

Saturday June 17 (42)

My own dearest

Yesterday I had a letter from you
written last Tuesday and today I have
had one written last Sunday and the
letters erratic in the way they come.
My dear depositing yourselves in a new place
does sound pretty uncomfortable. Still so long
as you feel well a fit I don't mind you
having these sort of discomforts, nor evidently
do you mind it. I am sorry you have not
a decent water supply that is very tiresome
and horrid for you. What did you do in
the last place about the poisoned water.
What was it poisoned with. I am still sure
that one of your letters from there never came
to me. You evidently expect to stay longer
here than in that last place. How long
will it be before you get your guns. And
do they want repairing just in the natural
course as did they get damaged along the
road or up the last steep hill.
I gather that you are not now on a hill

Stephen thinks you are not very far North
near Hoes as you are on Chalk. Do you
dig your self ever. I suppose you work with
pics a great deal. Isnt chalk in vain
heartly.

We had quite an amusing time last night
with Mary Ann. Owens usual sort of conversation
about what people (usually those present) are
really like, and what they think - feel. It is
amusing & interesting up to a certain point
but I should soon get very tired of myself
& and probably of the other people too.

He evidently found Bridget a new and amusing
person to talk to. I think I dont change
according to who I am with as much as many
people do. I am not sure that this is
an advantage. I found Mary Ann very
different with Bridget to what she is alone
with me. Ursula on the other hand does
not change so much.

I dont really think that it is very wholesome
to think and talk about oneself ones self a
lot I think it is better most of the
time to be without thinking about it.
On the other hand I think that one should

not think quite so little about what one is
as I did before I was engaged to you.

Mary Ann, I thought last night, is looking much
better than I have seen her before. I knew
she would find regular work a great rest.
I am going out now to do some shopping and
I shall finish this letter this afternoon.

Well dear its after seven now. The
took such an awfull time having
lunch, I thought it would never be over
and then it took us a long time to come
back here all the buses & tubes were so
full. I dont think I like going out to
lunch it wastes such a lot of time.

When I got home it was tea time and then
I had baby because Violet is out, so that
is how my day has gone.

I meant to buy Shakespears sonnets. I shall
love to have them dear, thanks you. But I
forgot the shops shut at one on Saturday
so it did not get bought.

However I think I shall have time on
Monday morning.

I have not succeeded in seeing the
Reades. I wrote to Mrs Reade but have
had no answer so I think they must
be away from town.

Are you glad your other half battery is
probably coming to ^{join} you. I am sorry
you want go back to when you had
so much fruit & decent food & water.
I have sent you some ham and cake, from
Buzards so it ought to be good. I got
the best half of a big ham, because
it is big hams are supposed to be
better than small ones, so I hope it
will be nice. I could not get soup
packets there but I will when I get
to Woolwich. I have already sent
you a lot to the last place & I
hope they may get forwarded to you
but I fear the cake will be stale
by then.

My dear one, good night. Oh darling
I am glad we love one another so much.
It does make life very sweet even
when you are not here.

your very loving
Ruth.