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My own dearest George

I am again beginning my letter in the evening because I rather like doing it I think. I never like that to get with you so much. I write last thing & sleep with you in my mind then go on next morning.

I have had another letter from you this evening in which you ask for a good many things. I will try to send them all to go as soon as I can. The different papers will be most difficult here, there is no where one can pick any sort of paper in Godalming but I think may be able to manage at Guildford I will try every way. I can always order one regularly of course.

I shall be sending you more than one parcel tomorrow of Christmas things. At least I expect more than one.

I did get some meaty things I was not sure from your letter whether you meant you did not want me too; but on the

whole my impression was that you were a little sad because you thought I could not. I got a lot of galeatine in a jar and stuffed a boned turkey in two tins they may be nice for lunch or as any extra for breakfast. The turkey can be served hot I think.

I got christalised fruit & chocolate too. Some plums that look like your favourite sort, but don't pin too much faith on them being so.

I am writing you a fairly letter aren't I?

I am afraid dear that you aren't very happy. I just feel pretty sure by your own letter. Things are pretty horrid now I suppose we can't be awfully happy. Rumor has gone completely I suppose. What will this change of cabinet do. I feel it can't do much worse or be more feeble than the last. Lets hope it will be a lot better. I hate the war but as we've got to fight it we might as

do it competently.

Now Good night dear I am full of love for you.

I have woken up late with very little time to write which is a pity because I am going to Guilford this morning and I shall have class this afternoon and that means a full day.

We bought presents for the servants in London yesterday but no others. I don't know if you want me to get them for your family.

I might send something to Ann's children and to Barbara.

We were very lucky in the trains not being late we had each provided ourselves with a book in case they were. I had a very exciting one called the Thirty Nine Steps, its quite short & read it nearly all on the way to London & back.

All you new rooms sound very nice I am surprised that you get on with

them so quickly. I hope the roof of the
big one will be safe it would be
awful if it fell in on you all.

I simply can't make this a long letter
because I must pack a parcel & take
leave out and post it.

I have been feeling awfully ~~was~~ miserable
today, I hope by the time you come
home ~~we~~ shall all be feeling more
cheerful

Father seems hopeful of the new government
and I think every one is glad old Wait-
and-see is shelved.

It would be fine to have a government who
one could feel strong. I should like us all
to be set to work & I think we should all
in a way like it.

Farewell dearest. This night may well end some days
in joy, I hope.

Your very loving
Ruth.