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My own dearest

Yesterday was a hot day, the very best sort of hot day with a light fresh breeze. Today will be just as hot. I am sitting in the sun now but I think I shall have to get out of it very likely before breakfast. I had a letter from you yesterday evening & I can't make out whether you have changed your battery position or not. Do let me know. Are it you rather thrilled at the idea of doing airplane observation. I don't mind the idea & think it will be much more healthy & bracing <sup>than</sup> sitting in a smelly trench also more exciting for you. Why has your name been sent in, because you wanted to go? I remember when you were in England that you said you could not imagine why the RA men did not go up to do their own observation. It certainly seems the most sensible plan. Perhaps they were rather short of officers.



I am glad you were not sent away  
to the other battery, if they have  
had some casualties they may have  
more.  
How isn't it splendid the way the  
Russians keep on having victories and  
taking masses of prisoners. That's the  
way to get the war done. Oh I wonder  
how strong the Germans really are now  
& how they are feeling. Their communications  
seem to be lying pretty well now  
and I suppose that's a good sign. Though  
I fear our boys have had in the past  
some times and would still it convenient  
I'm sure it's a mistake not only  
morally but of policy. Of course I  
see that in the retreat from Mons  
we had to • perhaps in the battle  
of Ypres for the sake of the enemy  
but I am more the less it is done  
the better. The tooth is such a strength  
especially and should be held to by  
a great nation. I should like people to  
say of us, 'they always dare to tell  
their country the truth. A chocolate



cups shall go off you you tomorrow  
I am sorry I have not sent one  
this week but Mrs Boston has been  
so busy that I did not like to go  
into the kitchen myself or to  
ask her to make it. I am glad  
you got one parcel & hope you will  
get the other but I know it was  
packed badly so I doubt.

I am glad you like my letters dear,  
I think I am getting better at writing  
them

Yesterday morning I spent a large  
part of the time doing flowers which  
is always a nice occupation. On the  
table in the drawing room we put white  
Mexican poppies. Those big single ones  
with the yellow stamens that grow  
in a bush, and in front a bunch  
of pale blue delphiniums

In the afternoon I began designing  
a bowl. I think the design may  
turn out rather well, but I want  
a good sized hand to do it and I can't  
draw it well enough I am afraid. I



shall have a good struggle but I may  
have to give it up and put something  
else. I had not as long to design  
as I meant to have because Violet  
asked me to give Class her dinner  
because she Rose & Vic who she was  
going out with wanted to start. Violet  
had the afternoon off because I was  
taking Class to Piccadilly Range to see  
Olive & Jean. Mildred & I and Clare  
drove over in the pony cart. It was  
very pleasant. I don't think you  
will be horrified at Class's preference  
for the male sex. It is very common  
with many girls but it does not nearly  
always last in the same way. She is  
full of life & interest in the world.  
I shall be thrilled for you to see her  
when you come back, won't you be

thrilled  
It's a very satisfactory thought that every  
day that goes must bring us nearer  
to the end of the war.  
I sent a big bundle of copied letters of  
yours to David & asked him to send  
them on to Mrs. Reade & to ask her  
to give them to Mary Anne. I shall write



and ask Mary Anne to show them to  
Will & Ursula if she is yet able.  
Is there any one else you want them to  
go to?

About Money I think the best thing  
I can do is to show Mr Roseworthy  
our pass books and let him advise  
us what to do he is very careful &  
safe. I shall do this I think without  
waiting for you to say I may because  
I am so sure it is the right thing if  
you don't like it you may say so &  
you may be inclined to stop me.

Unless war profit get deducted I ought  
to get £200 for fire taxes on the  
commons by Christmas. That is extra  
to the £50 I had already told you  
about. That £200 ought to be invested  
as it is really capital back.

If they treat it as war profit I shall  
get less than £100 shant I?

I have just come back from Church  
It was very hot and stuffy and  
dull. Don't your letters are very lovely

I have had no long gap just lately  
and they have often come when I have  
not been expecting them.

Farewell dearest

your very very loving

Ruth.

