

[A.M., 6 July 1916]

Just a note to say that I let you know that I am all right. I hoped to write you a proper letter this morning in time for post but have been too busy. You need not be anxious & you shall have a proper letter written to you. I was disturbed yesterday by sundry small troubles & my work here & that's why I left it to this morning. The telegraph wire is waiting but for other things besides the notes. I wonder what folk in England are thinking about the fighting here. I suppose they must be greatly disappointed - if they think of the initial success in Champagne last September so much greater than this. But the point is that

We are pressing the Hun on all
fronts & if it's a slow business
have the hope is that we shall
make him fight to exhaustion.

There's good evidence of his lack
of men & that must tell if we
attack sufficiently. There's every
^{each} sign of determination on these
parts.

I did see a French paper yesterday.
There was a charming remark
which I met to cheer me in the
course of a dismal expedition in a
thunder storm. The day before I'll
tell you if we hear any more of it -
it concerned the French who
trianouselves - they have done
extremely well on their sector,
reaching their objective very
quickly & with slight losses.

The feeling that we are supporting
infantry in the most direct fashion
makes a great difference to me
now. Our requisites so intense that
all the shooting should be absolute
right. Life is string up & there's
nothing slack about it now though
there must necessarily be idle time.

My chief interest to day is
the starting of a canteen for the
men - a day canteen for selling
cigarettes, tobaccos, chocolate &
biscuits - these things primarily.
We ought to have arranged it
before, but I suppose the feeling
that we might at any moment
be leaving here prevented us. Arranging
the discovery of a large wholesale
S.F. Canteen within reach has made
the idea bear fruit & I have bought

about 150 £ worth of goods as a
start. The men are rich - as they
have had no opportunity of spending
their pay here, so I expect the
concern to prosper & be very well-
come to the men - & no doubt
my stocks will have to be increased
enormously.

We have had wretched weather
here the last two days. It was
beautiful for the beginning of our
attack but broke down both the
day before yesterday with a thunder-
[4th] storm. It is cold now & I have no
feeling of summer. Warm sun-
shine is so much a comfort in
itself that it makes up for every
thing.

Now Goodbye
All my love to Mrs
George