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My dear Mother: -

Here is the best of good wishes, to all, for the New Year.

Received your card yesterday a.m. telling of George's safe arrival in France. That is one worry past but it will be a continual one from now on. How I hope he will be back in the family circle, unharmed, before very long. Ben too.

That picture of Ben is certainly a peach and

I am so glad to get it. also had one of
Lillie's, Marcia's & Hazel, Mrs. M. her baby
and Mrs. Warrington's baby. Billy gave
me a check for \$25 & a bottle of perfume,
May gave me a vase, Aunt Alice a croch-
et place for ~~stems~~, Maryonie two hand-
kerchiefs, a silk collar from Madeline,
fudge apron from Myrtle, vanity bag
Mrs. Ball, white kid gloves from
Mrs. Holt & those lovely pillowslips
from your own dear self. ^{eyes a player roll from} Mrs. K.

Audrey had the carriage & furs
from ourselves, ^{also} a baby doll and washing
set. From May a doll's dress, a silk
work bag & thimble. Myrtle, a ribbon,
book from Madeline; game & book
from Vales & Hawks. besides a fashion
doll's teddy from a girl friend & a player
roll from Mrs. K. a bottle of perfume from
Mary Ball, and the stockings from you.
Audrey said "Isn't grandma nice to send me stockings?"

I gave Billy five rolls, Mrs K, one &
Eric ³ one. We received nine in all.
Some collection eh? Aunt Alice gave
him a pudding, Till gave us a book

So you see we had a very nice
Xmas. But I certainly hated to give
up my trip to Seattle. Still it helped
some to be able to speak to you.

We are very anxious to know
what Ph is planning on doing.

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I suppose he is in Portland
today. It would be
nice if he could land
something there as
I think Bess would
be happy there.

I hope we get a letter
from B.V. soon telling
about his trip & visit
to Hazel - I am crazy
for all the news.

He said he was sending
each of the Western Kiddies
something for Xmas but
so far Audrey's has not

arrived. Did Rita Annis & Shadora's
arrive? 5 Most likely he never thought of
it again. I told him to just forget
it.

Billy says he has lunch ready
so I must hurry. I guess we will
have dinner downtown as I have
no celebration on hand. I had
Bill & the girls over on Saturdays &
Aunt Alice & Uncle Frank on Thurs-

Audrey's cold is ever so much better
but still she has a little.

I have not written Ben as I have
not had his address & his letter does
not give it, so please send it on
as I am sure he will get his letters
if not parcels.

If that luncheon cloth does not
fit your table, send it back and

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I will exchange it or else you might
try in Seattle.

Will close with love to all,
Raye.