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My dear wife

I received your & Rays letters today, and am very sorry to see that baby is not thriving, poor little fellow, I hope by this time that he is better. I am also sorry to see that you are taking our separation so badly, I think that has probably something to do with baby's illness. Of course I don't want to be forgotten, but I really wish you could take it a bit better, try dear and look on the bright side, and look forward to the time when we will meet again. God knows I miss you too, but I always try to keep smiling. Yours of course is the hardest part, as the life we lead in the army is a cheery one. Try dear for the children's sake and mine, to buck up a little. I am also sorry to see about my little nettie, and hope she is better again. I consider you did the best thing in getting Pringle to quit at the S. P. when it was hurting her health and if you can manage to give her a reason at the

Queen's College, it will be a fine thing, shadeserves  
it, as she has been a good daughter to us, but you will  
have a struggle this summer. I am wearying to see  
Jim's photo; in his uniform, he will make a good  
soldier. Glad that Effie is getting on at school  
and will be able to take her entrance this summer,  
I will have to save up the \$5 that I promised, I  
must be getting behind a bit, I still owe Jim \$1, and  
I have not sent the children's dollar, for a while,  
but I don't know how they pay us here, as all I have  
got to date is £4, and I had \$14-10 coming when I  
left Canada. We have all got pay books here, but it  
is an awkward business country it is, as our pay is  
\$1-10 a day and of course we are paid sterling. I  
borrowed 30/- when I went to Scotland, and I paid  
Bella £1 of our old a/c. and I still have about \$5/- left  
so, don't spend so much on my trip. I promised to send  
£1 occasionally to Finnerly then. You have no idea how  
kind everyone was up there. I saw Old Mrs Johnstone  
going to the station one night, and went down with  
her, I was to go to Walkerburn and see her besides,  
but did not manage it. Now dear don't worry about me  
as I am perfectly safe yet, and after all there are  
other ways of dying than being killed in battle  
anyway we have a just cause, and it is worth any