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My dear wife

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still, in the land of the living, and feeling in the best of health. I am wearying to hear how, Ella Norma & Nettie, are keeping I hope they don't take any thing else along with the whooping cough, and that it does not drag out long. Your last letter telling me of Baby's death, has made me a bit homesick, and if I could get out of the army and across to you I think I would go. However I suppose I am in it now till the end, and we will have to keep up our hearts, and hope the end will not be long. I sent your letter on to Tina, telling her in turn to send it to Emma Leithen as you give the news much better than I could, and there was nothing in it but anyone might

read. I had a letter from Vena saying she had sent on 3 little remnants she had knitted for the children. She is knitting a pair of socks for me also. How are you bearing up dear under your trial, you think it is bad for me, but I know it is you who will suffer most, as you are always so fond of a young baby. He was a dear little fellow, but maybe he hasn't missed much, as life, isn't all roses by any means. We got back here from the ranges on Tuesday, I did fairly well at the shooting, and passed as a first class shot with 20 points to spare, I missed being a marksman however by 15 points, still I am a long way above the average, so I am well enough pleased. I have been doing a bit carpenter work these last three days, and hope it will last a while as it is a nice change, and of course we don't have to go very hard. I think you had all the children insured but I suppose you won't get much as he was so young. How are you getting on during the Quarantine, does Orville & Ray sleep out, or how do you manage. I see conscription comes into force here in June, I believe if they had had it at the first the war would have been over by now. I have

never had a medical exam yet, but anyway
I dont think they will turn me down now. I
will close now as there is really nothing here
to write about, Hoping the children are some better
and that the rest of you are well

I remain How about your own trouble
yours forever you havent mentioned it
 lately

Yours
