

April 17

My Dearest

The Germans are catching it most splendidly. This morning we hear that the French have begun their attack as far South as Reims and that they have taken ten thousand prisoners. I feel very pleased about the war and I don't think the Germans can.

Last night I was reading in the Round Table (which I am going to send on to you very soon) an article about the Germans aims at Empire and how they will have secured a basis for a Central Europe & Eastern empire unless we win the war so thoroughly that we are able to turn them out of it. It is full of quotations

from recent German writings which seem to show that they intend to have another war as this one has not been very successful. The writer of the article says that only thorough beating in the field will stop this intention.

What I don't see is why every one is so sure that a thorough beating will stop them. Is it because they can then make terms which will prevent the Germans or any one else from accumulating munitions?

I do think its absolutely necessary that we should stick to the war until they can be made to see that they must have a real peaceful peace and not mere preparation for another war. How any one can contemplate preparing a war for their

children who have lived through this
one I simply can't conceive. I'm afraid
I fall into the error of thinking
the Germans too like us. And yet
being human beings they must to
a great extent be like. It's very
puzzling. I don't believe if I had
been to Germany it would help
matters much.

You have been to the Abbots Hospital
at Guildford, have you? It's that
lovely red brick building that
stands on the ~~left~~ North side of
the High Street at the top. Mildred
and I went there for Father this
morning. He wanted a photograph
of it for the annual report of the
SPAB. He was going himself but
he has a cold that he thinks is

going into his chest so he must be
very careful. It horribly cold today.
Mill & I were very cold and awfully
glad he had it gone. We saw over
the Hospital. It is a lovely building
in the chapel there are two Old
stained glass windows with some gorgeous
colouring. The Master took us into
the private part; up a lovely staircase
into an old paneled room & then
up a woksaw staircase to another
room that had been shut up
for years. It would be a lovely
place to take Charterhouse boys to
sometimes. I should think one
could easily get the master to
take them over the private part
too.

Marjorie is going to her faam on
Saturday and today she is sending

off her bed and some rugs and
various cooking utensils.

People seem to think more and more
that the war will end this year
If they are really as optimistic as
that article in the Round Table
makes out, I feel very doubtful. Still
that must have been written at
least two months ago and I expect
they are changing very fast.

They say in the paper this morning
that the village of Villacot has
been taken by us. Did you
shoot for that? It's about where
I should expect you to be only
of course further back.

My dearest one I love you so very much
I shall rejoice & rejoice when I have
you back. Shall we for all our
lives be remembering how glad we
are we are not at war. I hope not

we shall and I hope very very much
that it will make people more
friendly.

Your very loving
Ruth.

