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Friday Feb. 21st 1941.

Dear Susan & Geoff. So far no
letter this week. It has been
very wet & all right & turning
colder & all day. On Tuesday
& Wed[?] we had sleet all day
& cold NE wind. W & Auntie
& I went by bus to see
Brian he was half way
to the hospital - no hat or over-
coat. he was very well in-
deed. he was to see the
Doctor the next day.
I think he would like the
money investing as you say -
that is if it can be real-
ized at short or no notice of

he should want it. Last
Sat^r a good deal of damage
was done in parts of Liverpool &
there was loss of life - but we
have had no attack since tho'
we have had warnings. 'Dr.
Edwards who used to live
opposite Normann in Trenton &
is a friend of theirs, came
here to tea on Thursday she
has a son working with
the 'Friends' Ambulance Unit
in London - he attends to help
bombed out people & says they
come with all sorts of precious
possessions - dogs, cats, birds etc.
he considers the old people are
now greatly needing help - for

women & children are found
homes in the country & so many
look after them. Friends have
taken a house for old people
near Gordon & they also have
a house at Worsah Kirby where
several wretched families
have found shelter & warmth.
Mr & Mrs Edwards are living in
W. Kirby. Their shop (Bernard's)
Ironmongers was bombed to the
ground a short time since, but
fortunately it was closed for
the night so no one was hurt.

She told us that at Wellasey
a man & baby were blown into
the roof of their house, the man
was dead, but the baby cried.

+ someone heard it + brought it
down - they feared it would have
pneumonia - but she's very ill for
a few days it has now recover-
ed it is in ^{Children's} hospital at W. Kirby.
The mother was killed inside
the house, so it is an orphan.
Many people have had gastric
flu all over England. Harold's
brother is ill with it + has had
pneumonia - he had been up
many nights fire watching +
acting as warden + sleeping
at Bank one night in the week.
+ it has been such cold weather -
When shopping now we go with
quite a long list but don't expect
to get many of the things on it -
However we do get our rations
of sugar, tea, margarine + bacon + meat

Boiling fowls are $1/8$ per lb.
Cod $2/6$ per lb. Herrings have
disappeared. Small cauliflow-
ers 8^d each, sprouts 8^d per lb. &
Cabbages 6^d . However greens will
soon be more plentiful. Onions
have not returned. & row rauges
have gone but they are to come
back before long. Carrots are very
good & cheap & so are potatoes -
& Swede turnips. Auntie Maggie
has been laid up with a cold
& is not yet out. We are all
well. Brian gives us the Free
Press after he has read it &
we pass it on to Captⁿ Cox.
Sunday no particular news. No
alerts yesterday. We heard a

sailor on Wireless who had been tor-
pedoed 6 times - 3 times in last war
& 3 times in this, he said he was going
to sea again when he was out of hos-
pital. A neighbour of Paris heard
yesterday that her husband's ship
was sunk - he is a wireless operator.
She is afraid there is little hope of
his being saved. So many good lives
sacrificed for a few bad Germans.
In Italy the older people are against
Mussolini & I think it is the same
in Germany. Now they have cowed
Bulgaria apparently. I see Irishmen
are wanting to allow England
the use of their ports to defend them.
Harold is busy digging up his allotment
& also his garden for he has not let
that or the garage with the house.
Dear love to all from Mother

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