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Dearest Mother

Many thanks for your welcome letters. I am always very glad to have them. I am sorry that the children have left Aldershot & dear little Colin gone to boarding school. (Little Colin one thinks of him going out into the world alone). I hope he will get on alright. If you give me his address I will write to him.

We are very busy here & very pleased with our progress. We have actually about 60 cases in now - can take another 30 or 40 at a pinch. Yesterday we had 7 operations. The patients are getting on very well & they all ^{seem to} like the hospital. The domestic arrangements are improving & everything is getting into routine.

We had a visit yesterday from the Representative of the English Military Medical Authorities. I was operating so that I did not see him but D. Culbert took him round. He was quite interested & pleased. In the officer's word he stopped & said "Well I'm damned I never expected to see an English military hospital run by women". At this the officers round the ward all popped up from their beds & assured him it was far the best run hospital they had ever been in. The official English Military Hospital is

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at Versailles & in the course of the next few days we must go there
to get ourselves & to return the visit of the old St. Colombe.

I had a very interesting day on Wednesday. Went by motor
to Braine, a small place close to Soissons, & only a few miles
behind the fighting line. Went to see the medical officers
there & his arrangements for transport of the wounded from there
back here. As it is 100 miles away & the roads are very
rough & cut up by ^{with} ^{are} baffle this is worrying. I saw more
of actual war than I expected - because we drove over the
battle fields of Meaux & through villages in which
there had been a long fighting. It was very interesting &
very terrible. At Braine our poor men were in bad condition
in a trench with no provision for attending to them.
The fighting is continuous & the wounded are brought back
in field ambulances daily. I could not do any work there
or wait as the gates of Paris are rigidly closed at 8 o'clock
& passports & permits are of no avail after that hour.
Our troops very many of whom I saw looked extremely
fit. In Wargnyville, the soldiers English & French crowded
round our car & asked for news & gave me letters to post in Paris.
"Madame est la morte" & she was. Goodbye dearest Mr. L.G.