclose a leaf I picked from the head of the grave -

We have been busy training after the disorganisation of the Hausers fighting, but our time will soon be over & we must expect to hold part of the line again. The old crowd is in great heart after the 3 successful operations in Handa and the very high compliments received

The C-i-C. visited us 2 days ago &  
again expressed his appreciation of our  
good work. Alas there are many  
changes. At my H.Q. I am the only  
one left who was at Gallipoli & I  
doubt if I know any. Huber & Abbott  
have left me on promotion, Cayley &  
Wilson are invalided, ditto Self.

New officers & new men fill the ranks  
but the spirit still remains.

I hope to get home in December for  
a month and shall then see you. After  
nearly 3½ years I feel I want a rest  
for a few weeks.

Kindest regards to yourself & your  
charming girls.

Yours

Beau de Lisle

From  
General de Lisle.