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15 Centurion Drive Leeds. Feb: 27<sup>th</sup> 1941 -

Dear Susan & Geoff. Thank you for letter rec<sup>d</sup> yesterday - posted Jan: 27<sup>th</sup>. Sorry you did not get the letter written at Exmas. it was so wonderful your parcel to Dad. arrived on Exmas Day, + ours came a few days later. We had not heard of Hazel's Mother's death. I forget her married name - she did not write to us, she was over here visiting us when we were children, so we don't seem to know her well, tho' we heard she had given up her son to the husband's family. Geoffrey is very proud of his Canadian gloves. they are so warm & comfortable for him, & came just when most needed. for we have had cold weather since Exmas + more snow than usual. Percin Survey writes the snow is very deep at Leeds it has broken down telephone & telegraph wires & poles. We have had frost all week & fine hail & slight snow storms, - a very short & sudden thunder storm one night - wh. we thought at first to be an aeroplane attack.



but were pleasantly surprised to find it  
only a thunder storm with very vivid light-  
ning. We had the other attacks a night or  
two after but it too was soon over & no one  
injured tho' a few houses suffered.

Sat. - 20<sup>th</sup> March 1851 - We find the longer daylight a  
very great help. On Thursday night we were  
just going to bed when I heard water drop-  
ping in the kitchen & we found a pipe  
was leaking - so Edith & I took a torch & our  
coats & mufflers & went to Mr. Laughey to ask  
if one of his sons could come to hammer up the  
pipe - he very kindly came himself in a  
short time - it was very dark no light  
anywhere & we had to have our torch covered  
with paper so that it would not be too bright.  
He knocked up the pipe & said he would  
come next day to put new piping in & we  
went to bed but at last alas! next morning  
we found the pipe had leaked in several new  
places & the carpet was sopping wet! & had  
to be dropped up & taken into the wash-house  
& I went again for Mr. Laughey who came soon  
& put new piping in - the carpet is still very



wet. Aunties spring cleaned the kitchen, so that is done. Tomorrow Harold is going with Barbara to see his brother Ray - who has been very ill with pneumonia & Auntie E. is going in the car with them to see 'Auntie' Bertie & Auntie M. & I am looking after the two children. They expect to be back by 6 o'clock. We have had very high winds lately, but rather warmer. Showery. The shipload of onions from Egypt when it arrived was in such a bad condition that shopkeepers would not buy them! However probably soon more may arrive - we always like the Egyptian onions. We also have sultanas, honey, mar-malade, lard, & many other things this week - but various jams & tinned fruit & salmon, & we got  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb cheese, & our usual rationed goods & to our surprise we got fat! We have not had any for a long time. Eggs they say are to be not less than 3d each all summer. Carrots & potatoes & oatmeal & oats are plentiful & we have plenty of tea so it is not too bad. Flour 7 lbs for 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d - quite cheap. but we are asked to use more potatoes & less flour.



We plan to go & see Douce on Sat<sup>3</sup>,  
David is taking his Radio to a shop there  
to get new valves. Hitherto we have had our  
baths in daylight, as it is not comfortable to be  
in the bath when the guns begin to fire!!  
But last week we have had them at night  
without being troubled. Your letter was opened  
by Censor. It is all right but naturally causes  
delay. I think another letter should arrive  
any time now. It is wonderful that they  
come as they do. Norman felt rather un-  
easy & went to see Dr. who assured him  
that he is quite all right & no sign of the can-  
cer returning - so he is very thankful.  
We are all quite well. Very sorry for all  
the many poor folks who have lost their  
homes & possessions. The poor Poles have  
been & are being so persecuted.  
I hope you are having better weather  
now. With dear love - hoping all  
are well

Your loving  
Mother.