

Tuesday June 20 [1916]

France

Dearest Ruth, I had your letter yesterday dated June 14 & addressed through 30 H.A.G. - but no parcel yet. Life is getting strenuous here - much mathematics to be done - with one thing - another I have found myself on the go all yesterday & all to-day so far (5.15). I am feeling happy about the work here; the guns are shooting well & what we have to do will be done efficiently; I am very anxious to make no mistakes for my part; it would be horrible to think that anything was less easy than it ought to be for the infantry for any failure on our part - but of course one has to remember that artillery plans are not arranged for mathematically certain results & I think our part is well in hand. I feel too that I want to be used to the utmost - so I shall probably be satisfied, as we have certainly to expect a very strenuous time - sooner or later.

You ask whether I received the cheque for £250 - I thought I wrote about that, & have only been waiting for Cox's & the other statements to suggest some plan. I am much amused to think of Owen's visit to Westbrooke - I expect you can trust Mary Ann to save the situation - & anyway the best often comes of the least likely meetings & Owen who is superbly intolerant may like extreme definiteness of opinion in your father - & if he likes him he'll behave humanely tolerably well. But how nice for you to get so many friends down to Westbrooke - you're spending a much

more sociable summer than the last ya old dear & I'm
feeling quite jealous. I'm much interested in you in
London' & especially in all you can tell me about the
Bridget & Stephen household - this must be the order
I think, because she's so much the more exciting,
though fundamentally there's more of him no doubt -
does it strike you that part of Bridget's charm lies
simply in the fact that she gives away her faults so
easily & gracefully too? And have you seen Will -
I much want to know what has become of him &
have found no time to write.

The ration lorry which is to bear this back to Hgr.
has just arrived & is unloading. I am sitting on top
of the tank - now comes an order -

Good Night dear love.

Yours loving George