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[Oxford] Sunday Sept 19th [1915]

Dear Sister
 I must begin a letter or I shall never Catch up. No steamer went yesterday so no letters went - I had your letter - by the Adriatic - I am so disappointed about Margaret not wanting to build Near you. What a stupidly foolish thing it is - When she has a Chance like that - And to give you the pleasure - however I suppose she knows what she wants - or perhaps she doesnt. I sent \$5- to the Anglo Russian Hospital Fund for you - as it is a good thing. I believe Mrs Freddie Guesst May send Archie Malloch out with it And two Nurses in the Autumn - About money for Belgians - I will let you know as soon as Wanda comes down And we go over the Bank accounts The Perryns & Noels having gone make a difference - After I came from Marions I had a busy time getting Everything ready for the Wrights - moving furniture Etc. Everything was ready for Thursday - I got word of their safe arrival at Falmouth. They slept at Paddington Thursday night & came here on Friday morning - I had an idea they would be wrecks - but not at all - they were all as fresh And lively as crickets - Palmer is the most enormous child I ever saw - seems 5 years old - built exactly like Campbell - talks in the most grown up manner - The baby has lovely hair but is not pretty. She sprained her arm on the ship And has it bandaged tight to her little body - so it makes her look sad. Otilie looks much stronger & very pretty. I think they will be happy. Harry has been here today - & back to Camp. Palmer's wife Came with them - & Palmer has been here today - He is also at Shorncliffe in the mounted Rifles - Both Palmer And his Wife look as though a whiff would blow them away. Jean is the same darling - & full of life - We hope Campbell will get leave for 3 days soon. Willie Came back yesterday from France having thoroughly Enjoyed himself - had glorious weather And was not cold. They were busy there & many interesting Cases. He visited all the Hospitals in that district & Boulogne - Saw the Harvard Men who seem very happy & want Columbia & Hopkins to follow. W.O went a wonderful trip to the Front After all - Motoring - Jack McCrae along which Made it very interesting as he knew all the points - I daresay he will write you about it - They saw a German Anti air craft fire on an English Aeroplane but did not hit. Willie counted 150 shells fired at it. He says Revere looks fat And well And was busy. Up at night bringing in convoys of wounded. Everyone fond of him apparently.

Tuesday 21st 4 P.M. I have left Otilie on the lawn talking to a wounded legless Canadian from the Base - Marion Wright playing tennis with a Nurse. Glorious days - warm Indian summer Weather. Cousin Etta, Marion & Babs stopped here for luncheon on their way to Leamington for 2 nights in the Motor - then on to School And back via Broadway - lunching here on Friday - They go a long way around to avoid Salisbury plain. Willie is in town to see about the Harvard Hospital at the War Office - & the Continuation with Columbia & Hopkins. I got a grant of \$100- for my work room from the Red Cross - & Oct 1st we shall start Hospital Supplies in full force and Hospital Mending in another room - I think it will increase the interest. I havent heard from Adele for ages - I fully Meant to have them here but there hasnt been a Chance - Willie is very busy now writing a lecture And I havent the Courage. The Garden is still lovely - Miss Foot & Miss Strabell are at the Gotham - They had a

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Mrs Boyce Allen stopped coming because we had to speak about the bad Cutting - her son is all right - Last week we made 50 sets of pjamas for Queen Mary to send to Russia. All the other queer people come to sew & fuss - After I came from Carions I had a busy time getting everything ready for the Wrights - moving furniture etc. Everything was ready for Thursday - I got word of their safe arrival at Falmouth. They slept at Baddington Thursday night & came here on Friday morning - I had an idea they would be wrecks - but not at all - they were all as fresh and lively as crickets - Palmer is the most enormous child I ever saw - seems 5 years old - built exactly like Campbell - talks in the most grown up manner - The baby has lovely hair but is not pretty. She sprained her arm on the ship and has it bandaged right to her little body - so it makes her look sad. Ottilie looks more stronger & very pretty. I think they will be happy. Harry has been here today - & used to Camp. Palmer's wife came with them - & Palmer has been here today - He is also at Shortcliffe in the mounted Rifles - Both Palmer and his wife look as though a whip would blow them away. Fern is the same darling - & full of life - We hope Campbell will get leave for 3 days soon. Willie came back yesterday from France having thoroughly enjoyed himself - had glorious weather and was not cold. They were busy there & many interesting cases. He visited all the Hospitals in that district & Boulogne - Saw the Harvard Men who seem very happy & want Columbia & Hopkins to follow. W.C. went a wonderful trip to the Front After all - Motoring - Jack McCrae along which made it very interesting as he knew all the points - I daresay he will write you about it - They saw a German Anti air craft fire on an English Aeroplane but did not hit. Willie counted 150 shells fired at it. He says Revere looks fat and well and was busy. Up at night bringing in convoys of wounded. Everyone fond of him apparently.

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