

Sunday 10 a.m.
Penna very much better
no discharge from ear -
Temp: normal
Eating well -
Good night
Slept till 6 a.m.
Slept most of morning
at 11:30 a.m.
Doctor been -
Very satisfied with
Penna will not come again -
Tues

Rosemary Cottage,
Granville Terrace,
Bude Haven,
Cornwall.

Wed Dec 7 - 1940.

My own darling One -

Your dear letter came this morning. but it was such a comfort to have heard your voice just when I needed you. Well you'll be wanting to hear about Penna. I phoned Hally at once - he was out but I left a message. Later a Mr Morgan came. He was bright and very interested in everything - he was a Thomas's man - and wanted to know about you - was interested that I was a nurse - and Gillian & he clicked at once. It was her thrill that a doctor was in the house attending someone other than herself and she acted nurse - took him to the bath room to wash his hands - etc. He has a daughter Gillian age 10.

Well - Penna has had middle ear trouble - there is a little discharge. He has given me peroxide to wash the ear out (with swabs gently) and glycerine & phenol drops. Penna is a frightfully good patient. The doctor was delighted with her.

Here is the history of the case -
When we were all down with colds she got one too - hers was lost - I don't remember date. Anyway she was chesty but not much cough. I treated her with Empirin or aspirin and Tussifect - and lozenges & super drink and sitting up in bed. Her trouble yielded to treatment

quite satisfactorily especially when she had cut her
 12th tooth (right lower molar). I expected complete recovery
 in a few hours when I felt the point - and this complete
 recovery began. However her face flushed up again
 after about 24 hrs - and tho' I did not take it very
 seriously I was mildly puzzled and disappointed. ^{1 go} ~~There~~
 she seemed to be having a little setback - I never
 suspected ear - only tooth trouble. Well she gradually
 recovered again - in say a couple of days - & got a huge
 appetite and chest quite cleared up. She was fed up
 with bed and longed to go out. Good weather would
 Dec 6 not come so I let Joan take her out a little yesterday
 There was a wind but sunshine too - She was full
 of joy on her return and when I took Graham to
 her party at 3.15 p.m. - Pemma was in her few
 singing and shouting for sheer joy.

At 4 p.m. when she was having tea with me I
 noticed she was rather pale and off her food -
 I let Joan put her to bed while I fetched Graham
 from the party - She was in bed when we returned.
 At 8 p.m. she woke crying - I went and turned her
 pillow for her & "settled" her - at 10 p.m. she woke &
 cried a lot - I diagnosed earache then - I gave
 her a bit of Empirin tablet and a biscuit and moved

Well washed up & changed ones worn & changed

her out back into my room. It had been in my room all through her chest trouble and only put back to Jones two nights ago. She settled down when she had eaten the biscuit - I expect by that time the Emp. had taken her pain away. She slept till 4 a.m. - woke crying. I took her into my bed. Slept till 6 a.m. Took her temp: then - 100.6° . That was this morning - gave her more Emp. Then she rang up -

At 10 a.m. her temperature a little subnormal. She ate a fairly good breakfast & 2 hr day sleep. Ate good dinner. Temp at 2 p.m. - 100.

Gave her her first treatment - washed ear & drops. Quite happy - but did not eat much ^{at} tea time. Settled her for sleep at about 5.30 p.m. Temp then again a little subnormal. Treated her ear again. It is to be done t.d.s.

6.30 p.m. heard her singing went up saw her flushed again took her temp - 100.4° . Dr Morgan said it would go up tonight. He is calling again in the morning.

8 p.m. Have just been up to see her - sleeping peacefully - a little flushed but does not feel very hot.

I'm not really anxious - but very much on the alert and very much being a nurse to Gillian's delight. Gillian is sleeping in Jones' room tonight. a great treat. She had a 3 hr day sleep there today to make up

for all her excitement at her party yesterday -

That went off splendidly much to her delight.

Now for your letter. I'm so sorry life is so hectic and sorry for your delay. ^{in coming here} It is so futile of the B.E.C. to behave like this wasting their own and everyone else's energy at a time like this. Jolly good job that there are those whose opinion counts who are thrilled with the work you and your little crowd are doing.

I quite understand about your not being able to get here on 18th. Of course Uncle E. and others will want to see you. I'd rather you broke your journey than be in black out on roads.

I'm so glad Watermeadow is so lovely. I thought it would be. Gillian had a discussion with me about our various houses - who they belonged to etc. - I told her that when you & I had gone to Heaven she & Pemma would have "Qwoldan" (don't think she'd understand Watermeadow) and Poem Cottage - they could choose. She promptly let Pemma have this one & she would have Qwoldan. Interesting isn't it with all her love of the sea. Well, and little Howemma certainly belongs here - while Gillian's babyhood so much linked with Sheldford. *. See page 5.

So glad the Chinese things look magnificent. Have you done anything with that long scroll picture that was on M.C. stairs. I believe that is really good. Would so much like a Chinese opinion on it.

Will finish this letter tomorrow.

Sunday 10.a.m. Have put note as to our condition (Penna's) on the front page to reassure you before you read my screed about her. Now Joan has taken Lytham for a walk in the sunshine, Penna sleeps - and I have the house to myself so will spend the time with you. The income tax thing is simply the demand - the one I pay on Jan 1st but I have put it on your desk as you will see that I do it correctly -

I'll try and remember to put a little list of the clothes you have here into this letter -

Have you come across my nursing books? The notes I took while at St Mary's - fairly thick books. If you have could you bring them please -

*. Re houses. I think when you and I are "retired" - we might go into Granville Cottage (Penna's, if we have it then) and let the two girls have the Sheldford property and Rosemary Cottage and just watch what they do with them while we live in our own world not disturbed by their modernism -

I'll enclose Chrissie's latest - and Anna - I'll send Anna 10/- for her birthday on Dec 12th Next year she will be 21. I don't reckon to give presents after that age -

I see that 18th is the latest date for posting letters and cards if they are to reach their recipients

So when Gillian comes back from her walk she and I will go over the list and get all our cards ready - I mean the ones we can see to - and in my next letter I'll fill in what we have done on the list you gave me in case you'd want to get any of yours off before Christmas.

Gillian shall send to all Winnie's family - also to Daisy, Hilda, Susan, Marie and the Godmothers - yes and Uncle Edward too - She has chosen her cards carefully and can stamp them with her seal so that they can go for $\frac{1}{2}$ °. But I'll let you know.

I posted a parcel to Chris and Mrs Stevens on Tuesday. Have just got the horrid feeling that I did not take the price ticket off Mrs Stevens table cloth. You haven't forgotten the parcel I made up for her which you were to take - It is really a Christmas parcel - Christmas pudding, etc.

Do eat up those puddings I sent you long ago. I have several here - of last years. And 3 new ones of this years which I'm putting away for next year as they do improve on keeping if you have a good place to keep them. I'm afraid it is too damp where you are so suggest you eat up those you have soon.

All my love my own darling are. The best of success in your war with B.E.C.P. I'll be thinking of you - as I am now in your lucky room -
your own Aida.