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My dear One

I do have such lovely glimpses of you in my mind. They come especially well sometimes. I can catch you in many moods and they are all nice. Some are thoughtful, some a little whimsical, some gay and happy and some tender. I do like to recall them all. It will be good when again I can every day have the thrill of your presence. My darling I do love you. I wonder if you are in your dug out now thinking about me. I don't expect you are because it's only a little after ten so you are more likely to be still amusing the Colonel in a very hot stuffy dug out. Violet came back soon after five and I just saw her before I went down to my baby's welcome meeting. I got stuck onto the house furnishing committee, which consists of only two

of us and the nurse. I am afraid it may
mean rather a lot to do for two weeks
but I could not help myself & I shall
just have to see that I don't do
too much. I felt pretty tired this
afternoon so I did not take leave
out but lay down on the sofa
and had a good rest. I don't
want to over do myself in any way
I think it will only make the sick-
ness come on quicker and perhaps
worse.

Good night dear one. I think I had
better stop writing now and go
to sleep in good time.

I have had a letter from you this morning
You must have had an awful time digging
in that taffer like mud. You have not
told me if you are more out of the
mud than you were at the battery
I do sympathise with you about deaf
people. It's so hard to make natural
spontaneous remarks to them, they

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Ditto

are so apt to wound silly when they are shouted.

I am sorry you have to sit up so late I dont think that staying in bed till 9.0 is quite a good.

If you are really taught by being an orderly officer to keep fires up I shall feel that the war has not been wasted on you. I am so hard at it myself, and you must remember how often the the fires at the Hall went out.

I have been spending the morning first playing with class then packing up a parcel for you and taking it to the town + doing various small jobs while I was down there.

Amongst them I told Wiles to keep 3 lbs of sausages for me. They make them on Thursday + I will send them of Friday or Saturday according to when I am home.

I think Wiles' sausages are the nicest I know that is why I am sending them

When you have tayed them tell me
if I am to go on sending the foam
Waters or not~~ers~~ and how many pounds.

I was quite sick this morning which is
in some ways better because I this stage
I dont feel sick after it.

I had a letter from Mary yesterday.
She has taken a nice little house at
Camberly. Ralf goes to Harbham at the
end of this week and Mary will go with
him for three weeks. Then she ~~will~~ will
move to Camberly, which he goes to
Lydd. Then he will get a battery & be
at Aldershot for some time & live
with her a Camberly and ~~she~~ then he
will go to Lydd with the battery &
then out.

She is very sick again and is bed
with a bad pain in her inside she says.
I am so sorry it is rotten luck.

Dear out I must stop now because I am
going at 2:20 & I must do some things
first.

Your very loving
Ruth.

I have sent a cake & mince
pies today.