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Canada.



c/o Mr. Jones, Castell Farm, Cilceon, &
Mr. Orold, Dr. Wales. May 11th 1941

Dear Susan & Geoff - I have just sent
off a letter to you & am now commencing
another. It is Sunday even^g & has
been a perfect day - sun out all day
& we have been high up with a panoramic
view in front - hills & valleys
with little white houses dotted about.
Harold got here yesterday evening,
he may have to be removed up N. for
the duration, but matters are not yet
settled. Please excuse paper. Harold
has greatly enjoyed the week and here
after much night watching & anxiety.
You will see in the papers how things
have been on Merseyside. Aunties
got safely to Aekworth tho' it was an
unusually awkward journey. You
may all be thankful you are not
here & I am very pleased you are
far from it. Neighbours are very good
to Harold giving him meals etc.

I wish we were not quite so unget-
-atable - for we are not really far
away, but it is a long walk to bus &
buses are few & crowded. Even here
there are pitfalls - the children & I were
out on a lonely path enjoying the quiet,
where we met a farmer who advised us
to go back beyond the first gate as
there was a bull loose! you may know
we did not take long in getting beyond the
second gate, as the gates are very ram-
shackle. Then where the children were
near the farm the gander pursued
them with outstretched neck, hissing!
& today, the bull calf would not let
us get thro' a gate & we had to climb
over the fence & find another way
round - however he is to be sold this
weekend, they are so short of food for the
livestock & the weather has been so dry
that the grass has not grown as it
should have done. Daddy's office building
is badly damaged internally -

We hope the bad time will soon be over
so many German planes are being
destroyed. I wrote to Capt. Cox to ask
if he was alright but there has not
been time yet for a reply - as things are
disorganized, but we think that neigh-
borhood did not suffer so much. The
farmhouses are all so strongly built, the
walls here are 2 feet thick - made of
stones & thick mortar. great beams
across the ceiling - the stables & out-
houses are similarly built. they
will last many generations, the trees
are all coming into leaf & look lovely,
spring is later here than on the low
lands. There are 3 girl evacuees here,
the mother would like to have 2 or 3
more but Mr. Jones could not do with any
more. There is also a special large
wooden camp for them not far off. I should
think they would hate to go back to a town
to live. There is no water in the house
but several springs a little way off.
We now have 2 extra hours of daylight

instead of one as in usual summer time.
It is good for those in shops & offices as
they can get home before the blitz & can
get some gardening done. but not so
handy for farmers & children as it is so
cool for them to be out in the morning.
May 15th Harold expects to be transferred to
Staley in Yorkshire with his dept. for the
duration probably. Auntie M. has been
having a bad time with the blitz. We are
hoping that with Hitler's right hand man
having flown over here that there may
be insurrection in Germany wh. would
shorten the war. We expect to stay here
for the present at any rate. My letters
are being forwarded here. I had a note from
Mr. Jenson saying his premises have been
destroyed & all securities etc. buried. but
I should think he will be able in most cases
to get fresh deeds made out. but I don't know.
Friday Thank you for two letters recd.
this morn^g. Thank you for sending par-
cel. it has not yet come, but parcels
take longer to get here. I am glad you
have good help again. One letter was

posted April 7th & the other April 16th.
I had a very nice letter from Brian.
Capt. Cox had been to see him & said
they were living in the kitchen as
they had most of a window there -
the other ones being blown out & slates
loosened on roof - other houses near
by were destroyed. They went to Mold
today to shops - she had $\frac{3}{4}$ hr walk
to the Lafferheads first & they took
bus & she same returning so she had
to be away $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours. it makes it very
inconvenient & tiring & shopping
was difficult with so many there as
it was market day. We don't know
if Harold can come for the week
end, he may have to go to Yorkshire
with his department. I am afraid
the parcel I sent you has been lost -
Auntie D. has been having a bad
time lately, but their house was

not injured. We shall be glad when we
can get home again. It has been cold,
yesterday down & there was snow! but
it only stayed an hour or so & then
dried up in steam - they were plant-
-ing potatoes - the first time they have
ever planted these in snow. The post-
-man will - I am sure - be glad when
we go & he no longer has to trail up
here every day. Harold is letting
Mr. Pingham (a neighbour) have the use
of the greenhouse so that he may
grow tomatoes - Harold hoped to
have done so himself - It will be a
comfort to have the upstairs rooms finish-
-ed. I hope you are keeping well, Susan -
the time goes so quickly. We have had
no rain worth mentioning since we came &
the ground is very dry - it is a lovely land to
look at, but difficult to cultivate - as the rock
lies so near the surface - food for animals
is very scarce so that many will have to
be killed off before long. I see we have bought
the Canadian wheat crop - & billions of eggs
from the middle W. U. S. With dear love
from your loving mother.