

3 Centurion Drive, Meolo, Wryfale, July 9th
(Sunday) 1939-

Dear Susan & Geoffrey, No letter so far - I expect
it will come tomorrow - Aunties have just
gone off with Margaret & Jack to Knighton,
Margaret & Jack came about 11.30, they all had
dinner here - Cold Scotch Salmon & cucumber, peas &
dressed potatoes & Cherry pie & Custard tart; they left
at 3 o'clock for Jack is going to see Beniam, from
4 to 5. It is not now a visiting day at the
Hospital so I had to write for permission. They
expect to return next Sunday, & will have
dinner here again. Mr. Mills is staying at
Barbara's until Tuesday, Mr. Mills is visiting
her sisters in Fordon. We have had very heavy
rain & a showery week. This bright & sunny
now. We are to have a black out again on
Friday. We wish to see Beniam on Wed³ by bus
Auntie M. & I; he was very sensible all the
time but did not look quite as well, he had
done a little hoeing in one of the Doctor's gardens.
I have 5 bowls of lovely roses - all colours & so
Sweet, they are doing well this year. I have

a great many ants in the garden. I was hoeing
& uncovered a lot of their eggs - but in a minute
they had disappeared - each ant hurrying off
with one to bury it again. Bar has had two
nice cradles given her - one stands on legs & is
the height of a bed, the other is suitable for
carrying about & using in the daytime - both are
basket work. I have lined one with pink satin &
gathered ^{pink ruffled} muslin over it - the other I am doing
with satin & pink muslin. We hope for a girl tho'
it is not important - but we have no girls in
this generation in England. It is pleasant but
not very warm. I see Dr. Munmerley has a fire!!
The Robins are moving to W. Merby in August
they have been very good to Barbara - giving her
things of Christopher's - Geoffrey enjoys riding the
tricycle they gave him. Everything is so green
hedges & grass etc. Dorothy & her cousin & child
will now be on their way to Canada - we did not
see Dorothy before she left. I expect Capt.
& Dr. Cox will now be here, but it has been so
wet. Auntie & I got our feet very wet yester-
-day in the heavy rain, we had macintoshes on.
Geoffrey tells people he went to Port

Maggot! he means Potmadoc, he is very pleased with his grandfather Ollie & follows after him like a little dog. Aunties have to get new taps - both hot & cold started leaking badly yesterday, too late to get a man, so they have turned the water off upstairs - I shall go in there every day to forward letters & water plants etc. The Tynes have gone to Guildford for two or three weeks it is pretty but hilly - they will be able to go by bus from there to Hook. they will find it greatly changed - their old pretty house was pulled down, & I believe a row of houses built on the site. They still have a little property there - just one or two cottages. There is not much news. I forget if I told you that Geoffrey Naught has been given two months holiday (with out pay) so he has taken a push for that time & is flying between Kuala Lumpur & Singapore - he gets more money but the expenses are greater - the comfort is also greater for

Singapore is an important air base now &
 also naval station - much money has been
 spent on it, & it is very up to date. The sea
 has been rough so they cannot get on with rais-
 -ing the submarine - they hope to raise it & beach
 it in Anglesey. The children will be enjoying the
 outdoor life now. I hope you have had sufficient
 rain. I have not seen the Pinders for a long time,
 they may be away at the farm. I used to see Mr
 Pinder at Church, but now I do not go to the
 Church. There were many school treats & crown-
 -ing of the Queen & sports (children) held for
 yesterday & the rain descended in torrents all
 aftⁿ. At Knighton they had 80 children & 50
 parents, they had to be indoors: so disappointing,
 however they had a good tea & a nice drive in motor
 coaches to Lillieshall a large estate bought by
 the Coak people I think, & games indoors, but
 the grounds are beautiful. Well I must stop,
 with dear love to you all from your ever loving
 Mother.

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