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Dearest

Your little daughter is sitting on the floor  
gumbling because I write to you instead  
of playing with her. She always throws  
her toys as far away from her as she can and  
then is annoyed because she has not got  
them. I have some very good proofs from  
Aloisian Harding, they arrived this morning.  
I think I shall go to the town this morning  
when I have got baby safely to her paan.  
It's been raining hard all the early morning  
up to breakfast time, in heavy showers  
now the showers & coming more seldom.  
but they are still rather heavy. We were  
hoping to have a picnic this afternoon up  
the river with the Willcains family & Margaret  
Hexley and a little step Aunt of hers  
who is I think two years younger than  
Margaret. I hope it will clear sufficiently  
at any rate to go up the river even if  
we have to come back for tea.  
There have been endless difficulties with  
Bob's leave. His right hand man has  
gone sick and he was afraid he would



have to put off his leave which would have been very inconvenient as they had already got these expensive rooms in a hotel for fishing. But today she has heard from him and he says ~~she~~ <sup>he</sup> is pretty sure he will get off on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

I was very interested in the description you gave me of ~~at~~ your three new officers. It gave me a very good idea of them I think. I wonder which you will end by liking best. The first Dunbar I expect.

I am glad of your four days rest. I suppose you will be just about going back now. I wonder if you did manage Amiens Cathedral. It would be very nice when the war is over to go and see some of those great cathedrals in France. I wonder if we shall have enough money to.

There is a paper that I mean to enclose, I don't say that I shall and it is asking you to pay your subscription to an anti sweating league. I don't think anti sweating is much wanted now is it. A working league



to persuade people to work hard when they  
do would be more to the point I  
think. Still the other may be wanted  
still. Wages are a difficult subject.  
Dont doubt you think the Germans will  
suggest peace soon. I dont suppose that  
there is any hope that we shall make  
it the first time it is suggested. I am  
sorry to keep so on the subject of  
peace but really I cant help it, I want  
it so terribly. Its dreadful having you  
in constant danger. I vary anxiously  
much all the amount of my anxiety.  
I suppose one cant keep up to a high  
pitch of anxiety all the time.  
I dont hope you dont mind me taking  
baby to the East coast I will stop  
going now if you do. But Father  
and no one here seemed to think the  
risk worth worrying about and the  
place was pretty full. They say the  
little town is so narrow and runs so  
close along the coast that it is very hard



to see from the air & certainly I saw no  
signs of damage anywhere about.  
Uncle Haues is coming here on Friday & Aunt  
Jenni on Monday, till the end of the week  
I expect. She is doing Sunday missionary  
work that's why she can't come till Monday.

Do you ever have services of any sort? and  
are they specially on Sunday or any day.  
You go on working on Sunday exactly the  
same as any other day don't you?

I wonder if you have those apples yet. That  
I sent you. You will tell me if they  
were a success or not & whether you  
want more. I wish I could think of  
more variety of things to send you  
but I don't think I can. I went after  
your Cold Spring Fruit Saline this morning  
but they have not got it yet nor do they  
know if they can get it. They are  
slow. I must go for baby now its  
time she came in for her bottle

Yours aff<sup>r</sup>ly loving  
Ruth.

Listening to Bill on the telephone made me  
make that mistake. Writing yours affectionately is  
so mechanical. That's why I always say love loving to you