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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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Winnipeg, July 5<sup>th</sup>

My own darling boy,

In my eagerness to answer all your letters yesterday, I forgot to mention receiving your cable of the 24<sup>th</sup> & just a short time ago, when I was fixing my beautiful locks, yours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> came in. "Thank Mitchell, horse arrived safely, etc etc." I have to phone Col. M. as he is now on his way to his office, [Elinor] says - he is very busy recruiting for a new regiment, the 62<sup>nd</sup> I believe, Major

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Kirkaldy to command. At last, the sky seems clear of clouds, the sun shines bright & we have promise of some fine weather, a thing much to be desired as the patriotic carnival now on, is entirely for Red Cross work & every one is so anxious to make it a sweep. I see poor Willie [Pozer's] name among the list of killed & he was mentioned some time ago as being a prisoner. Flora is going to see Eva this morning to find out if that is really positive. We had quite a [number] last

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evening. Dr. & Mrs. Hughes, the Fleming's [sic], Mr. & Ms. Gordon Steele, the latter are Scotch, at least he is & in Waterhouse Co., the same as Mr. Craggs was manager of - he is here to look into the [Gov<sup>t</sup>] affairs, being a well known & highly esteemed accountant, residing in Chicago, of late years. There were six others, all nice fellows, all first class accountants belonging to Price, Waterhouse & Co. & all old countrymen, brought over from Chicago to audit the [Gov<sup>t</sup>] books in this Royal Commission. A nice state of affairs for our politicians to be in & to have brought on the country. I am sure I do not know how it will all end. Bob Rogers will, I fear, not escape unscathed. There is some talk of Sir Hugh John being the new leader of the Conservative Party - it may be only rumour. Col. Mitchell was delighted to hear of the cable & safe arrival of horse, as he was naturally most anxious, it being somewhat difficult to get in touch with those concerned in the shipping at this end. Is he to your taste? Splendid in every respect? he is said to have been the very finest arrival left in this part of the country & was much admired by all who saw him. [Hammy] [Harrover] said "he is grand! a fine animal!" You cannot imagine how this sunshine has bucked us all up. God bless

you & my dear laddie, whom we hope to hear from this mail -fondest love to you both & kind remembrances to Col. Ketchen & other friends.  
As ever, your own devoted Maye.

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My darling, I was just closing this envelope, when Mrs. Ketchen phoned saying her husband said "You would perhaps write me to go over in Aug & that if she wished she could come over at the same time." She is crazy to go & intends renting her house, & preparing - if such is the case, I need much more time, as I have to pack & store everything, so be sure & let me know just as soon as things are decided & give me all necessary particulars. The girls are wild with excitement, as Mrs. Ketchen phoned Flora about it - otherwise, it might

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have been secret, as I am like an oyster about such matters.

Your three dear letters of June 18<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> have just come, as well as the \$500.00 & Harwood's \$60.00 to deposit for him <sup>from Ottawa</sup>. I did acknowledge your cable telling of safe arrival, so if the letter did not reach you, it was lost. I have written regularly & sent my first letters care of the War Office, not knowing your address. Gus also had his letter returned & has written since, hoping it has reached you. Will not pen any more just now. Be sure & let me know important decision soon. As ever.  
Maye.

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