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My own Dearest

I had a very nice letter from you this morning telling me about your fly in an aeroplane it sounds most thrilling. I'm glad you did not loop the loop you might easily have fallen out. I should it like to stand below and know you were in a strutting aeroplane, I should feel very frightened.

I went to the Hall this morning and spent the time mending one of our loose chair covers which wanted it badly. I also went through some lists with Mary Anne.

Mrs Irvine came in and told me that a Colonel had been down to Chester house and had told the Headmaster that the question of getting men back from France was out of the hands of the W.O. and in the hands of the Ministry of Labour & that they were being very slow. That is not very encouraging but Mrs Irvine said her husband would

ring me up after dinner this evening and tell me all he could about it & I shall try and find out if it is any use trying to prod the Headmaster. I am rather depressed because I'm afraid it does not look as though you will be back very soon. It will be a pity if we cannot move back into our house together.

Nurse Minnao came up to tea today. I did not get so very much talk with her as I was looking after the children this afternoon but I did not mind that very much.

Marjorie Waterhouse is coming tomorrow for the week end, we only heard this morning and we are all so pleased. She does not know yet whether she is going back to France or not but she hopes not & so do we.

I feel almost mean & selfish in that I can see all these nice people while you my own dear have to stay out in France.

I heard nothing from the prospective cook by the morning post so I sent a reply.

paid wire this afternoon asking her to come

to morrow and she has answered that she will come at 11-0 so that is good. This evening I had a letter from her saying she was staying on in her place till Friday so it is not want of keenness that prevented her coming.

I am glad Brother Giles is all right and in a cushy place, I wonder when he will get home.

I will try & see the Heannies or I would have only I have had a letter from him today saying that they are going to London or Wednesday for four weeks. Its rather a miserable letter, I shall answer it awfully nicely and tell him we are coming back in early January, or any way that I am and the babes. He is unhappy because he has written two letters to Jelly and had no reply, he wants to see her & play with her. I think I had better follow your lead and say nothing to her about him if I meet her. She cant know all the people who

would like to know her.

I am glad the people at your battery were glad to have you back its so awfully nice to feel welcomed I think its one of the things. You will be welcomed when you get back to England, not only be me but by so many other people.

However long it gets put off it will still be just as utterly lovely when it comes

I am just going to leave this open to put tell you anything that M^r Irvine may say if he does telephone.

M^{rs} ~~Harriet~~ Irvine telephoned and said that as far as M^r Irvine knew the only thing this Colonel East said was that the Labour ~~business~~ ~~business~~ was coming between the head master's application and the War Office.

I am going to ring up M^{rs} Fletcher & see if I can do any thing that way.

Good bye darling, ever ever so much love to you

your very loving

Ruth.

