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Dear Mr. Gander,

Thank you for your letter of the 16th. June. Sorry you have not been quite fit, and hope that all will be well by the time you receive this. The S.P.C. seems to get better and better, --and better late than never!

Yes, the school stories keep me fairly busy now, though that eternal question of paper holds up publication a good deal: and I wonder sometimes whether publishers will get tired of stacking up copy to wait for supplies. But the good Merrett get one or two out every now and then: and I understand that Topham, Oakhurst, and Ferndale, not to mention St. Olive's, are just waiting round the corner, as it were. I enclose one of the Sparshott numbers: also one of the "Romances", which may perhaps interest you.

By the way, PATHE PICTURES have been putting Frank Richards into a news-reel, to be released on August 12. This will be shown at very many cinemas here: but will not, I guess, travel so far as Canada. They tell me that they are making

a 10-millimetre film of it later, for use on Home projectors. I wonder how many old Magnet readers will want to see Frank Richards pottering at his typewriter! Forty or fifty years ago I could have put up some quite active stunts for the camera-man; but in these latter days one has to move to slow motion--sometimes very slow!

I had rather a surprise a short time ago when the BBC recording-car came down for another overseas broadcast. A representative of the French Section turned up, for a French broadcast--on the spot! I was rather pleased to talk to young people in France on the perennial subject of W.G.B. The talk goes over to France later in the summer, on 273 metres--medium wave--but I don't think you get this in Canada. If you think readers of the S.P.C. might be interested, I would send you the script, which is brief. ~~In the year 1914 the world was in a state of~~
~~panic and the world was in a state of~~ But perhaps there might be a spot of bother in setting up French.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

Frank Richards