

Feb 21 [19]

My dearest Darling

I did hope I would get a letter this morning but I haven't. I do want another I wish the Post did not hang them up, but I suppose its really very good.

I wasn't sick once yesterday and as a result my tummy was fuller and I slept very comfortably; except that at three o'clock I woke suddenly to hear Father's bell ringing. It went on so I supposed it hadn't woken nurse so I jumped out of bed & went along to see. Nurse heard me open my door and came and said she was sorry I had been woken they were only practising. I don't know what she meant but three in the morning does not seem the moment for noisy practising.

I had great fun yesterday morning

Marjorie and I walked up to Easter
bridge to see if her gees were
there, they have gone off. They
werent so we walked down the
river on the other side intending
to cross by a tree that used
to be across the river, but it
does nt any longer so we went
on to cross by Pearkys bridge
We found some ditches in the
way and had quite an exciting
time crossing them. You see
I must be careful and claren't jump
and Marjorie has no ballance at
all and is always frightened
We lodged a plank on an old stump
in one place. I got across first but
it was a job to get Marjorie over.
The next place was easier one could
step across holding a bough but
when I had stepped I found I was
leaning so far I could not shove
myself upright without a greater effort

than I dear make, however Marjorie
shoved me off then I pulled her
across.

Its now after lunch.

My dear the last lot of china has
come back we opened it this
morning. My bowl. You remember
the one with the birds inside &
pink flowers dont you. And Mild
breakfast set. Bath very successful
I do wish I could show you the
bowl this mornig. I feel sure you
will like it. The colouring is
lovely and the red flowers a dream
The shape of the birds is awful
I know but the whole is very
decorative. I like earthen wear & I
think you will too. I've got the
ground a jolly uneven creamy colour
and the blue is lovely. I do want
to show it to you so much.
Mildred's set is blue and green and
specially the cups and saucers are

Very pretty. It is thrilling getting
our china back when it comes out
right. My bowl is it just luck the
colours have come out very true to
the tests.

Mildred is awfully distressed because
the Germans say they have dropped
bombs on Boulogne. She ought to
be only too thankful that shells
aren't dropping round him constantly.
I expect she is. She is very funny
she has been so shut up lately
I never seem to get any where near
her. Manjavi is being far more companio-
able. I think Mildred is getting
desperately weary of waiting to live
with Bob. We are all weary of the
war.

Any way we have had splendid good
news today. A good advance on the
Aisne and lots of prisoners taken
and good news from Rnt.

I must stop because I was very late for lunch.
Your very very loving Ruth.