

Saturday June 24 (49)

My dearest.

No letter this morning. And Mrs Lodge said w^o letters were to be allowed from France for five weeks. I hope that is not true it would be awful. But if it does happen that they won't let letters through you must send me plenty of field service post cards. And please if you send them because you mayn't send letters will you make a long curly tail to your G^o with when you sign your name like this G^o something and will you also try to keep a list of a diary so that when I can have letters again I shall not ^{have} missed too much of your life out there. You see Bob has told Mill that letters may be stopped & I count much more by that than any thing Mrs Lodge may say. She has always some gloomy news.

I have ordered this morning in Godalming the Times for the last two weeks of May & the first week of June if you want them later into June than that you might let me know. I shall only send you the middle part & take away the advertisement sheets. Do you want me to send you the New Statesman or any other weekly?

This is horrid news that the Germans are now only three miles from Reading I suppose there is not much doubt but that they will get it. It is horrid. And when will the war end with the Germans & getting every thing that they try for long enough.

My thing has not come yet so I can't get on with that yet but I shall try to get designs to ferment in my head a bit.

I am going out soon to get roses for Mary Anne's & room and the dining room. The roses are simply lovely now. Aunt Patty has just sent ~~to~~ her cat for

baby. It is very nice one but I have not seen it up yet, I don't think Father has put it up. Your god daughter is going to go sleep in it first.

Darling I do want you back again. I wonder when I shall get you. If we make a push leave will be stopped. I am not sure it is not now and I suppose every time it is stopped it will put back your turn by so much. I do sometimes feel that it is unfair that we should have to live in a time of war. Before this I was always so glad that I did not live in older times because of the awful wars but nothing can ever have been as bad as this and yet I suppose we in England have in many ways felt it less than the women of the other countries. I wish women were allowed to go to France to be cooks. I would like to go and look after you even if I might not see you or talk to you much. I did enjoy being with Mary very largely I think because I had baby entirely the

whole time. I think I do wish in very many ways that Violet wanted to go and do war work. And yet I doubt if I can send her away just because I should like to have baby always. When she goes for her holiday I shall find out how much I really like having baby quite all the time I may find that it gets tiring but I don't think I should. I still wish very much for another baby. I wish I could have had one.

Dearest I love you so much I would like a little son very very like you. I do like to think of how happy we shall be when the war is over and you come home. You will love baby very much and enjoy her and we shall get the garden ever so nice. Had I shall be a better house keeper I hope I am going to try hard any way. And we shant any more have an awful war hanging over us. There will be a lot of great joy. But how sorry we shall be for the widows and children when we are so happy.

Many kisses to you my own dear.

Your very loving
Ruth.