

Thursday Oct 19

My own dearest darling.

Its a lovely sunny morning and I am going to see Doais today. I wonder what I shall think of her people, like them quite tolerably I expect. I shall be pleased to see her anyway and I think she is pleased I am coming so I am glad I am. I do think being relations with people is very nice, if you like them, it gives a sort of right to their interest and they are interested in you. You get on much quicker than you would, any other way to the position you are in when you are great friends with a person. I think English people must like relations so much because most many of them simply will not take the trouble ever to really make friends. And some like Father dont seem to mind letting their friends drop whereas they would not let their relations drop. I had the precious infant all yesterday afternoon, her appetite is very bad just now. I knew that but when you try to feed her and she takes about three mouthfulls and and half a cup of milk you realise it more. Mill & I took

Class out; we went down to the Books because I wanted ~~one~~ of John's little dresses as a pattern, I am cutting out fixing a smocked tunic for Mrs Kenway's boy and I am going to teach her to smock it. We did not see any of them except John because they are away for a day or two. They do go away a lot.

Class was very good and happy counseling about the floor in the drawing room after tea but when I had put her to bed she cooed a little I think that was because her nose was stuffy so she could not suck her thumb comfortably. She still always sucks her thumb while she goes to sleep.

When shall I get a letter to say that leave has begun in your battery. I don't think its face to keep husbands and wives apart much a long time.

Nothing seems to be getting on very specially well just now except the Italians and the Rumanians are doing very badly. It will be a blow for us if the Gromans get into Rumania and take oil & food. It would have

been better than if they had kept out of the war.

How any one can come in now I cant think.

I had a letter from Mrs Saunders a very detailed answer to my one asking that takes might be sent to you. It was a very nice friendly letter. I wonder if that little scheme ever will come off.

No letter from you as I had hoped. I dont mean I hoped specially I have not had a long gap I had one the day before yesterday, but I always hope. But we had go news in the paper and that is very welcome. The whole of Salley taken and other ground that I have not fully grasped yet. Also the Rumanians have turned on the Germans and are driving them back again toward the pass they got through, they say the Russians are helping I hope they are.

My darling I do love you and want you so much when will the good time come when we can live together again. I dont think I knew quite how much I loved our life and our house and our garden till I had to leave it. Perhaps it wont be so awfully long

it may end this spring or early summer. That's  
sum near to think of, I am so full of fear  
that it may not be over even by this time  
next year. What fools the Germans are. Their  
foolishness makes me more angry than their  
wickedness I think.

I must stop now because I want to have  
baby a little before I go. It's all I shall get  
today.

your very loving  
Ruth.

