

Dec 26.

My dearest One

This has been another lovely day. Class had such a splendid time this morning we went over to the William's house and Class & Mary and Mr Williams & Mary's cousin Gilbert a boy of about 18 played hide & seek together. I played too the last part of the time after I had taken Berry home to sleep. The children did enjoy it so much and it has been a glorious sunny day.

Yesterday ended up splendidly. I have very nice presents. Fur gloves from Mildred & bedroom slippers, lovely ones, from Marjorie. Father gave me a table & chair for Class just the right size for her. I liked that awfully. She can do her Montessori at it. I think every one liked their presents and enjoyed their evening. We had songs at the end all the jalliest ones. I wish you had been with us to sing too. It would be so awfully nice if you could get home very

soon before all the people go, but it will be so lovely when ever you do come that it will not be possible for it to be better.

I am very happy now, looking forward is lonely but its not nice if it lasts too long because it just turns into anxious expectant waiting.

I have written a lot of thank letters this morning for things that people have sent the children. I have also written to Ka to tell her that you ~~and Will~~ are coming home and how much I hope that she & Will will manage to come and see us.

I do want to get a letter from you to say that you have had my telegram or my letter, then you will probably have some idea of how long it will be before you get back. The thought of living with you again at The Halt is so lovely, it almost seems as though it must have been a good thing for us to have been unable

to so that we might understand how nice it is. Although it was very horrid that you had to go to the war I always knew that it was absolutely necessary to us that you should & that if you got back alive I should be glad you had gone. I don't know how I should have felt otherwise. When I say always of course I did not realise at the beginning that you must go but I was terribly afraid even in the first days that you would have to or want to.

Dearest your lovely children had their Christmas kisses from you. They are lovely!

I shall have to finish this after the children are in bed. Violet is going to a dance to night so I shall put them to bed.

I have just finished. I am very glad that I really like having the children to look after so many mothers who have nurses seem to dread their time with them. I am pretty sure Mary Anne does not really like it she says she finds it so tiring. I don't see why it should be more tiring than any thing else one does. I think

it is because people are nervous of the children
and cant manage them.

I do hope Dearest that there will be no hitch in
the arrangements for your return this time. I
shaant feel quite comfortable about it till I
get the thrilling wise to say you are actually
coming. I dont feel very frightened by what
Stephen said of Gredies possibly stopping it
because I imagine he has been put in to
hasten demobilisation.

I cant tell you Dearest how I long for the
time when you come back.

Marcy + Mill have a Christmas present waiting
for you but I wont tell you what. If you
can still get currants + raisins in France +
you could pack them you might bring some
I know they would be very welcome.

I send you so much love my Dear.

Your very loving
Ruth.