

4981

M.P.

Bramshott Lodge
Hindhead

THE MUD HOUSE,
FRIDAYS HILL,
NR. HASLEMERE,
SURREY.

March 1st 1945

My dear Sweet Peas,

I hope you are now really better, & that the household is more itself.

I have had a letter from Janie dated Feb. 18th. I think it must have come in the bag, & been forwarded by Mr. or Mrs. W. I daresay you already know all her news, but just in case you don't I give the principal points.

① The household has had flu. When she wrote they had all recovered but were low & rather depressed.

② The U.S. Army changed in the night to Japs, which alarmed them a good deal. However they turned out good Americans & O.K.

③ Gide has announced that he wishes

to come to Nice as he is bored by Algiers. They are delighted & are trying to find rooms which is very difficult.

(4) A ravishing Captain Vernon - English - has appeared. Aged 21 & a friend of Cyril Conolly. Knows all their circle, both Paris & London.

All the rest of the letter is about Eva Marcu & M's library, over which everyone is ill-treating Janie & running her into lawsuits.

The other night I was rung up by Maresco who talked for 1/2 hour without drawing breath. It was to enquire for the Bussys. I told him to write to them. He said that Constance Lloyd had arrived in England & gone to Cornwall. She had had the most horrifying experiences - concentration camps & the like - but he thought was now in good health. By the way⁽¹⁾ before leaving she sent a packet of food to the Bussys. They suppose the tail end of her stores. By the way⁽²⁾ they have also received 'a very long & interesting letter from Pippa.'

There is - needless to say - no news here.

Love.

M.C.S.