Tuesday Night
5.25.43

NORFOLK NAVAL HOSPITAL
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

Dear Tess,

More than a month has slipped by since you were kind enough to join us and feast the children, young and old, with those delicious Sherry's chocolates. To one member of the Colburn family you gave a much greater treat, one that will always be remembered. Hearing from you the evolution of your great work from 1927 to 1943 with its rare fruit harvested at the end was the most inspiring experience that I have had in medicine. Out of it all came one deep conviction: "It is up to the Tess to pursue such important studies until the war is over and some of us become available to help him carry on."

Also it seemed to me that you felt the close association of your work with that of Griffith's. It is odd that you two never met for there was much in common. And I know what great satisfaction would be Griffith's if he could know what you have done. Because of this

It seemed only fit that Griffith's picture should be near your work. I am told that my little picture of Fred Griffith and Bobby on the Downs near Brighton is the only one in existence. Adge is mailing it to you with our affection.

All goes well here. I am getting adapted and hope to find ways of making myself useful to the Navy. The children are well; Anne keeps me posted. And on Friday next Adge is flying down to pay me a visit. It will be good to have this great spirit near me for a few days again.

With best remembrances to all the boys and kind thoughts to Tess from

Al Cobham