

March 16

My Dearest

I had another letter from you this morning which was a very unexpected joy. I am glad it has turned warmer and feels spring like for you too. It must have been a long walk from one half of the battery to the other. Didn't you say they were four miles apart.

I think Dunbar sounds rather dull to live with; but still if you begin to educate him you may get some fun out of him.

I have been happily dipping into the Oxford Book lately while I lie down in the afternoon. It's a lovely occupation but I always end in going to sleep.

I like it better than the Golden Treasury I like have the poems of each Part together better than having them grouped in subjects as the Treasury ~~does~~ more or less does.

I am sorry your quarters are not more

comfy where you are now. Your valley sounds nice and safe. I am glad the worst of the mud is over. I am sure the real winter is over too here, though doubtless we shall have some more horrid weather and cold winds. I do hope they won't stop your mail. I want you to get parcels as well as letters.

It's very thrilling to hear that you are all full of hopes of a new offensive.

It must not be a failure this time.

I feel so much away from people and have seen so little of outsiders that I don't find it easy to know quite what we are thinking of the war here.

But on the whole it seems to me that people are very pleased about the fall of Baghdad and seem to think things are going very well. I don't think they are waiting with the breathless expectation one would expect for our spring offensive. I think that is partly because of the German retreat, they

feel doubtful when we shall get at them. Still there is a lot of front where they have not retired. I feel that people are very inclined to say happily. 'The war is going very well' That I dare say is true but it is not ending and that's what I want.

What, I wonder, do you think of this Russian revolution that seems to have been kept from us so carefully until it is practically over. I haven't read all about it yet. All the same I do feel hopeful. They may like this get rid of German influence and put up a better fight this summer than we have been expecting. I hope so I'm sure because I think if they could do well too there really might be some hope of the war ending.

I can't tell you for sure but I don't expect I sent you a dividend because I always take them down to the Bank & sign them myself. You have £50 odd in

the Bank now. Not enough to invest yet.
I have nearly £200; but I shall let it
accumulate a bit more before I invest.
I did not put any thing in this war
loan. For one thing I had invested not
long before that was and I did not
think I had enough & I felt far too
ill to find out. Never mind the
Government will get all we have and one
time I dare say is about as good as
another.

I ~~have~~ got your pass book from the
Bank this morning & I will look it
over but I don't think I understand
your investments well enough to find out
if they have been paid.

Do you know Dearest that my little
It is three months old today. Its very
well but its a whole proper baby now
I expect the time will go along fairly quickly
now because I really need not think about
it much. I am past the time when
miscarriages come most easily and I really

feel its pretty safe but I shant stop
being careful

I am going to the Baby Welfare next
Tuesday. I shall be there all the
afternoon. I hope I shant find I get
too tired because I want to be able to
go on with it.

Dearest I do love you so much and I want
you back so much.

I send you the sweetest kisses I know how. I
hope they will come & kiss you.

Your very loving
Ruth.

