

No 1 C.G.H.* May 26 1918[†]

Dear Mrs McArthur
no doubt you are all most
anxious to hear about our latest &
most terrible raid we of course can
think & talk of nothing else. What I
find hard to realize is that I am
living. We are so thankful but
I will never forget the cries of the
wounded sisters. You of course have
read accounts of it all in the papers
no matter how vivid they cannot
touch reality. Ive been in many
at C.C.S.[‡] but none to touch this
I have not had my clothes off for 5
nights we have been going to the woods
(Blanket & pillow & Helmet) Last night

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I with several others were taken to
a nice Hotel some miles away. They
are splendid to us & as they can
only accomodate a limited number
we take turns & thereby get one
good nights sleep anyway. They
are practically out of the danger zone
I have been nursing a wounded
sister and oh it is hard she has
a head wounded and we fear we
cannot help her. I did have sister
Wake[§] You will have seen her name
in the Casualty list. Poor wee girl
she went so peacefully I am so
sorry about Capt. Howes.^{**} we all
liked him so much and admired
him for his splendid work He was
devoted to his patients and so nice

* Canadian General Hospital

[†] Letter written on Canadian Red Cross
letterhead

[‡] Casualty Clearing Station

[§] Nursing Sister Gladys Maude Mary Wake d. 21
May 1918. Age: 34 Unit: Canadian Army
Nursing Service Division: 1st Canadian General
Hospital

^{**} Captain David Edwin Howes d. 19 May 1918
Unit: Canadian Army Medical Corps Division:
1st Canadian General Hospital

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to the sisters. I had seen him
in church in the evening 8 oclock
service and preparing for bed
when it began. Those near Capt.
Howes say he did not suffer
was really killed instantly.
The funeral service was
beautiful officers, sisters and
men of the unit as well as large
numbers from neighboring units
attended. I intend going to the
cemetary with flowers this eve
so many of our splendid men have
been killed The few remaining are
broken hearted. The next day we
were looking anxiously for faces
all day I was a pathetic morning

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Capt. Murray sent a cable. Hope Percy
rec'd it and sent a message to Dad
I am hoping for Canadian mail
soon home news will be very welcome
I have not been able to write letters
all week Everything seems to be
in a daze some of the sisters have
shell shock as well as wounds.
Send me some "Suns" wont you?
Capt Howes always gave me his
Capt Murray has left here now I
guess he was satisfied to leave Etaples
Best love to Mayme. Would you
mind calling Miss Anderson up
& say I will write after we get
settled again. Carpenters are busy
on our quarters repairing. Kind
regards to Arthur Arch & Jack
also any others who may inquire
I am felling very Best love Euphie
well. able to carry on. Only Shaken a bit