

Sat: Dec 9th 1959.

3 Centurion Drive, Leeds -

Dear Susan & Geoff: Thank you for your
always gladly received letters. I hope you
got the parcel in good condition. I don't
think Dr. Haigh will regret retirement -
he was after waiting for clients at the shop,
& is naturally active & clever about a horse
so that he will find plenty to do for him-
self or family. Dr. Haigh is not at all
strong & they will enjoy going about together.
How pleased Sadie & Harold will be to
have such a successful well-so near
the house - a friend of Margaret's was taking
her invalid daughter to London for an opera-
-tion but felt nervous as she is elderly so
Margaret went with her & after leaving
the daughter at the hospital they found
it pitch dark outside - however a very
kind young man piloted them to a

bus + went with Alice to the station,
+ Alice he slipped away without waiting
for more thanks - Mary: saw the lady into
her train, + then got her own - it was so
dark she did not know what the stations
were, but luckily two men were getting
out at her station - she got a bus there
but the conductor put her down too soon
owing to the dark, + she did not know how
to find Mary's Road, however by asking
two different men she at last arrived
thankfully at Mary's where she stayed
the night. She was so struck with all the
kind help she received. She has often
been to London + knows it pretty well,
but not in the dark! She thought it
very dismal + was glad to get back to
her own home in the country. Her friend
was staying elsewhere near London so as
to be near her daughter.

Yesterday Auntie G. & I were in I'pool. The
entrances to the shops are all barricaded
& the shop fronts sandbagged. Ah right
Harold says they line up & cross the
street at a crossing all together.
But in one shop in Lord St they said it
was so dangerous - a person would dash
across the street in the darkness &
a car could not avoid them, as they
could not be seen till too late. You may
be sure we got back before dark, & now
lighting up time is 4.30. We are to be allowed
 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb butter weekly now, but the best quality
margarine is very good, hardly to be dis-
tinguished from butter. Indeed I thought
some time since that it was very nice
butter, when margarine was put on the
table by mistake at Barbara's - they don't
look any different. I have been using my

Bonas cake with almond icing & will put
the white icing on on Monday probably.
I have made one for Brian. What kind
of apples have you? - York Imperial, Jonathan
Dainton Red? The road here is very quiet
now the cars are fewer & have so little petrol.
Dr. Dalton & his wife are going to see his parents
this Bonas - it being the anniversary of
his golden wedding day. & he said it will
take him 2 months supply of petrol to
go there & back - so he has had to save it as
he is only allowed so much each month.
The loss of life at sea is very sad, the lifeboats
are kept very busy. We are so sorry for
Finland. Hitler seems to have stepped out
of the frying pan into the fire. A teacher
asked her class what kind of children went
to Heaven, & a child replied "Dead ones".
The Aunties, Pollie Conway, Mrs. Harold & Geoffrey
are coming to dinner tomorrow I am giving them
Hot pot & Queen of Pudding. I am afraid it
is the rashest dinner I could think of.

at 4 o'clock or soon after every day I go
round pulling down all the blinds (5 in
my bedroom) & shutting all doors of unused
rooms, upstairs & down before lighting
up. My old friend Agnes Tanner had
a fall in the bathroom on her birth-
day - she is about 78 - fortunately she
was not seriously hurt but had to
stay in bed for a day or two. We have
written to each other regularly since
I was 15 years old - we were at the
same school - she is very well read
& clever. Mr. Dalton hopes to get to
see Brian again before James but
cannot spare petrol so will go by
bus or train. I am glad that Violet
Robinson's little girl is making good
progress. The evacuees all look so

much better for the change to the coun-
-try or seaside. Everywhere they say
the change is so striking - better food &
earlier, regular hours make such a
difference too. Well I must go to bed
as it is rather late but I shall not
have much time to write before post
time tomorrow as it goes at 10 o'clock.

With dear love always from

Your ever loving Mother -

I have still a quantity of the Cluses
you (Geoff) + Brian chopped so many
years ago - they are a great help.

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