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Dear Sister

I now take the pleasure of writing a line or two to you trusting you are all quite well as this leaves me. I received the Mercury yesterday Sunday. It was a treat as we never see one unless it is sent to us.

You might ask Herbert to send me some tobacco. I should like some hard if he can get it. It fags(?) me out to go without tobacco and matches. We might almost as well ask for gold. I should like one cake too if it be stale it doesn’t matter. I haven’t tasted one so long.

When you get this Xmas will be over I suppose and very near forgotten. I wish you would put my big razor in the parcel. If you put the one in too with the brown handle it might come handy as mine is getting in rather bad order. I will send little money on as soon as I can.

I am starting on Transport again today. Hope I have a little better luck this time. You don’t want to change address yet, anything will find me with same. I haven’t had a letter from you lately. I may receive one soon as I have sent this. I hope so.

Have H got his fowls now? If you are short of potatoes don’t waste your pumpkins or marrows. They are alright cut up and cooked. I shan’t like to see any wasted if I come home again. We eat a lot of them. We have had a lot of wet here lately and it is dreadful getting about in places but I suppose it is better than snow.

It will seem strange to me when I do come home, things being changed about so. The Catchpoles have had a proper change over.

Well I must close now. With love to all from Bro

George