

(Handwriting)

(To Mrs. A.D. Blackader)

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13, Norham Gardens, Oxford

Dear Mrs Blackader

What a tragedy this is for you & the dear Doctor! I had hoped at first when it was only pleurisy and pericarditis that all would be well. The lung complication was more serious. He was so good and patient & did everything to help us. Except for the racking cough there was not much suffering. Towards the end he realized that the situation had become critical. The night before his death he asked the others to leave & spoke to me about the chances, which he feared were against him. Poor fellow! I did what I could to comfort him. There was such a look of you in his eyes - just as I remember you as a girl. His wife has been a trump - & so brave. I can realize how you feel. Our boy will be at the front very soon & we too shall have to steel our hearts for the worst

With love to you both

Your affec. old friend

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