

[? 12 Oct 1917]

Magdalen Camp Hospital, Winchester.

My dearest Ruth - I've no chance of seeing you this weekend - it's very sad; but there it is - I've must make the best of it. Kenway very kindly wired Jones offering to call for me on Saturday morning. Well, you'll see by this address that my situation has changed. It all came of the silliest little row between my batman & the mess servants - they kept him waiting for my dinner & he objected; so they told the mess secretary that I was complaining - I thought the mess would be innocent of mistakes during my time & I spoke to the mess secretary, who presumably had a private opinion on the matter to make at a mess meeting & would have spoken of an affair in his quarters - which meant me making complaints against the mess staff - and then came a hint to the doctor, investigated by the Colonel who knew nothing but what he had heard at the mess meeting - dear man! - that it was time I went to hospital. And so here I am; & I don't know that it's a change for the worse - only I hate the way it came about. The ward is a lovely enough great room & at this moment I'm alone - the only officer who shares it with me having gone out for the afternoon. It has been persistently cold till just now - there was a heavy (not very far wide of the truth) that the stove smelt so much that it was not worth while lighting it. But ultimately an

attempt has been made & though the room was full
of smoke for 2 hours with the fire burning up I
could see with a lot more than that for the sake of
the warmth we have now.

I had a letter from Jelli this morning. It's annoying
in a way that Tessie's, as it appears, seems to have
got in first & Jelli has in part heretofore to be
one of his chamber concerts on Oct 28 - that
is the date which suits her & you've fixed
it with Margorie Waterhouse too haven't you? Will
you make the other necessary arrangements
about sending Jelli & taking the 2 Church -
side?

I've heard from Ralph
this morning & she says Ralph is very keen to
get the rest of his building & is moving all his
stuff tonight to get that fixed up through the
weekend anyway I shall try. And, my dear one
I don't want to say I feel like lightning I should
entertain; the present events in France just
hit that into my blood. I expect I had better go
to St. Morison as soon as I am passed fit for G.S.
at the end of this month & get him to send me out
as a reinforcement to Ralph as soon as a batch is
gone - that'll perhaps give me a first night more.

The Hoenns seem greatly to have enjoyed
their visit to us & I shall be glad to see
Hennie this morning.

I suppose the post has again failed us - as you say
you have no letters from me. I hope you will get
them one all right to morrow morning.

About the Paddy's - I really feel I don't
know - wouldn't it be worth while asking - what
is their address in any case - you have the Doctor
one on a letter from / Wexford; I must be writing to
Mary Ann sometime. I will send back the
Gilks Book to the L.L.

Dear love, its very hard not to see you this week-end
- & all things such a stupid little accident, its
a wonderful pleasure to see you so happy & & lovely,
- now just wish you will be nice for Maude come!
Mr. Madam says for Owen go to Wexford - give her my
kind regards & say I believe I have a hanky of her she
wrote for my thanks last Sunday, & if it is less I'll
hand it what a sent on -

Farewell to you sweet love

Your loving George

I'm up to day - sitting in a wicker chair - so
don't miss about me

