



Mr + Mrs Hewson  
Langbank  
Sask  
Canada.

Foster Cliff Farm, Silsden Moor, Silsden  
Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> Yorkshire

Dear Susan & Geoff. Thanks for very  
much for parcel - beautifully done up -  
wh. arrived on Thursday. The  
bacon looks very nice & we hope to  
eat some tomorrow. There were also  
sugar (much appreciated), tho' we still  
have some because we were allowed  
some for making jam but have not been  
able to get fruit as all seems to have  
been taken by jam manufacturers.  
Geoffrey asks to whom I am writing  
& asks me to send his love & Bebe's  
& to thank you for the chocolate, sugar  
& bacon. We have no rec<sup>d</sup>. permit to get  
allowance of food for 12 hens! so we get  
hens each week - they will cost 8/ or  
10/- each & are 1 year old & laying.

We got some eggs in Wales before rationing was imposed + put them in water glass + we have had ~~some~~ fresh ones since coming from Wales. Some people have not had any + some have had bad ones supplied so we are very fortunate + also the milk is so good. Milk is important for children.

Mr Walker gave us a rabbit caught here + let down skin + clean it for us. it made a nice change as we had not had one for many months. But we get our meat ration. Last week we had some pork chops + this week we are having loin of lamb. + we get plenty of potatoes (1<sup>d</sup> per lb) + green vegetables so you see we do very well. + do not need any more of your nice kind parcels. we thank you very much for sending them + they have been a great help.

Today is lovely & I am sitting outside,  
 to hokie seen so am under shade of  
 tree. with lovely view in front of  
 hills, trees, valleys. We are still  
 busy making black out curtains.  
 Now black out time is so early, it  
 shows every speck of light. We keep  
 busy mending, turning sheets sides  
 to middle, (with no machine) & knitting -  
 The lamp gives only a poor light  
 so Harold is looking out for a good  
 "hand aladdin lamp" as that  
 does give a good light. Evening We  
 have been out on the porch & had  
 tea there. taking kettle & boiling  
 on small paraffin stove. the air  
 was lovely & such views.  
 We went to Mt Keithley yesterday  
 & Bar got some counter pyjamas

for Geoffrey 2 pairs + each pair had  
to have 6 coupons given for it - + some  
baby socks (1 coupon each pair), + socks  
for Geoffrey - thin wool but not winter  
ones. They also had to have 1 coupon  
for each pair. Dad needs winter night  
dresses + they will take 6 or 8 coupons  
for each. however I don't need all  
mine so one can help with another.  
Children need much because they grow  
out of their clothes so soon. Aunties  
have lost their tenants who have  
taken an unfurnished house near  
Ruthin + removed there, we regret-  
tedly but I think they have got  
another tenant with 2 months old  
baby. + they want it for 7 months.  
We all hope the war will soon end,  
but we don't expect it. Our landlord  
+ his brother are very kind, one is  
giving us a cockerel to eat soon.  
We expect it will be very cold out  
doors in the winter, we are so high

up. 700 feet. Quite a change after living so long just below sea level.

I am afraid Brian does not get very good food. he says there is cheese - but he has never liked that & now that he is cutting up dough so much he has taken a dislike to that. Bar has made him cakes sometimes & we put in sardines or cocoa or tea. we used to send tinned fruit, but now we cannot get it.

Jeanne & Norman enjoyed being here last week and tho' the weather was not too good. They liked the house & neighbourhood so much & the food. I hope you are all well. The children are very much better since we came here. Elizabeth's legs are quite sturdy & she is a very good walker. Barbara went with

So offay one afternoon to Ilkley on  
the bus (walking to it thro' the fields  
a much shorter way than by the  
road) & went to see some friends in the  
Ilkley Bank & to do some shopping -  
they had tea at a Cafe & came back  
with Harold in the car. We expect to  
be here until war ends, so please address  
here & we shall get these sooner - they have  
now to be re-addressed at H'late. I hope  
all the children & both of you are well.  
We have a nice car & Betty but both given to  
stealing so we have to cover everything  
up. The mice are fewer but there are still  
some who get the cheese out of the traps  
without being caught. New mortgage papers  
have to be made out for all my mortgages & there  
is a war damage tax that has to be paid by all  
holding mortgages on each one. I have had to pay  
£3.12.0 for war damage on my house & will have  
more to pay on it later on. We are glad to have  
had such a quiet time lately. The Hull has  
suffered badly. I hope Susan & Annet  
had happy birthdays & will have many  
happy returns. I sent a trifle last week by  
letter post. With dear love always from Mother.