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My dear Geoffrey - This is to wish you a very happy birthday. I am very sorry not to send you anything, but it is really not my fault. I went to the P.O. to ask for a P.O. Order, & they gave me 3 forms to fill in - after several trials & crossings out they told me the money would probably be returned to me as the government required a very strong necessity before they would allow money to be sent out - so then I gave up the attempt & I hope to send you the 10/- later on. It is still not cold here, but rather damp - & an E wind today. I have just been icing a cake for Brian - we went yesterday to see him & he was very well & rather more reconciled to staying. I had told him what your Doctor said, & it satisfied him - we could only stay 1 1/4 hours with him because the buses to Leeds from Chester are so few & far between, we got leave to be there from 1 to 3 but

have to leave at 2.20 to catch the 3 o'clock bus
from Chester. Poor Auntie G. - sprained her foot
whilst walking to the Hospital from Chester & it
was difficult for her to walk, but she managed
to get there & we took another bus back to Chester,
she is resting the foot today. It is most peculiar,
the pavement looks all right but twice I have
fallen down (without hurt) & now Edith has turned her
foot all ab about the same spot. next time we
will walk on the other side!! I hope you are
all well. I read that cows give more cream
if they are kept warm, & that if they roam
about they give less as they then use up
the cream - & if cold they use up the cream
also. I hope Sallie is fattening up.
I have not had this week's letter from
you. We are all very well. Auntie May
walks a little lame & does not go walks
for pleasure but she can walk quite
a long way. We have aeroplanes over
head constantly keeping a watch & at
night search lights. Children have worn

out gas masks carrying them to & from school - now they don't have to take them if they live within a few minutes walk. They are ploughing up a lot more land this year - they will get a subsidy for it. I suppose in the end it is good for the land. There are great herds of cows everywhere. They got into rather a muddle with the coal - with rationing it the coal accumulated - all the waggons were full & piles were coming up from the pits & nowhere to load it - so now householders may have more coal. I expect the streets & shops being dark must have saved an enormous amount of coal. I hope soon all the mines will be destroyed. Germany certainly seems to be in an awkward position between Russia whom she does not want for a neighbour, & the combined French & British armies & navies & aero-planes. I have not heard anything of Captⁿ & Mrs Cox, but expect they

are as usual. Have you heard from the
Poydens? This strange complaints are made about
England detaining cargoes to & from Germany, & yet
Germany blows up without warning neutral ships
& destroys lives & cargoes - & the neutrals dont
make an ounce protest!! I expect the children
are getting excited about James, & Susan will
be busy putting up the decorations - I can
see them in memory - Geoffrey & Bar & Harold
expect to go to see the Drills at Southport
on Dec^r 24th (Sunday) & I am to look
after Daisy Elizabeth, she is very good, &
they have to get back before dark - Geoffrey
likes coming thro' the tunnel.
Well, I wish we could all be together, but
am glad you have a happy home of
your own & dear wife & happy children.
With dear love to you all

from
Your ever loving
Mother.



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