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Flanders —

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Dear Edith —

Just a line
 this afternoon to have you
 know I'm still here and
 did read your letter. Glad
 so you have motor rides
 and manage to keep
 pleasantly stimulated, eh?
 That's well, dear friend.
 A little gentle excitement
 of some sort is an excellent
 thing. If you want to
 know — I've been more
 interested in the past but

spring has definitely come
and the cherries all out in
thin green leaf, with
white blossoms on the plum
trees, than I've been in
~~all the way~~ since seen no
place. And for a solid week
now we have ^{seen} not a lot else.
The Germans advanced one
night, shifted us out of our
place in the line, and we've
been hammered, hammered
ever since, with slight
let ups. Then, after four
or five days of shelling,
and eating ammunition
to the guns this

melting from the other
 side - Heaven be as kind
 to 'em! - and as many
 nights spent standing by
 our horses ready to pull
 out at a word, I woke
 up all at once and
 saw that we were in the
 delicate soft spring we
 had wanted so extraordi-
 narily ⁱⁿ last last winter's
 mud and cold rain,
 and waited for a long
 it had been here for
 days and I hadn't seen
 it!

Well! the smacking

swiftness of gunfire makes
a bigger racket than
the sprouting shus, but
the shus last longer.

Have seen the meter
ride you can. like
the sprout, they're good
for restlessness. and
meters are rather cheaper
at that.

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