

Saturday July 15th 1939.

Dear Susan & Geoff. Thank you for two letters rec^d me on Monday with welcome photos & the other this morning. We all enjoy seeing the photos, & I send these to Aunties, so Margaret & Jack will see them & these Brian - Little Tom looks so sturdy, he walks so well & so much sooner than children usually do here. But I think it is because here they are so much in prams, they don't get so much time to try to crawl & walk. Amarah & Barbara do not seem to alter much, but Barbara looks thinner I think. Geoffrey looks pretty much the same & the photo of you is oh good. I am glad you all had a happy day at Lul Lake, you do not say if it was hot; here it has been very cool. I even had a hot water bottle on Monday!! It is warm outdoors until evening, but there are few days warm enough to sit out for long & it has been very showery. I sown some flower seeds about a week ago & they are coming up well, they are for next year - Lupins, Blue flag, Canterbury Bells, Poppies, Anemone, etc. I hope your rose tree continues to

do well, I had one Rugosa rose (pink) & it grew
so big, we had to take it away. It had very
big thorns & we could not pass without get-
ting caught on the thorns. This year the roses
have been lovely & the tall white lilies & now the
white Phlox. Geoffrey bathes on paddles most
days, & loves it. Dad goes with him & sits down
while he plays in the water. Aunties come
back tomorrow (Sunday) & that is why I am
writing this evening. Fruit is plentiful this
year - Strawberries, raspberries & apricots.
Capt. & Dr. Cox went to Chester from Dore on
Wednesday to see Brian & very kindly took
him a basket of strawberries. Chester is a
great place for strawberries, great quantities
are grown there. What a pity wheat is so
low, but prices are always changing. There
was a black out on Thursday night & all the
A.R.P. people were out practising - putting
out fires, incendiary bombs, decontaminating after
gas, & attending to casualties during air-
-raids etc. Some people have had their
cars fitted up to carry two stretchers (with
patients) on top of the car (outside). But I should

I think it must be difficult to lift stretchers
cases so high. Firms having 40 or more em-
ployees have to provide bomb proof shelter
for them. It does seem a mad world.

Mr. & Mrs. Cox through Brian looked very well,
& took so thin. I have just been to Paris to tea,
Harold is playing golf. Tomorrow Aunties
come home with Margaret & Jack - who will
return early in the aftⁿ. They are having
dinner here. Welsh Lamb, mint sauce & ~~Hydro-~~
patric peas & potatoes & hydro-patric
Cudding (raspberries & bread) & Cusshard.
Bar sent me my dinner on Friday, I had been
out shopping with Geoffrey in the p.m. &
a deluge of rain came so that I got very wet
feet, & my hat was sopping, so I came home
to change after taking Geoffrey home, he was
quite dry with the hood up & on a towel cover
over the rest of the p.m. Rough seas have
prevented the raising of the Shetis, it is calm
& they get prepared & suddenly up comes the wind
& they have to stop. I think Mr. Dalton is taking
us next Wed^s to see Brian. I think Brian

had the Quercetoxic injections but I am not quite sure of the name - I know definitely it was not insulin - the Doctor in charge thought that much too dangerous. Capt. & Mrs. Cox came to tea on Thursday I was glad to see Mrs. Cox so much better, they are staying about a month at Dr. Beckenstettes & then they will go home for about 2 weeks or so while Dr. Beckenstette goes away on holiday & the Doctor will also have her - then they will be back here again for a while - I was sorry not to see anything on it, but quite know they had more to send out than they could get into their boxes - I wonder how Edith Waters is, & her Father & Brother - Is Eileen Potter going to be married? I am glad the rye turned out such a high grade - A hare was caught in the garden near to Aunties, I saw it running about half a furlong & then it ran into the garden, such a wonder where it came from - I enclose last letter from Brian. Sunday Aunties are back, we had very heavy thunder rain this morn^g but no lightning. Margaret has a bad abscess on her leg so they left her in bed. With dear love from Dorcas.

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