

Sunday Oct 20

My dearest George

At last I have had two letters from you. You seem to have been having as bad a time as I have in that way. It is rotten when one doesn't get letters. I am very interested in all you say about the Peace move and I think you are quite right only I am not quite sure that Germany will be ready for surrender as soon as you suggest. Yet they certainly have nothing better to look forward to and as you say they do face facts extraordinarily quickly. I suppose it certainly would be a great mistake to stop a little too soon now. I wonder if we shall attempt to demand individual punishment for crimes at all. Do you think it would make the Germans bitter if we were to? I don't because I think they themselves will turn away in disgust from the cruelties of their military party, in fact from it altogether.

Father's views correspond very much to what every one else is thinking ie that we must be sure they are beaten before we make an armistice and that they won't just slip back behind the Rhine and take up strong

positions and then start to argue about the Peace terms. He is rather distressed because he says he was taken in by their agreement with Wilson's 14 points and thought a first that it looked all right and that we could make an armistice.

I have just seen the Sunday paper. Its simply wonderful to see the line no longer going up to the west but running across to Bouge miles and miles away from Ypres. The war is being most wonderful and so extraordinarily quick, its only taken a week to clear them out of all that ground. Its almost incredible.

My very Dearest you wont mind one tiny bit when a wonderful peace comes whether you come back as a war ~~war~~ veteran or whether you have only been out six months. You have done all you could do, and I am so glad that you should be left to live and work for the sake of the world as well as myself. I am also very very glad that your nerves have not been ruined by shell shock,

I am sorry that you cant get good enough observation to shoot the gun. I dont understand why the airplane does not go closer the the object if it cant see it. Must it be able to see you and the object at the same time. If that is the trouble I should have thought they could get over it by using two airplanes and letting them signal to one another. But of course they would get over it if they could.

I havent been to church this morning. Olive & Father and I spent most of the morning talking. Father is frightfully keen on games and being made possible for working men. He says the eight hour day will certainly come in for working men after the war and then they will have a certain amount of leisure time that must be spent somehow and if they helped to spend it well many of them will spend it in betting and drinking. Allotments are very nice but all men dont care for them and gardening is quite hard work. Father wants golf courses to be thrown open to them at certain times and ashfelt tennis courts to be built for them and bowling greens made in

every town. The cost would be nothing like as great as the cost of heaps of other reforms & he thinks it would do a good deal to draw classes together and to remove the bitter feeling of work men that the gentlemen has every thing & he has nothing.

Olive and I are having quite interesting talks about schools and what our lives will be like after the war. I want to get to know the man she is engaged to I think he would be enlightened and nice. I expect we shall have a chance after the war.

I am going out for a wet walk with Olive soon and I expect I shall finish this letter after the children have gone to bed.

I think I won't make a longer letter of this now because its more sociable to talk to Olive and she and Marjorie are talking in here so I can't really think. Bother the lights! Farewell my dearest I was glad to get letters from you this morning.

Your very loving
Ruth.