

Wednesday Nov 1

My own dearest

It was the depôt again yesterday morning Mrs Brock was not there I did not expect her to be. I think I must ~~see~~ ring her up today to find out how Kit is. I am just wondering if it would be very difficult to get a thick curtain for you that does not weigh more than 7lbs. If I have to send it by train it will take so long to get to you. Still it is not big you will only need 3ft x 6.

I had rather a tiresome afternoon I had to go to the town to get a birthday present for Marjorie to give to Mil. A copper preserving pan. So I went down when I had finished writing to you and I sent off your cake & brought the pan and went to see Emily Bennett. Then I went to see another girl that I was asked specially to visit. She has run away from her situation and come to Godalming & has gone into lodgings and is doing tailoring. That's about as much as I know, the former mistress who wrote did not seem to know whether she had friends or any one to see after her at all.

I could not refuse because Father suggested at these meetings that when a special case of difficulty turned up it would be a good thing to get a special person to look after it. So of course they came here first & I had to say yes. I expect I must go down this evening after dark I may then find her in. Last time I could not even get into the cottage they were all out.

I started designing a cup yesterday evening. I did one that was all right but not thrilling I must hammer away at it a bit more.

Its November today. What chance is there that you will get leave this month? I do want you dear. When you have had this leave will there be another six month or more before the next leave or do you think as its winter time they will give it quicker. Four month is had enough to look forward to, but six is awful.

M^r Raxworthy and M^r Pooter were here to dinner last night. M^r Raxworthy is shockingly pessimistic I do believe ~~he~~ thinks the war will never end & he says Europe will be ruined. I dont mind so much about the annihilation if only it will

and so that I can have you back.

I think next week end with all this National Mission is going to be rather a bore. It would be all right as Father says if one could really believe in it and go in for it whole heartedly, but we can't.

I think we are going to give the thing a chance because when people are trying awfully hard to do a thing it does not seem wise to keep away and not try to join in and help in any way.

I have come to the conclusion that I am like the Y.M.C.A. nuts. Got no religion, just Christian.

It's not quite the result the Mission meant to have is it?

I have been to Guildford this morning and bought you a curtain. It is a green rug with three white stripes at either end. It would look rather well if its long enough to allow it to turn the top end over and let it hang down again. I had it sent off straight from the shop to you so there should be no delay. Now I wonder how you are going to fix it & whether I ought to have sent rings too. I think a rug is a good plan for

the curtain because you can use it as covering if you are cold or if you cease to want it as a curtain. I hope it will be thick enough.

I wish you could make a move forward again on the Somme but I suppose this wet weather is preventing you from doing any thing. The Germans seem to be saying again that we can't ~~do~~^{do} any more and that their artillery is holding us. Besides we might be able to relieve the Rumanians a bit. If they can only hold out it will make a great difference.

M^r Reade was saying that he does not believe in our blockade at all because he says we cannot starve the Germans, and keeping out hospital stores only leads to crimes like Wittenberg. I don't think I agree with him, not that I know any thing about it but still it seems to me we must fight this war for all we are worth.

I wonder what we shall feel like when the war is over. I do long for that extreme happiness to come. I want you dread so much. We might be so happy and do so many nice things now I am well & healthy, and we should have baby.

Your very very loving Ruth.