

Sept 28

Rathlin

My Dearest

I've been having a nice long talk with Avie since lunch + now I'm going to write to you before tea. It is so nice coming here. I think Avie is looking better than she was. She can't do much in a physical way but I don't think she could be expected to. She says that the worst thing is that she feels very heavy and irritable.

She rather doubts your Mother's proposed visit next week but still she will have to put up

with it. Bobby went off this morning with Harry. Avie says

that he was quite anxious to go alone. I think that is rather plucky of him at only seven years old.

It's a day of violent storms and bright sunshine between. I hope it is not so wet in France. I feel thrilled all through by the news today, so thrilled that I feel I can hardly write to you of any thing else.

Isn't it wonderful to be making two pushes at once in France. We must be keeping the Germans busy, and both pushes seem so successful. I was interested to see that one of the correspondents said that we are using

fifteen inch guns for <sup>in</sup> our barrage  
fire. He will mean Howitzers I expect  
not your sort of naval gun. I do  
so wonder where you will go and  
how long you will remain at  
Calais. I had just a trip to the

Then besides the result of the  
two pushes in France there is  
the Belgianian defeat and their  
request for an armistice to  
arrange peace. I do so wonder  
if we shall make peace with  
them. I suppose we shall when  
they will make the terms we  
want and not a minute before.  
I imagine that peace will be  
made for the duration of the  
war subject to alterations at the

general peace congress at the  
end of the war. I do <sup>not</sup> see how  
else it is to be done.

Real peace talk does make me  
feel that the War cloud is  
lifting just a tiny bit. It will  
be a considerable blow to Germany  
if the Bulgars do make peace  
with us now, and then perhaps  
the Turks will.

I had another letter from you  
at B'head this morning which  
I was very glad of I was rather  
afraid that I shouldn't get another  
till I got back to Godalming.

Of course I shant now but that  
only means one whole day without  
a letter. When we get splendid

was ~~like~~ <sup>so</sup> very much  
miss having you to be thrilled  
with and to talk it all over with.  
I do lov. John & Mally, they are  
so very friendly and sweet and  
come straight and sit on my knee.  
and are altogether darlings.

I have bought John a joint box  
and painting book + Mally some  
beads we are going to hide them  
down here after tea and let  
them search for them.

I do hope we shall manage to  
join Avie for a holiday next  
year. How lovely it would be  
if you could be back to  
come too.

It was very jolly having your

Father back yesterday evening. He  
really does make it much jollier  
at B'head. They both sent you  
their love. And so does Avie.

I wonder if you are very cold in  
France. It's horribly cold here.

I ran most of the way to the  
station to try and get warm -  
I did but it's all gone now.

It's just tea time so I think  
I'd better end now.

Your very very loving