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Godalming

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Dearest I had your lovely long letter written on Sunday, this morning. It has taken rather a long time to get here but it. I think perhaps the censor holds them up. Bob Morgan gets the censor to stamp a lot of envelopes for him, then he uses them and there is no delay. I don't know if that would be possible for you.

The country sounds simply lovely from your description, but it must be trying to be kept hanging about. I daresay by now you have moved on. I had a jolly walk yesterday morning with baby & Violet, we went round by Murrestead and in to look at Aunt Theodoras' asalias. All the wood are looking lovely, they have come on

I want Geoffrey's things
address to send the
pamphlet to.

an astonishing lot since you left. That does seem a long time ago, and I expect it seems even longer to you. I have a feeling that the year has only just begun, and not as if we have already had ~~it~~ a year or three quarters of it.

I am trying to be cheerful dear but it is awfully hard settling down to live here again, and without you. Still I don't think I am very gloomy.

Wanda is here she came last night on her way back from Haslemere. She says that she is doing rather well this term and has two or three more private pupils at Haslemere.

She also tells me that Mary Anne has got some work though she does not know what, but that the hours are not bad and she gets home at seven. I am going to write to her to hear more about it.

I got on a good deal yesterday afternoon with a test plate I am doing. It is a slow job keeping on mixing fresh colours & painting on little

dabs of them.

We have just been out in the garden picking flowers for Ursula to take back with her. She is taking some for Mary Anne. Lilacs & tulips and a lovely mixed bunch from the winter garden. We are going to bicycle over to the camp very soon for the canteen.

I do want to know what you think I ought to do provided Violet does not leave and go into midwifery. I have not talked to her about it at all. I am waiting to be sure that I shall not have another baby. There is a depot in Guildford where the make hospital stores. And I am told they want help there. I could go there of four days a week. I think I should try first to get a more interesting job, but I don't really suppose it would be possible. Tell me all

you think about it:

I am most amused at you giving ^{away} my
ticket from Waterloo ~~away~~ as a souvenir
I don't think that I shall pay again
unless they ask for it.

It is a great advantage for you to be
able to talk French; it must make you
feel less new and more home and
intimate.

When I go to bed I take your letters
and read them again. It is nice having
them then. And I go to sleep thinking
about you. At least my thoughts begin
there. I do know where they may have
gone when I go to sleep.

Hosula & I had a lot of talk about
climbing yesterday evening. When you
come back, dearest, I do want to go
to Wales & climb with Hosula &
Mary Anne. Switzerland is so unknown
to me that although I want to go
there in a way even more than to
Wales, yet I can better imagine the
fun of a holiday with Mary Anne &
Hosula there. I don't think I should want them
in Switzerland so much, at least not Hosula because
too many bad people would spoil the party too
much. Hosula sends her love your very very loving
Ruth.