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Marie Steele to Sam Steele

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My darling,

It is now four p.m. & I have only finished my toilet & hasten to write you a few lines - somehow or other, it takes a long time to attend to my many duties. We went to 8.30 mass this morning & all but Harwood received communion. You may be sure you were in my thoughts & fervent prayers, my dear. Yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> received yesterday & am sure you must be very busy. I enclose an editorial of the "Star" which will, I am sure be of much interest to yourself & many others with you. Am delighted the

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weather is nicer in every way & believe you will enjoy your outing, even with the duties & so much to do. The Y.M.C.A are always to the fore & very thoughtful in every way. It is very warm today, but the house is cool & we make use of our verandah [sic] nook most of the time, particularly in the evening. Harwood is improving & is a good boy – poor lad! – he is really very patient & gives us cause for admiration in many ways. Having but one arm at his disposal handicaps him still it is funny to watch him at times. No doubt the camp is crowded, the day being so beautiful & red coats such an attraction to the fair sex. Yes, I would dearly love to see the camp, but circumstances

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are against it this year - if things are different I may have that pleasure next year – of one thing rest assured that it is a great sacrifice for me to give it up, for I am like the rest of the women, my dear & enjoy such things as others do. Mrs W. W. McMillan saw Minnie & myself on our way home from church last evening & asked us to jump into her motor for a spin which we enjoyed immensely. Mrs Mackie spent some hours here last evening & we found her looking much better. She talked away to her hearts content & the love for the O.C. has not increased – she will tell you many little things that will make you laugh. He has never I believe, called Capt. Mackie by name, it is always "where's my adjutant" – I want my adjutant" etc. You will see what the evening telegram says of the Inspection by a Sir John French of the Calgary camp. Mrs

Cruickshanks never [*illegible*] or at least never speaks to Mac when she comes to the office – indeed! they are a queer lot.

I hope Mrs Clark will get well after all the operations, poor thing – it is very hard on a woman to undergo so much is it not?

Flora and Gertrude have going to see Mrs Ketchen - they love going there, as you know – my poor Harwood has to remain with me, poor little chap! The [weather] makes one very sleepy & I fear my letter is a very stupid one, so I hope you so I hope you will pardon

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me if I promise to try & do better next time. Cyril [Viterd] gave Harwood a camera a Brownie Kodak having a larger & better one. You can imagine his delight I fancy. There is not much news, as I see few people. The girlies will relish the holidays & the freedom from study which they appreciate to their delight & they will indulge their fondness for reading making [-se] of every moment I have no doubt. I owe Mother a letter for some weeks so - have not heard from her lately – Well, my dear, as I will likely write tomorrow & you are always so busy, I will not detain you any

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longer. All join in fondest love to dear Papa. Hoping to hear from you soon, with many sweet kisses.

Believe me ever

Your own devoted, affec<sup>ate</sup>

little wifie,

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On reading this over, I find many repetitions [and] I am truly very stupid today. Never retired until a quarter to one as Mrs. Mackie stayed until long after eleven. The papers said A.A. [-elss] was a young Englishman.

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