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15 Centurion Drive. Meols. Jan. 18th 1941.

Dear Susan & Geoff. No letter from you yet. I wonder if you are receiving mine - of course I write every week. We have had snow yesterday & today. Geoffrey has enjoyed it with his sleigh. but does not stay out very long - it looks very pretty. We have had several quiet days & nights & are very thankful. You Geoffrey would see a great change in England. No lights at night, sand bags at short intervals by lamp posts, & in porches & on landings. Shopkeepers are very used to saying "Sorry we have not got any" their shelves are emptying. Even vegetable shops have to fill most of their windows with sacks of potatoes! as the fruit is so scarce. but cabbages, sprouts, carrots, swede turnips parsnips are plentiful & all the necessities of life. Fish is a little more plentiful. Harold says he will come tomorrow morning to clear the paths from snow for us. I had a nice letter from Brian saying he did

not get the letter until Monday - it had gone to
the Casualty annex Hospital so now I will
address all letters - County Mental Hospital - I
had put Upton Hospital Chester as I have been
doing all along - but now there are many in
the Annex wh: has been cleared for Casualty
Cases of all kinds. We hope (weather allowing)
to go to see him on Wednesday. Elizabeth
is trotting about everywhere - climbing on
chairs - She & Geoffrey play hide & seek very
nicely together - she quite understands it -
They are now having firewatchers for all the
houses - our next door neighbour is doing it for
us & as our houses are joined it is a great
relief to us - Harold is on A R P work every
Sat. night if necessary, that is if there is
an alert signal - others in the road take duty
the other nights. We have got a few vegetable
seeds & hope they will be as successful as last
year - they are quite interesting to grow - & the
lettuces especially were a great help - We
were late with onions & carrots but the runner beans
were wonderful - Rep. both houses supplied.

Brian Turvey has had a blood test & has had a transfusion taken. Jack offered to give some but I doubt if his would be accepted. Jeanne has had stomach flu & Harold's Mother has had it too. Jeanne has heard nothing of her sisters & fears she will not do so until the war is over. You (Deff) will be sorry to hear of Mr Pinder's death - they were in Wales & he died of pneumonia. Mr Pinder will miss him greatly. Perhaps if you write you will let the Poydens know. The wind is N.E. howling round the house tonight - we hope it will sweep the planes away. The Pynes say they may have to be decessed to take turn at watching their house at night once a month. We are all well & going on as usual - Has Janet had any more riding lessons or is it too cold? There does not seem much news this week - The roads are very quiet at night, but there are many road accidents in the dark - you would wonder why elderly people go out at

right. Shops shut at 5 or 5:30 - & so most
people can get home before or at dark - We
now have to light up at 6 o'clock in the
evening & keep curtains drawn until 9 in
the morning. We are glad to have a good
supply of coal in - enough to last until April.

We had snow last year about this time.
So far the pipes have not frozen this time.

I am very glad you both have some one
to help you. - I hope all are well. We
have not heard from Elsie or Edith
Waters this winter - tho' both usually
write, & May or Charlotte Gilpin also
for they too write these -

With dear love from
Mother

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