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M^r & M^{rs} G. Hewson

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3 Centurion Drive Meals

Dec^r 21st 1939.

Dear Susan & Geoffrey - your Xmas letters arrived on Wednesday (19th) so they had not been so long in coming considering the war. Thank you very much for the dollar. I am glad you have had so many festivities lately, & that you have renewed the paper for Brian - he appreciates it very much & passes it on to us on Dr Capt's Cox when visiting him. Thomas looks a remarkably big boy in the photo & so sturdy. What people say boys are harder to bring up but I did not find it so. Yes I am sure Stuart is writing much better - with less effort. I gathered 3 red rosebuds today, we saw a number of roses in a garden in Chester last Wednesday - you will be glad to have an advance supply of wood. Where do you get it? I see in Finland there are immense forests which they say moderate the climate & help to retain moisture - how are your trees growing? I had a number of turkeys to dress in a day. Did Harold

have any? I am sitting in front of a beautiful red fire with a reading lamp (electric) by my side. Electric torches are unobtainable but fortunately we have these & now refills can be had. There are so very many road accidents owing to the absence of lights. We don't go out after dark except occasionally to seek other's houses & there we have a torch to use in case of need. On Monday Auntie M. & I went to D^d head to take a holly wreath to the grave (Uncle Tom's & Grandfather & Grandmother) they are all buried in the same grave (a double one to hold six) in the Cemetery. It is beautifully kept. & then we went on to see Dr. Dron, who looked very well - he will be 97 in May next. Auntie M. sent some lovely holly with great clusters of red berries on it so I made a big wreath with a thick back-ground of ivy for dear Daddy's grave - There are still hundreds of ivy-leaves in Strylake & neighbourhood & they are

organizing treats for them. There are several houses here & in W. Kirby where Creek refugees are housed - several families in one house. One large house has cripples (English) evacuees. Geoffrey was not feeling very well this morn^g, so we went to Hoylelake without him - borrowing the gram to carry things - & when I returned it, he was standing on a chair in the kitchen with a big apron tied round him 'helping to wash'. He has a slight touch of acidosis (caused Dad. thinks by too much chocolate). There is a good deal of scarlet fever about, it has been bad at Actonville - one pupil here died at the school hospital - he had it very badly. & I think he had rheumat-ic fever wh. often follows. I am making bread on Saturday. They all like home-made bread. I am writing early be-cause I expect to be at Barbara's on Sunday, while they are at Southport

they do not want to take Elizabeth
so far in the car. She is a dear little
Baby, so contented & loves to be talked to,
she coos away & smiles. The fishermen
are having a hard time of it on the E. coast.
We heard on wireless the welcome given to
the landing of the Canadian troops & also
speeches by them. They said what a fine
body of men they are. They will not be
going to France for some time & many are
spending time with friends in England.
Some were in the Cash war. I am look-
ing forward to the photographs.

Geoffrey has not been taken for some time
& Baby not yet. I hope you received
the parcel safely wh: I sent off on Nov^r 23rd.

With dear love

from
your loving
Mother.

I hope you all had a very happy
Christmas. We are all to be at Aunties & we
are having pork for dinner -