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My dearest, This can only be a few lines. I was intending a letter to you after dinner last night - but we were busy all night. I have been busy again this morning till now, registering some new ammunition.

I've just heard that the enemy has gone back to the Somme as far S. as Abrespigny - which means a big hunk of territory - I suppose he must be going back south of that too. We were attacking last night but I don't think we found much to fight against. I expect we shall be rejoining the right half almost at once - then - I don't know; I don't imagine we shall be able to cross the Somme immediately but we may go up a bit if the Germans are holding the further side, which I don't expect.

Dunkirk returned from A.P. last night - is still in bed (12 noon). Johnson had to start for the A.P. at 10 a.m. as we had to have two observers out at 6 a.m. I wish I were there. It is such a lovely spring like day, & sunny. I had a good walk

ABRESPIGNY (S. OF PÉRONNE)

Yesterday to the rearward - worrying about  
ammunition. Three good letters from  
you yesterday, & one from Mary. I'm  
very glad she is to be with you. I'm  
sorry you don't think close is bearing,  
but she may develop later - I can't imagine  
she will be anything but a very nice person.

I am standing in the sun outside  
the mess room within hearing of the  
telephone. I should like to go up the line  
this evening, but I don't know what I  
could do - the infantry will probably take  
a little time to get in touch with the enemy,  
as it means crossing the river - until  
we know where they are we are no good.

I must go down to the gun now &  
see about several little things.

Farewell  
Your loving George