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Dear Glen,

Having been called on yesterday by the Free French Commandant here, Col Marchand, & having to give him some food, Joe opened your cake, which we brought down from Beirut and it filled the bill splendidly, receiving many handsome compliments. There was a charming little note from May, which made me very homesick in fact - generally a good case for writing to you, especially as I must owe you for several letters now.

I am now established as Commandant of all troops in the Aleppo area, mainly my own Bde group, with French, Syrian & British additions and a very interesting job it is. My HQ. are in the City but we have several hundred miles of frontier and the troops are all over the place, with reserves and mobile columns here & there. Our present job is frontier control, showing the flag, keeping order & supervising arms traffic, supervising mill of flour, training & reconnaissance. There is enough to keep me thoroughly busy with