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(Dr. W. S. Thayer)

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Dear W.S.

Sir T.G.  
Shaughnessy  
Pres. C.P.R.

How is it with you & Sister Susan? I do hope she is keeping pretty fit. We have had an anxious time of course - so many of the family were here, and in the fighting time. My bro. Frank lost his only son, such a fine fellow who had been Schaughnessy (CPR) private sec. Norman Gwyn has been doing good work at No 1 General near Bourgoyne. Revere has been in the Royal Field artillery since March & had his training at Newcastle & Sherbeirness. He joined his battery about six weeks ago. He is in the Somme in a dug-out, just 100 yds from the German lines, & the chief occupation seems to be the exchange of gas bombs. He has taken to the practical work very kindly but as a disciple of Isaac Walton the whole business is very distasteful.

You remember Miss Parsons- she died the other day near Reading- a most faithful soul. I will write to Sister Rachael about her. I continue to see a great deal of interest - something new every day; but I get very tired of the wounded & of sepsis. I am here at the Welsh Univ. Commission of wh. Huldryne is Chairman. We meet twice a week & are taking evidence. The proposal is to start a national school of medicine at Cardiff. [and he returns to my hospital] Revere is in the thick of it- in this last push in the Ancre He is in the 59th Brigade Battery A. Dirty business for a decent lad, but they have to go thro. with it. Of course we are terribly anxious but- the seen arrow slakens its flight as Dante says & we are steeling our hearts for anything that may happen.

Love t you all

Yours ever,

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with my cheerful & warm heart