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January 25th, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Beresford Armstrong.

Your Girl arrived safely and soundly and we were very pleased to see her. Luckily the Port was open and she was able to come straight to Boulogne.

Thank you too for your letter. Of course; she shall stay in bed when she is seedy. I have every sympathy with a bad pain!

Now I am afraid you will think I am being very tiresome; but I am sure when you have thought it over you will see that I am right. Your Girl tells me that you have means of corresponding by having letters taken across. Now unless I can satisfy myself that this is approved of I fear I cannot allow it. There are such terribly strict rules out here and I have made it a point; whilst I have been out here, not to break any and I personally should be held responsible for one of my Workers doing this. Really it is just as quick to get a letter to London as it is to Folkestone and I promise to wire you if there is anything amiss with your Girl, or, under those circumstances, send you word over.

Then as regards her working at Etaples. I got her wire saying that she could work two months at Boulogne and that she



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was leaving next day too late to reply, but you have no doubt received my letter by now explaining the situation. Your Girl, however, says you are adamant and that she must be at Boulogne. This, of course, means that she cannot be with Miss Hubbard. For the moment I am willing to let her go to Boulogne, but I cannot guarantee that she stays there and I am telling you this as I do not want to do anything behind your back. I have asked her if there is any ulterior motive for her wanting to be there, as she may have her best young man there, but she assures me that it is entirely your wish. You know Staples is only half an hour's motor drive from Boulogne and I cannot help feeling that not only would she be much happier here, but it is altogether a nicer place for a girl to be in. I have been obliged to bring her in here as her Permit was made out for her, as you must have seen for yourself in England. It is a great trouble to make these transfers and she is not allowed to stay in Boulogne without a Boulogne Pass. She is quite safe here and very well and it is amusing to find that we are Cousins. Constance Baird, who lives just next door to me discovered it for us yesterday. I do so hope you will be reasonable about Boulogne. I do not want to bring her out of sheer perversity, but we are very over-worked here at present and there is very little doing at Boulogne. The hours are the same, but the work at Boulogne, at present, is very boring. I also do hope that



you will understand about the letters. I am sure you do not want her to be sent home by the Military Authorities, which is what happens if rules are broken or refusal to submit to discipline.

I hear that you are staying with Kitty. Please give her my love.

I will do everything in my power to make your Girl happy but you must also please not be unreasonable about where she works. If I was dispatching her to Havre I should quite understand your feeling in the matter, but really it cannot make any difference when the two places are so near to one another,

Yours sincerely,

Angela Forbes.

P.S. I am letting  
her go back to Boulogne  
to please you - temporary