

[FROM KINTWIRE]

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My dearest Ruth,
I had your letter, very
unexpectedly soon, but I see you must have
written actually on Friday evening this
afternoon. I'm sorry it was stuck with
you: but it must ^{have} cleared soon after that. Here
it is still perfect.

We went up the
burn yesterday afternoon. The sort of
Expedition you would love; clambering over
all sorts of obstacles & getting ourselves very
dirty; ultimately we made a mad descent
into a cave & came out pulling our bellies
over an impossible projection through a
very small hole. Evidently there's quite a
lot of rock scrambling to be done near here,
we went up some good little places this
morning - quite enough for me; I'm more
feeble & stiff & old than you could imagine,
& the ankle has been feeble to day after
yesterday.

I'm enjoying myself

Good Night
My Mother & Hugh & I
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to Arran!
William is coming

helped afterwards - they're such good people.
What is quite splendid - Frances too -
she's had a letter from Corrie this after-
noon, & he's all right & row out of the
line.

Frances & I developed
my photos this afternoon. Unfortunately
the Westbank roll was much spoilt
in the process - I believe the stuff was
too strong. But the roll of Jane is
quite excellent & Mary Ann will be
delighted.

The children had a picnic
on the beach this afternoon, as the rest
of the party also did later on, & I took
some of Hugh standing naked in the water
& waving a bucket about. His fond grand-
parents, I think I told you are here &
very nice people.

I've written this in bed as the evening
all slipped by & a letter got off early in
the morning, & it's now late, so