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15 Centurian Drive Ordeals

Jan: 9th 1941 -

Dear Susan & Geoffrey. No letter

yet, I am beginning to be afraid that the parcel has not reached you yet - It is wonderful that the three parcels from you - one to Bar - 2 to us, & one to Brian - all have arrived safely. So far we are having quiet nights; the bombing has just gone but no firing so far.

Geoffrey has had a croupy cold & cough & has been in bed since Sunday, he gets up for tea, but stays in the bedroom with a fire in the room - we have had hard frost & the pipes were troublesome as they kept freezing

tho' they were soon thawed with a
fire in the kitchen stove & paraffin
lamp in bath room & also a paraffin
motor lamp in the attic - then no
paraffin to be had until fresh
supplies came along - but luckily
the frost went for a day or two,
but it is freezing again now - tho'
not as severely. Margery Lloyd
& her two children are living in
Wales until bombing stops - Mollie
Watson & her 3 children are in
Wales too - but sometimes bombs
fall in Wales when planes are
being chased they drop them
anywhere so as to get rid of
them. Baby Elizabeth is
walking a great deal now,
balancing herself with her
hands - she is a very happy

child + finds amusement for
herself - she likes to dress her
self up. Margaret Jack + Ralph
are expected here tomorrow for
2 or 3 hours - they want to get
back before dark. Their two
nephews (boys) go to school some
distance off + stay dinner there
not getting back until about
5 o'clock. Sunday 12th The raid
on Thursday was severe, they
say 200 planes were over
Dorsey side - many houses
were damaged but not here -
People keep coming to find houses
or apartments after their houses
are destroyed - poor things -

Margaret Jack & Ralph came on
Thursday for dinner, they
left at 3 o'clock - they all look
very well & Ralph has grown
enormously, he wears long trousers
& looks much stronger - his ap-
petite is now more like Becca
Turvey's. The cough has prac-
tically gone now. Yesterday
Harold took me to see Brian -
but we were disappointed for
we did not see him. I had
written on Thursday morn^g to
say we were going, but he could
not have rec^d the letter, he had
gone out, as they have Sat³
half holiday - we went into
the town to look for him, but

it was like looking for a needle
in a bundle of hay - or worse - for
at least the hay stands still -
the shops, sidewalks etc. were
crowded with moving people -
many soldiers, curriers, sailors
even, & their friends - we went
back again & waited for some
time but no sign so we had to
leave the parcel & come away
without seeing him lol: was
very disappointing - he wrote
to Dad for her birthday - On
our way there we picked up a
soldier who was asking for
a lift - he had been at Dun-
-kirk & had to wait two days

on the beach there before getting
on an old sort of fishing smack
whose engine had gone so they had
to be towed by another ship all
across the Channel. They only
just escaped & had orders to
blow up their transport wagons
& ammunition & a good thing
they did as they would have
been caught if they had gone by
the road. They had a long
walk. It rained all the way
across Channel & they were on
the open deck. But the noise
kept the German aeroplanes
off so they were glad & they
got a magnificent welcome when
they at last landed. ~~on~~

Another Soldier Signalled when
the first one got out of the car
& went the rest of the way,
& coming back we picked up
one who came to Hongkai - they
are grateful for a lift as they
do not get long leave, & some-
times are a long way from
stations or bus - & trains are
not what they used to be.

There are now many fire
watchers to see if incendiaries
drop on roof tops, & give warning
or push them out at once with
sand & Stoups pump - there
are small sacks of sand on
roofs to be used when

needed & all houses have buckets
of sand & water available
with spades or shovels. We are
much enjoying the butter & thank
you for it. no letter from you
this week. Geoffrey & Elizabeth
are better & out again. but Eliza-
-beth does not sleep long at night.
she has a superfluity of energy.
We are all well I am glad to say.
An old lady of 104 died this
week in L'pool!

With dear love to you all - hoping
all are strong again
Your loving Mother

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