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My own dearest George

I am distressed you still have no letters it must be hassiel for you. Still by now you must have the first one that I sent to the 40<sup>th</sup> Battery. And I hope by your next letter that our correspondence will have begun. Oh my darling you must have lived through a lot. I know you would, that is one reason why I so awfully wanted to go with you. Now about the things you want as I am at Brokenhead I have had to write to Milebeed, and ask her to try to send you some seedlings. I think properly packed it out to be possible. Remember if you get them what Mr Brock says about planting things in a puddle. I think it would be best to plant them in the evening if the weather is hot, or if its very hot perhaps you could shelter

them for a day or two.

I have also asked them to send you a cake. and your Mother has ordered a cake so you will get two sometime soon. I am going to get Ryde's catalogue after tea and try to find out what seeds I think might do for you. You may as well try both ways.

I had rather a strenuous morning.

Your Father said at breakfast that he wanted something done in Liverpool so I ~~was~~ said I would do it. Then I thought it would be nice for Violet to see the river so we took baby and walked to the quay; I did not think it was so far. We all went across. I took baby out of her pram to see the water, I think she enjoyed it. I left Violet by the river and went into the town on a tram as there was not time to walk up. It's been pretty hot these last

Two days and we both were very hot. I've been to sleep since lunch, but I hear baby hasn't and has got to go to sleep after tea to make up. So far the change of milk is hardly affecting her. I am glad.

Do you share a bed sitting room with Mr Bell? That is what I gather, and why do you see so little of any body except him? Does he like you? He must have been rather anxious about what you would know and like I think. How much education has he had? Only primary schools or secondary? I think it will be very interesting for you to get to know him well. Will he stay in the army after the war?

What is No 4 gun detachment? How many men and do you have a gun all to your self? I suppose a battery is more than one gun. I dare say you ought not to tell me how many but I should think you might tell me that. I have asked Ralph to tell me

where you are if he knows, and may;  
also you size of gun. I dont suppose  
he will know or be allowed to.

Will you be sufficiently busy do you  
think when you know your way  
about things, and when times are  
peaceful?

This letter seems full of questions  
but I shall ask as many as I like.

I dont know dear that I am a  
good judge of whether your letters are  
littary or not, but I do know that  
they are very very nice & say much  
that I want to know. If they are,  
and I expect they are, they will  
perhaps counteract mine a little in  
some world balance.

Your country sounds nice. I am glad  
you have the good green country  
namely you and I suppose they  
keep it decent so as not to be  
seen to much, but want a flower  
garden be rather gay or is it  
far enough from the gures not  
to matter. There is the tea

hell, I did waste a lot of time in going to sleep.

I am afraid I am being a wee bit linded here, but beyond that and my disappointment that there is to be no~~t~~ new baby, and a certain anxiety about you, and a lot of missing you, I am happy. The chief cause of my happiness to day is your letter and the fact that you are happy.

After tea.

Your Mother is sending you a picture from Punch <sup>Instructor</sup> 'Guncay, gentlemen, is an exact mechanical science, every thing is done by rule. Ex Actor. Then Sir where does my personality come in? Was it done by one of your people? I can't read the name, but the instructor looks somewhat like my memory of Major Clark. Our cake is going off to you tonight so you will get the West-book one a day or two later, or you ought to.

I must stop now and go down to  
kaly.

Many kisses dear, You know I think  
of you a great lot. I shall be  
glad to hear that you have had  
some letters you poor dear.

Your own very loving

Ruth.

