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My dearest

I have just had a letter from you at breakfast. I am glad you are well, or nearly so and that the book of Geoffrey can now continue in comfort. How awful it must have been when you thought you had lost some of it. I have lost precious things like that too some times, though of course never really so precious. If you were at all bilious I should think that motor ride would cure you completely. I can just imagine ~~you wide~~ ~~view country~~ the way that the wide views of your country would be brought out by this wonderful clear weather we have been having, and big rolling clouds look so splendid over it.

Yesterday stayed out right through till about noon in the evening when it cleared and we had a low gleam of red sunlight. The morning is splendidly sunny and we are going to have a beautiful day I think. What a difference the sun makes. And what a difference having letters from you.

We went for a walk after lunch yesterday, that is Doris + Helen + I, my opinion of Aldeburgh has gone up, there are some very jelly commons inland behind the town we ought to be able to get some good walks on them, and there seem to be plenty of nice flat tracks that one could take the foam along. We found quite a lot of mushrooms, I have saved them for today because Marjorie is so fond of them. Aunt Patty's cold was much better yesterday so I think we shall be able to visit quite families quite properly today.

It seems to take a long time in Baswell's life at Johnson before you get to where they meet. I have been looking ahead.

I must hurry on to get to it. Part that I was reading yesterday was rather dull. I am not very interested in Johnson's writings but much more interested in his general life + insight it gives you into the ways of those times.

I rather gather that you find you do not care

for the A.S.C. young officers as much as for most of your own R.G.A's. It will be amusing to hear about them when you hear. I should like to hear of Trafford I have really not heard a word since he went out. I am glad he is having a good time. I do hope he won't come down in the enemies lines and get captured. Has he been flying much?

Oh it is so nice out this morning we have been wandering about on the beach by the shore with baby and we saw an airplane come down over so close over us. We all feel un-baked and content. We did not manage to get our baths in early this morning so I'm afraid Violet won't get one. We must manage better tomorrow. She is now going to look after baby while she is sleeping and I am going down to lie on the beach + bath presently.

My own dearest you do want to have two or three children to bring up don't you? I do one alone would be comparatively dull. I know you want a boy badly so do I

I want another child soon so that there may not be too long a gap, Clara is growing up so fast. I love to see her sitting up in her pram and looking over the side which she grasps with both hands, and gaze fixed intently on every thing, especially children and animals. Yes as parents we must try to do more than feed & clothe. It will be interesting when our children are quite grown up to get them to give us a frank criticism of their upbringing. I pray we may still have minds sufficiently young and interested to listen to it without annoyance but with a certain detached interest. Is it possible to get the child's criticism as you go along, so to speak. Not in so many words I expect, but one might gather it by keeping ones eyes open. Oh darling I am glad I am always to live with you for my companion you are so much more interesting and open minded than most people. I get sick of Fathers certainly on all subjects. It's so dull. I don't mind people laying down the law in words so long as they don't in their own minds too much. I must join the others on the bench now.
your very loving Ruth.