

Dearest

Friday June 2 1916 ⁽²⁷⁾

I've enjoyed my morning thoroughly, it is nice being in the country again. I read the paper after breakfast for a bit then I went to see baby and we stayed the new canoe on the porch, it looks very nice, then I wrote to your Mother, and went into the town to see Emily Bissett and one or two other little jobs. I went into Curtis and got the Round Table. If you don't mind I will keep it for a little while and read it before I send it on to you. By the bye do you want the Alpine Club Journal it has been sent here for you.

About the Round Table I do think now that there is a certain sameness in their articles, the same things seem to be pointed out rather often. I don't find the succeeding numbers as interesting and as I found the first one or two. Still I want to read it all right I think that I shall have to turn to and do some gardening here

this summer. If we don't all do a bit I don't
see how the garden can be kept going
without Harry. He has gone. He went yesterday
I think. I am afraid he has to go
into an ordinary infantry regiment, he wanted
to go into something that did not need
much walking. He is a very bad walker
and always gets his feet covered in corns.
Perhaps when they find that out they
will transfer him into the A.S.C. or Artillery.
Maggie is down here. The children at the
house she lodges in have measles & she
had to take a holiday during her
quarantine. I don't expect to see much
of Violet for the next few days.
She will be able to have the whole of
tomorrow afternoon off because it's the
Old girls day at P.F. and Mrs Burton Brown
has asked me to take baby, so that
is rather convenient for Violet.
I had told your Mother that I will
go to them again ~~year~~ summer if
she get overdone and needs someone.
I am bound to say I think they are

both on the high road to it. This mission
is giving them an awfull lot of work.
I dont quite see how Mary or Avie could
go unless of course Ralph had gone out.
But I think probably from your Mothers
point of view I should be more soothing
and restful that either of her daughters.
Of course your Father would prefer them.
Still I think he does like me. I have
said that if baby goes on well I will
very likely take her there in the autumn
perhaps October. Perhaps the war will be
over by then.

I have it had a letter today, but I expect
I shall get one tomorrow either forwarded
from Bickenhead or sent straight here.
I've got a nice lot now and I can always
read old ones over. I dont know how
I am going to keep them they ought to
be in order but I often want to read
old ones and that may get them
out of order again.

You never answered my question about coffee
cups as to whether you mind me choosing
the shape. I am going to order them today

if you dont like them. I can sell or give
them away, cant I. I like to have you
here when I am doing patterns for our
house to be sure you like them. I shall be
doing them yet awhile I expect because
I shall probably do this tea service
first and I want to do the early morning
tea service for your parents for christmas.
I feel that with you to be written to, china
painting, reading, needlework, the garden and
baby I am going to be pretty busy
this summer. Each day goes so quickly
although time in general does not. It
seems a good long time since you left
though I dont suppose it seems nearly
as long to me as it does to you, you
have been through so much more. I wish
dear I could be with you, I think I should like
it, not only buying pudding dishes, but all the
work. I like hard physical work. I dare say I
should not be strong enough to do it all. I am
doubtful if I could carry a bag of bricks for
half a mile on my back.
Good bye dear. I hope you are still happy and
well.
Yours very very loving
Ruth.