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My dearest George

This is a happy morning. First the news that we have taken Le Secor so successfully and with so little loss, they dont seem to quite know yet how much more has been taken but we gather quite a good deal. I suppose we want to advance a bit on the Ance before beginning the general push because last summer we never got on there as well as we did further south. It does look as though the Germans cant hold us up there doesn't it. I dont know how we manage to fight at all in the awful mud.

And here am I sitting in the most lovely sunshine with little flowers growing round, the world is not a very false place is it. This sunshine is the second thing that makes the morning so happy I dont see how any one can help being happy when they are enjoying one of the first spring days. The third thing is



that Marjorie Waterhouse has telephoned to say that she is coming for the night and we are all tremendously pleased at that. It will do Father good.

Marjorie has been photographing Clase here. We spread a rug out in front of the mat and let her play round and Marjorie got a snap when she could. She too twelve so she ought to get some good ones out of that lot. It is so warm in this good sun that we were able to take her coat off and have her only in her frock.

Her bottom double tooth is half through now I expect when that is right through she will be a happier little girl.

She has a little cough and on and off a runny nose, and then go with a bout of tething with her.

I hope she will be nice and pleasant this afternoon when she sees your Mother.

Oh George dear I do want you back and the more to be and just think how it



will feel to able to look upon it as a  
thing of the past. It will never really  
become past, at least not for many years  
it has altered and spoiled to many lives  
for that, and I suppose to some it has  
made life more splendid and happy than  
it would have ever been without it.  
But still to have you safely back will  
be very good.

In two or three days we shall have  
a lot of irises out in this garden.  
I am glad things are getting on well  
at Rut as well as here, but here I mean  
France of course.

Dearest I'm afraid this letter must stop  
now although it is ~~not~~ shorter than usual  
because because I have no time for  
more. I must go and meet your Mother.  
And I shall be talking to her when  
she has come.

Yours very loving  
Ruth.