

Centurion Drive, Meols -  
Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1939 -

Dear Susan & Geoffrey -

No letter yet to answer. We have had a very wet week - violent thunder storms in B'head & Southport, but we only heard distant rumblings of thunder & no lightning. We saw Brian on Wednesday & he seemed very well, we also saw the Dr who said Brian still has delusions tho' not so marked, we asked if Jack might not take him for a run in the car, but he said that the Hospital would still be responsible for him & that they could not undertake the responsibility; he said however that there is continuing improvement. They are very guarded & this is the first time he has of his own accord said there is improvement. We went by bus & got rather wet in very heavy rain as we left the Hospital. but it did us no harm. Dr Dalton went to see Brian on Thursday & said he looked very well. Mr Auntie E. & I went to L'port on Thursday, the shops were all selling

off. I got a pretty green hot water jug (9<sup>d</sup>)  
it matched my cups + saucers + Teapot,  
+ some wool (3<sup>d</sup> per oz) - + other things. I also  
went to Dr<sup>n</sup> Haigles to have my eyes tested  
+ got a new pair of eyeglasses, they cost  
£1-12-6 - my other old pair had the rims all  
bent + one glass fell out as it had done sever-  
al times before, but this time it fell on the  
stone pavement + broke. It is over two years  
since I was last tested - my glasses now are not  
so strong as my eye sight has improved.

The Radio stopped working on Friday + has  
now gone to be repaired - I don't know what was  
wrong. We miss Dr<sup>n</sup> Mathison he was so good  
attending to it, but he died some time ago - of  
cancer - quite young. Margaret is getting better  
she had a carbuncle below the knee + had to stop  
in bed for a few days. I bought a few house dress  
2/11, brown <sup>patterns enclosed</sup> + some Summer combinations 3/9 each -  
they are reduced in the sales. It has been dis-  
appointing weather for holiday makers, such  
heavy sudden + long showers. They are trying  
to beach the Shetis - a very difficult task.  
Geoffrey is growing quickly, he has such deep

blue eyes, & hair about the same as Amarel  
or Barbara's. They keep it quite short now,  
Harold cuts it. I often use the detail  
holder that Amarel made, & also the hand.

Aunties have had to have new taps in the  
bathroom, four altogether 2 each 12/6 each & 2  
10/- each they are silver looking & do not  
need cleaning: & they are having the kit  
-chee floor examined to see if a wedge has  
come out of one of the joints or if there is deep  
rot. Eggs are 1/9 & 2/- per dozen, tomatoes 6<sup>d</sup> -  
Strawberries 10<sup>d</sup> & raspberries 9<sup>d</sup> per lb. I made  
a little apricot jam this week, apricots 7<sup>d</sup> per  
lb. I hope your garden is doing well. Accord-  
ing to the papers you are having an unusual  
amount of rain for wh. you will be thankful.

The horses too will be glad to have better grass.

We have tea with Oscar every time we go, we  
pay 2<sup>d</sup> each person for the tea & we take 2 shabbs -  
sandwiches of different kinds, fruit & cream,  
cakes - & we leave oranges bananas & sweets  
& the bacon - & anything we think he would  
like - I send a parcel to him each intervening

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