

Nov 3 Friday

My dearest George

I had another letter from you last night. I am glad you are getting your dug out more comfortable & that you are going to have a good stove, that ought to make you a bit warm. I am glad you like the little table cloth I thought you would, you say it feels more like me than any thing else you have. Would you like me to make you something for your dug out that really would be me. I might get a piece of green cotton & embroider little flowers round the edge for you to make a second cloth. Do say if you think it would be too unsuitable.

I am very glad your Mother has sent you such a good waist coat it sounds simply excellent. The tunic must be very big to get all that inside.

The war is awful now one cant think about it but only sit and wait in awful patience that is not patience at all. First one side wins a bit then the other, it seems as though God does not want it to end, or else that the Devil has got the upper hand for a bit.

I mean to go up and see Mrs Radcliff soon and try to collect Chaatorhouse news for you. I am rather thinking of asking the boy Johnstone this week and I dont see how it can be wrong. I had a very nice letter from Robert Graves yesterday ~~afternoon~~ morning, a thank you. He was at home at Wimbledon and seemed a little depressed by it, but again urged me to ask this boy. We shall have no one here this week end so I think it would be a good one. He wants me some time to ask his little brother at the same time so I shall but not the first time I think its more difficult to get to know two people at ^{was} once.

Yesterday ~~with~~ Mildred's birthday. Marjorie gave her a copper preserving pan, I believe I told you that. Neither Father nor I had bought any thing but we all three went to Guildford by the 9 o'clock train and we went to Newhookes first and looked round and saw one table that was quite nice, just a little oak one but they really hadn't much, so then we went on to Williamsons and there we did much better.

I found four plates of Leeds ware, the sort the
dearest dishes here are, cream basket, I looked at
the price and they were only 16/- for the
four so we took them at once. Mil particu-
larly loves that sort of china. Father got her
a lot of nice things. A very pretty little yew table
octagonal in shape, & quite little. Four pretty
little blue cups and saucers and a small colored
oriental bowl.

Then he went back to Newhook and got the
table, largely I think to help them and not
to disappoint the girl who I always like.

Then we went on to the depot we were only
20 minutes late and in spite of that I did a
pneumonia jacket in the morning with a little
time to spare. I don't know why I was so quick.

Mrs Fleming, or Ivy as we are now going to call
her came in to tea, she is very bright and nice.
I said I thought we had better start christian
names because we always call Constance Mussen
Constance & it seems so stiff just to keep one
person Mrs.

I went down to breakfast expecting to hear

that the Rumanians had ~~advanced a long way~~
been driven back further by the Germans, but
I did hear that things on that front were
about the same and that the Italians have
made another good advance and that the
Germans have evacuated Veaux Fort. So its
not so bad. I know that does not win the
war but still its a good thing that the
Germans should not be able to make a
fresh offensive without loosing in other places.

I wish dear that you could find my letters nearly
as nice as me, I was afraid you never would but
I do try to make them nice, though sometimes I
know they are very dull, You see sometimes nothing
happens and I have just been doing things and
have not thought any thoughts to write about to
you, and have not had a letter from you to
make me happy and to answer. I dont even find
your letters any thing like having you, and you
are good at writing, but I ~~so~~ shouldn't so I expect
thats my fault.

You seem to be seeing more people than you
did when you first went out, I suppose that

is because you are less busy than you were.
I would like best for your leave to do exactly what
you would like best, and I think it would
be nice to go to Worcester if you don't think it
would use too much of the precious time in the
train.

Violet is going down to the dentist and I have to
see after baby's dinner so I must stop this
letter because I have some more I must write
before that.

Yours very very loving
Ruth.

