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Dearest

An income tax paper has just come for you I am not going to send it out to you yet. I shall first take it to Mr Raxworthy to find out if it is right because if it isn't you can do nothing in France. I can't understand it myself. You may have to pay £30, £9 or both.

I have had an invitation that we would accept if you were here. It is to go to an afternoon party given by Mr + Mrs Harold Wilson + Mrs Henry Cox to meet Lieut. Comm. + Mrs W. Arnold Foster. I don't know either the Harold Wilson. Oh yes I do! He is Hugh Wilson's brother isn't he, the one we met in London last winter. I did like him so much. I should like to see him again. I don't know who wrote the invitation post card, they put in baskets at the bottom (Not the only opportunity you will have of meeting these interesting people - I may say!). So as well as writing a proper refusal I must write to her and tell her how I want to meet them and ask them to come here as soon as they can. It would be fun to go if

you were here, but I don't very much want to go alone, and then there is the journey and Alison Steel will be here. I know Mary Anne wanted to go very much but I don't think that she is going to.

Oh but we'll have some lovely times when you come back after the war and we will see all our friends very often. It will be lovely! People will come and stay with us at the Hall.

I have been talking to Mary Anne about means and we shall have to do some drastic cutting down if we are to live at the Hall on £700 a year. That's what they have & I don't believe I could be as careful and economical as Mary Anne is. We shall have to do it in some more drastic way like giving up one servant. Still I suppose prices will go down by degrees. In the old scale of prices we could have done it comfortably.

Little Bray has another tooth coming through and her tummy is upset, she has given Ki two rather bad nights. She wants to sleep with them tonight but after that I expect I shall have them again for a little while.

I am thrilled by the way our Flanders attack

is progressing. I think they will soon have to abandon the coast. Only 12 miles from Bouge doesn't leave them too much room for getting out.

I was reading some of that report on the German treatment of our prisoners last night. The Huns really are devils at their worst. How can people treat helpless human beings in that sort of way. It makes me feel very revengeful.

M^{rs} Radcliffe has just been to lunch and she is as keen as I am nearly to keep the O'Malleys in the neighbour hood. I wish we could it would be so very nice. But I told her that I did not think it would be at all easy to suit them with a house. They were so difficult about going into The Holt that I really should be afraid to try, wouldn't you? However I hope M^{rs} Radcliffe may succeed she will certainly try. She wants them to have the house on the other side of the Pitches but I don't think it is very attractive or that Owen would like it.

I am wanting another letter from you. I have not had yesterday nor yet today. I do like getting them so much. I wonder so much if you have

begin shooting yet, and how your two the battery
is getting on. I would like you to be able to
be happy about it.

I am still reading that book called Natural Law
in the Spiritual World but as a whole I don't like
it. For one thing I don't feel that it is truthful.
I feel that the Author has decided to uphold the
the narrow church faith on a scientific grounds
and that he is grasping and twisting round to
do so. I think I shall probably finish it
because there are good things in it, and suggestive
helpful things.

I don't do any thing like as much as I want to
in my days and I suppose that during the
end of this week & next week when Alison is
here I shall do still less.

There's the tea bell & I must end.

Farewell my own dearest

Your very loving

Ruth.

