

Saturday Oct 21

My dearest George

The lawn is as white a snow with frost and the sun is lovely, it means the end of the dahlias and the garden's autumn gayety, but if you were here we should not mind but we should go out together for a glorious long walk. These are the days for walks.

I feel as though I had two or three little things to tell you. I know one is that I have just had £86 from fir taxes that have been cut on the commons if they dont take most of it away as a war profit that is rather nice if they do these want be much left. Then Davis is hoping to have Trafford on leave at the beginning of next month. He was to have come about now but leave got stopped. He is going up to Brokenhead for one day and round on the nights so as to waste as little time as possible. What will you do about them do you think? I dont at all want you to rush about like that I think you have ought to be a time of rest and enjoyment. Dont you think they can come to London if they want to see you or dont you think your Father

will be well enough. When shall I hear you are coming.

I took my bicycle with me yesterday when I went to the depot so that I could go up to Piccard's Rough on it and bicycle home. I really walked up because Olive came to the depot to meet me so I went with her. Will Kennedy got his military cross by staying in a village and sticking to it a very long time untill they were relieved.

The Piccard's Rough hospital seems to be getting on very well and the men do have a splendid time there, they sent out a message to the cook to say that the feeding was like the very best hotel cooking. They know nothing of the best hotels & I expect myself its a lot nicer.

Lanouance is awfully pessimistic about the war but we are going up to Priors Field tonight to see Bill's form play and we shall get cheer there. I haven't the spirit left in me now to be able to hear to meet a pessimist I just go and agree. Its awful.

But I cant see that the war will end soon.

I do want another letter this morning I hope I shall get one. The post always works now in a good

gap and then three or four down together then a gap. Mildred is much luckier she gets hers most days. When I left Piccard's Rough I bicycled ~~to~~ back & went to the dress maker to see a new dress of Mill's layed on, then came up here & fed the chickens then Mrs Kenway came and went down and we had tea & I taught her to smoke. I don't know how she will get on with it she is not very quick.

I have had a letter from you. I'm glad you have got the chocolate cake and apples I hope my other parcel with the cloth in it will get to you soon and some more letters. Days without letters aren't nice are they. I wish you were home on leave now this day is lovely I have just been out for a walk with Mildred and Clara to Eashing now she has come back to bed. She is very much off her food still, we are going to alter her meal times again and give her fewer in the hope she will do better like that. I do wish she had not got such a small appetite. I hope I shall have a very hungry baby next time.

The house in Eashing that Mildred thinks she

would like to live in is to let. I daresay it still
will be when the war is over but I dont know
if they could live so far away even if Bob does
get a job at Aldershot.

I think hunting for an observation post and laying
the telephone wire sounds rather a nice job, and is
certainly ^{it} must be nice to see fresh people. I am
wooly its so horribly cold I should hate that, its
lucky you are not such a cold person as I am.

Wasnt you very lucky to find your postmaster if
you had dropped it just anywhere.

I had a letter from Mrs Reade this morning & I
am going to spend the night there next Thursday.

I'm afraid this wont be a long letter today but
I dont feel in a letter writing mood I am going
to paint ~~at~~ my bowl.

your very very loving
Ruth.

