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My dear Mr. Armstrong.

Your letter was forwarded on to me from the 4<sup>th</sup> Cav B<sup>d</sup>. My address is now H<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>r</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Division so you see I have been promoted since last we met.

I passed the cemetery on my way back this evening and soon found Pats resting place, although there were nearly 1000 graves to look amongst. It is beautifully kept and all so tidy. Pats was quite one of the nicest as it had flowers growing, a kind of daisy in full

Room. There were other plants not  
in flower. I picked 3 daisies for you  
one I have pressed and the other two  
I am trying to send in a box in  
hopes they will be still alive when  
you get them but I'm afraid it is only  
an off chance. The oak urn looks  
as if it was not going to stand the  
climate very well as it seems  
somewhat weather worn, but the  
inscription is quite clear and I am  
certain it will keep so until the  
end of the war when a stone can be  
put in its place.

There is no fear now of the Germans  
coming back to disturb those who  
are sleeping peacefully. Some of the  
groves on the battlefields have had a  
terrible time with the constant  
shelling. Yesterday I found from  
Colonel Lawson's grave he was buried  
just where he fell you will remember  
him Captain really but he commanded  
a battalion of Infantry. One of the best.  
I think we are nearly through with the  
war. I really believe this is the final  
unless rain comes and stops "play"

So glad to hear that the wedding  
was such a success. I'm afraid  
I have no time to write you long  
letters as you write to me but  
you will see by the papers we are  
fairly busy at present. Wait it  
out, my having to pass the right  
place in my motor today, and get a  
chance of sending you ~~some~~ news of  
Pat's resting place.

Yours sincerely

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