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Darling Son -

I wonder if this will reach you on the 15th. ? What a strange birthday it will seem this year. Did one ever think of such a catastrophe happening to the world this time last year? I hope that wherever you may be, you will be where you feel it is your duty to be, and I also hope that that place may not be all inferno - but what place is safe or peaceful in France? It was the greatest relief to get your card dated 30th. May - I wrote & told you we had received it - Daddy was away, still is, but I Harvey was phoning Daddy that day. He told him of your card & he was so glad too - Such a lot of friends have called up wondering how you are. When we had heard from you - so you will know your friends are much concerned about you. Daddy is very

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been at E. Grinstead they are doing war work in
the big garage there & he was helping them to
arrange matters. I thought there would have
been a letter today telling his movements but
nothing has come so far, but it is a very peculiar
day here! It is as dark as it is at 9.30! the
air seems very still & cool, a most extraordinary
feeling & appearance - "a depression" no doubt
the weather experts would call it! It certainly
is very depressing!! Graham & Connie came
over & had supper with me on Saturday evening
& I enjoyed having them. They are both very
busy on war work - Connie with Red + & Alan
at his own works, he has taken over the whole
control & production supply, & the machines are
working 22 out of 24 hrs. a day & 7 days a week
Saturdays & Sundays the work up to 5.30
the other days until 7 - he says he won't be
satisfied until every tool in the shops is working
& would not feel he was doing his best if he did
not do all this, now that they have got a more
on, he feels better & he will keep it up, his is

The victory spirit, if all were as strong as
doing their part - it would make a lot of
difference & he is well backed up by Connie.
Uncle Jack called up on phone last night & ask
for you, told him of your field card of 30th.
Doubt is with them for week-end - I rather
expected him up here today, but it is so dark
outside, that perhaps he did not like to
come!! Old puss cat does not like it at all,
she's kept inside beside me all morning
This little grandson of Mr. Pagets is so good
to him, & singer goes to him when he calls or
rather beckons him - so funny it looks.
I wonder what you will be doing on your
birthday? I hope my darling Connie, that
you will soon be out of the war, it is pre-
dicted here & there that it will soon be
over - Isobel says you must walk out
with her, in your uniform & she in hers -
which is quite an imposing looking affair
with pips & ribbons on the breast!!
I hope this promenade will come off soon
Isobel is working very hard too - has the
whole County of Fife to look after in her dept

Swiss, I could have sent you a parcel for your
birthday, but the Post Office will not take
any parcels for the B. E. F. at present, so I
must just wait a bit. —

There are 4 beautiful white water lilies
out on the pond, & the garden is very
lovely, we had 10 days unbroken sun-
shine, & now this darkness & "depression"
following — we do not take kindly to dark days —
but it is a relief when it is a bit cooler —

I would have been able to sun-bathe every
day & all day, for on the terrace outside my
bedroom in the morning it was scorching,
then outside the lounge under the big im-
brella it was nearly as bad or food! all the
afternoon!!

I hope dear Joe you are getting your post
more regular? When you can will you tell
me who you wish the big (best) photo. sent
to —? I have not sent one away yet waiting
for your instructions — but felt sure you would
like Connie & I to have one, & I did think
of sending one to Dorothy? — but have not done so
yet. I hope that your birthday may be as happy
as it can be, under the circumstances —
Your ever loving Mother.

