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Deols. Dec 1st 1959.

Dear Susan + Geoffrey.

Thank you for two letters rec^d, one on Monday & the other (an earlier one) today. I wrote to Dr. Cox to say I had heard from you & that the Cox family was all right, they had just rec^d a letter but one was missing - so they would receive that one today. Barbara had a letter from Dr. Bickersstaff today, she said how divided she felt - but on Ann's acct she thought it her duty to stay with her. Capt^m Cox is not going to Chester until the lighter days come, as Dr. Cox gets so anxious if he is out after dark - & indeed it is not safe for there are no lights, the buses have no light inside & very poor light outside, it is most difficult for the drivers to see anyone crossing over, & there are many accidents. Auntie & I went to see Brian on Wednesday, ^{went by 10.30 bus} we got there at one o'clock & left at 2.25 to walk to our bus wh: leaves Chester at 3 o'clock - we got home at 4.30, it was just lighting up time - so called. We have to deetree all the windows & doors.

There are Wardens who go round to see no lights
are showing, & people are fined if they show light.
Mr. J. B. Berman quite normal, we took sandwiches
& had all had these together with tea & cakes.
We take various tables with us for Berman every
time. He had just had dinner. He gets about
the Hospital at times - it is a very large place,
old & built on to in various directions - large
rooms well lit & with fires. Mr. Haigh came to
see me on Tuesday evening, so far they like being
in the smaller house - find it more cosy & less
work. Geoffrey Haigh is in Singapore with his
wife - they don't know if he is flying or acting as
Instructor - he gets army pay wh: is much
less than he had formerly, his wife is with
him. She is not very strong - has a floating
kidney. I am very pleased to hear your
hearth is right again, & that you have help
for the winter. I expect Amy will feel
the new shoes a great comfort - it is so trying
to have to be on one's feet when it causes
pain. Are Elizabeth's feet better? You
will have enjoyed the change seeing
more people & going out. I hope Barbara

has quite recovered. Why not take temperature in armpit - so much safer with little children. - then add about a degree I think it is. We don't take temperatures as often as perhaps we should, but we can generally feel if a child is unusually hot. Geoff had one a day or so ago but he was all right the next day - he didn't stay in bed, but kept warm - he has never yet been a whole day in bed. Yes, he uses the old pram where we take him to Hoy - take it is very easy to wheel having 4 large wheels - he has a folding pram but we find it much harder to wheel & lift on to pavements on acct. of having 4 small wheels. It has just occurred to me that this will possibly be your Tom's letter. I wish you all a very happy Christmas & the Dickey family too & Bob & family - I hope the parcel arrives safely - you would

be surprised to see the Corsets, they were
given by a friend to Aunties but are not
suitable. I hope you got a good price for the
cow you shipped. We think Geoff is getting some
back teeth, Harold is taking him to Southport
tomorrow to dinner at his grandfather's - they
will leave there at 3 so as to be back here
before dark. We were very sorry about the
loss of so many lives on the pilot ship. I be-
lieve the engines went out of action & there
was a gale blowing - no stars - they were
nearly all local men. Baby Elizabeth is
getting on nicely - she is very good tho' she has
crying times - usually just before Harold
gets home - just before 6 o'clock! She is active
with hands & feet waving - you will all be glad
Dr. Dickey has help. It is quite wild - rain
nearly every night & occasional light showers
in the day - I have had trouble with mice but
think I have poisoned them now - I do so detest
them. With dear love from

Your ever loving Mother.

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