

Dec 12

My darling

I have just been reading the morning letter again, letters from you are so nice I am sorry you had such a long cold idle day at the O.P. it must be most awfully tiring. I don't wonder your brain gets frozen. But you do sound as if you are on the whole in a happy state. I am except for the awful fear about the war. I have that Salonica army on my mind a good deal. Mr Roseworthy has been here to night & he has been on the whole pessimistic all through the war by he said this evening that he did not think the war could last over next year. I wish I could surely know that it will be over by next Christmas what a relief it would be.

I don't know that Mr Roseworthy expects much of a victory, but if only it could be over. This is rank heresy I suppose but how can I help feeling it?

I do know what you call race demon, I know it as scumblé patience & it is a very good

game. Better with three than two, but if you get a great many it becomes too paralyzing a violent. Lets play it sometimes J.B. If I ever have any gaps in smoking packs for Clare that is. I really must never have another daughter it would be too disastrous I could not embroider either enough. Its a sad thought because I do like daughters. Though of course I would rather have a boy next.

Mosula's letter was so late for two reasons. One that I put it in my pocket & forgot it & two that when I had found a few days later you had said dont forward any more letters so I didnt for about a week or rather more.

Clare has a little cold today but she does not seem to be feeling ill with it at all. Its been such a horrid damp day with a thick mist in the morning that she has not been out.

She has accomplished a feat today. She

climbed quite alone onto a chair and
off again. It was quite a low one of
course. I really think she does show
quite a desire to climb.

Will you be wonderfully patient after all
you have been through, or will you feel
you have had about enough. I expect it
will make you long suffering when you
really come across discomforts like one
does climbing. But then I think you
always were very good on those occasions.
I wonder if I should be. I'll own I have
clankets because it would be nice to be
cold that one had to endure & it is
my chief abomination.

Good night dear I'd like to dream of you
again. I think I know why I dream
better than I used. Its because in
waking moments I seem able to get
you nearly & to visualize you more
than I used to, that is partly
practice I expect & I think it
partly because when I thought

you were coming home so soon you
seemed to grow so near. Joy is a
wonderful thing.

Wednesday After lunch.

Dearest I have had your note this morning
saying that you may be, that you expect
to be coming home actually before Christmas.
I am so happy & so thrilled & pleased.
It doesn't really matter when it is we
shall have a glorious time.

I can't really believe that you are coming
so soon & I shant be very surprised
if you dont. One cant help feeling like
after disappointment. Perhaps I shall have
another letter with further news this evening
or to morrow morning.

I cant believe I shall really meet you soon.
Perhaps you will not get this letter at all
but will be on your way back before it
arrives.

Oh darling, darling, I do feel so full of you
You must try & think in your mind a little
how you want to arrange your time. Westbrook

you know will be pretty full of people for a week with Christmas day as about the middle of the week. When shall we go to Broken head I wonder, if it would be best to go for Christmas day. The only thing is they might be rather busy & we might not see Avel so easily.

I am glad you are coming now, you may like this yet in another leave before the summer fighting

I wonder what you think of these peace proposals of Germany & their scarcity of food. Perhaps the war will really end next year & we shall be together & happy again. Any way we have ten days coming now.

You know darling that it being Christmas or not make no difference really. when its you coming home. We will have a lovely time.

Just having you is quite sufficient.

your very loving

Beth.

I am longing for more news.