

Sunday Aug 13 (89)

Dearest George

I think we are getting just the same weather that you are, because I saw in the paper yesterday that your fine spell had broken but not in heavy thunder showers. Here it has ~~got~~ become rather cooler and the sky is clouded and yesterday evening we had a few very light showers not really enough to do good. I am soary the weather has broken for you. It must be pretty horrid in wet weather only having a hole to live in. It may turn sunny today I see the clouds are quite thin, I have just seen some blue sky.

I am glad you still think of the Alps with joy and longing. I shall be thrilled when we go there together. But there is no telling when that will be, a baby may always get in the way for me. It will be worth it. I shall love to have two children, but I do hope the next will be a boy. I don't believe you know that the more adventures you have the less you will want. I think if you stuck at home & lived a ~~soft~~ indulgent life you would cease to want ^{the adventures} it, but you will

never do that.

I took Clea yesterday to have her photographed
a Adorian Handin. Not expensive and big
but I should be sorry to lose this age
specially as you are not here to see her.
We had some with clothes on and some
naked. So you will see what a fat thing
she has grown. She is very off her bottles
now. Partly the hot weather and partly
that at least one top tooth is getting very
near coming through. The poor gum is
very lumpy and there is a whitish place
where it is trained over the tooth, that
is what makes us think it cant be
long now. I shall be very pleased for
her to have some top teeth. We had
quite a romp yesterday evening. I sat
Clea in the yellow chair in the drawing
room & bounced her on the springs,
she did laugh.

I did actually begin my bowl yesterday between
seven & eight in the evening and got
quite a good bit of out turning done.

Its an earthenware bowl not china, I have only
one before painted on earthenware. That
was the dish with yellow tulip flowers
that I did at New Romney. But it is not

back from being fined yet. so that its not
much help.

Oh my dear! my dear! If only we could live in
our own dear house and be happy. And yet
dear I would not have you back now if I
could it it would mean that you stopped
doing your duty. But if only there was some
over so that it was no longer your duty.
I do want to have Alice in her own nursery
and on the lawn in our garden. And I
want very much to garden that garden
till I make it something approaching what
it should be. But it is difficult.
Still I will try and have some colour
there for you for next summer.

It very very nice to hear that 'leave' is
in the air, so to speak. But it will
be better still when it is an actual
fact and when others in your battery
begin to get it. The thought of you
getting it yourself is almost too thrilling.
I have just got two nice little frames that
fit your photographs. I have the Cambridge
profile in one and the full face of
Adrian Harding that I like best in the
other. But photographs are not very
satisfactory. I think I shall change them

some times for two other that I have.

I've not gone away yet and I am not going till the 26th or 28th, not sure yet which, but I expect the 26th.

I wonder what you will do for your leave. I had imagined that you will stay here because it will be the comfortablest thing you can do and that you will go to London for a night perhaps and see as many of your friends as you can. You want go up to Birkenshead will you? You had better make them you come down South it would waste too much time to travel all that way.

I think you ought to have a fairly useful time. I don't want you to do as so many officers seem to, to go back for longer time than they came away.

George dear, I feel rather unhappy about Father and Marjorie after this war is over, they don't really get on awfully well together and are not in sympathy. And I am afraid they won't be very happy. I believe they both dread it a bit. But I don't see how any thing can be done. I wish Marjorie would marry. Then Father would live with Bob & Mill and all would be well. I don't much think she ever will marry she does

not take much trouble to be attractive in any way does she. She is always liable to give one shocks.

Now ~~then~~ I've gone on to a new page and I didn't mean to. I am afraid I am writing you too much. They must be awful to keep. I think you had better destroy the less nice one and those but if you don't want to and you probably haven't time you can quite well send some bundles here.

The Post Office says that I ought put $1\frac{1}{2}$ on the newspapers. Olive Kennedy never died. When I put only a penny do you ever have to pay extra? If you don't I shall go on putting 1^d, I think its quite enough.

Clara has not gained anything appreciable this week but I did not expect her to and I don't mind.

Ever so much love to you dear

Yours very loving
Ruth.

