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Dearest Sister

diversion - The roses are again so brilliant - For two mornings I have been - I had such a nice time reading your letter yesterday - I had been to town to be fitted for a thin dress at Henrys - London depressed me so I couldn't stay And got back at 3 - to find the house empty. Phoebe gone to town Norman & Campbell gone to Milton Hill - W.O gone to a funeral in Cambridge - so I plumped down on the terrace And read your letter & will try to answer some of the questions - I do hope the children will let you build a house for them on the place - With a Motor it would be so easy for Margaret to get about. Phoebe is spending two days with Frances Kitson. I think I wrote you Campbell has a Commission - He was discharged from the Base today & has 7 days leave & then goes to Shorncliffe. Norman has another week - I cant make out whatever is the Matter with him - he is as blue as indigo & so quiet - He hums as he walks about And it has the same Effect on me - Aunt Nan had on Mother. Archie Malloch is here for a few days before starting Mrs Guest's Convalescent home. There is a sensation over Everyone that seems like a thunder cloud - No one knows quite What it is - but I call it depression - & with good reason. Personally I am terribly disappointed about Everything. Sunday Willie was at Chester again & I took Phoebe, Norman & Campbell with M^r Langstaffe to Ewelme for church & luncheon - & then we went on to the Parkins for tea. The Parkin boy is going to the Dardanelles. We made £3300 at the Red + Flag day in Oxford & County And have £400 to spend for our Hospital. We have an order for as Many P(y)jamas as we can make. We are only working Monday, Thursday & Friday now. Mrs Thomson is going away for a month & Mrs Balfour is away - I must go somewhere in August. I suppose Willie will go to France - I must send you Revere's letters - they are delightful - but I shall want them back. Father Maxwell preached at Ewelme Sunday and convinced Me America should come in - I firmly believe now that Germany means to own the World just as the Romans did - & I half believe she will. Every one is investing in the great War Loan at 4 1/2⁰ - I took £800 of it today And am feeling virtuous.

Thursday Eve. I am sure I shall not have time to write tomorrow and must finish this tonight - The news of the Leyland Liner being Torpedoed has just come And I believe it will settle America now - Heavens - isn't it horrible? I have been working all day and late took a wounded French Canadian to drive - Mr Banby of Montreal. Phoebe has come back from town simply crammed with all she heard of sorrowful Canadians. Sister - shall you Ever forget St Pauls and that wonderful service?

Our Hostel is started And will work all right. The Hospitals are comparatively Empty now - I think you got off well with duties - considering your dress Etc. I have never yet received M^r Bakers boots - The Cases left Liverpool but are lost somewhere - I think the plan for Paul is splendid - What a Glorious experience for him - Heavens - he may have to fight. I can hardly take in that Revere is Established in a Camp on the French Coast & Campbell H. says he and his Chief are the only busy people - Today we were Making dressings, pyjamas, Wash gloves - dressing gowns - And 2 big sacks of Mending. I have been Sending things to Malta to a Hospital - W.O wrote from London about see(ing) Adèle & Bob yesterday about a Hospital she wants to start - some rich friend paying all costs. I hope the War Office refuses. I haven't seen Miss Howard since you left. I never have time to go to see any one - Bateman's sister, Edna gets on all right but needs Change of Clothes & hair - I must get at that tomorrow - Always tell me Everything - I love hearing And need the

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Campbell gone to Milton Hill - W.C. gone to a General in Cambridge - The Frank Oslers are coming Saturday and I am in despair - The crowd in the house is Killing - hope the children will let you build a house for them

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