

117, HERBERT ROAD,  
WOOLWICH,  
S. E.

June 19

My dearest dear

I've just put baby to  
bed and settled in here.  
Mary and Ralph both seem  
very well and jolly and  
Bahava is a dear. Her nose  
is less snub than baby's and  
not so wide at the bottom,  
her mouth no full lips &  
frontally curved and her  
eyed are large & very dark.  
They will be brown I think  
but at present they seem to  
have some blue as well as

shown in them. She has a  
very good colour, it is redder  
than Clara's and her skin is  
altogether darker and not quite  
so fine as Clara's. Her hair  
is still mostly dark down & its  
not very thick yet. I think she  
is a pretty baby and very nice  
and strong

They have improved their garden  
a lot it really looks very  
nice but there are not as  
many flowers out as you  
would expect in June but  
then the weather is so impossible  
This morning I went to Bumpas  
and bought Shakespeares sonnets.  
I got the Temple edition, it

is very nice and the print is  
very clear and good I layed  
to read it in the train  
coming here, but I do think  
that Shakespeares sonnets need  
ones whole entire and undivided  
attention and baby saw to it  
that she should have her share.  
It being the only thing I really  
would not let her play with  
she fixed all her desires upon  
it and would not be satisfied  
with any thing else for long.  
Of course if I had given it  
to her she would not have  
wanted it long but then the  
damage to the poor book would

have been done.

Violet was very sad at the idea of going back to Westbrook without baby.

I have not yet spoken it to

Mary that I cannot stay longer than Friday possibly.

I feel that she thinks that I have settled in for at least a week. Well I haven't.

I have enjoyed seeing all these people in London very much, and I have got much fondness of Bridget than I ever thought I should be. I really like & admire her very much. When I say I admire her I mean her character not her looks, any one would admire those they could not help it.

Baby has gone to sleep so well & quickly to night. I am glad. She did not get her afternoon sleep so I expect she was pretty tired.

Shakespeare seems very keen on the importance of having babies, and of letting yourself thus be carried on into the future. I wonder if he had many himself.

George dear, I'm afraid it's much too soon but I have already begun to look forward to you having leave. If you really get it in three months or

even four it wouldnt be  
so very much to soon  
But I am afraid as its  
the first time you may not  
get it soon. But someone  
told me that RGA get  
them leave pretty regularly.

Oh darling will be lovely  
to have you back even for  
so short a time. But I  
shant want to let you go  
again.

The post is going so I must stop.  
your very loving  
Ruth.