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Fri³, Dec^r 30th 1939

Dear Susan & Geoffrey. Thank you for your letters & photos rec'd on Thursday - we are very glad to have them: we think Barbara is like Geoffrey & Margaret seems more like your Mother Susan - Little Tom looks sturdy & strong but I cannot see any likeness to other members of the family in him, & Susan looks so different except in the last photo; Geoff can always be recognized, I think he looks rather thin. But how he fattens up in the winter which is now really upon us at last -

We had a heavy (for us) snow storm on Thursday night & then it froze making it very slippery, So I have not been out except long to Auntie's to dinner & today I am sitting by the fire comfortably. Well I ought to have begun at the beginning & told you about Xmas - It was a beautiful day, sunny & not cold - We all had dinner at Auntie's (pork & vegetables & Charlotte Russe pudding - after dinner Barbara, Jeanne

Norman & Brian all went to Chester - it
had up outside the Hospital in big letters the
words No Visitors but on saying they had
come from Yorkshire they were let in for
 $\frac{1}{4}$ hour (but they stayed $\frac{1}{2}$ hour) they all
were pleased with Brian & found him
much improved & he was surprised at
Brian Turvey's 'growth' - he is quite a young
man now - Harold unfortunately has
had a bad fall, swollen face & swelling so
he could not eat Xmas dinner, Brian T. drove
it's car to Chester & back as they had not
enough petrol to use their own. Harold is
better, but not yet out - he may go back on
Monday. The Turvey family have just
started back home, the roads are now slush-
ing & it looks like more snow or rain so
they decided to go to day instead of tomorrow.
Norman wanted to cycle but was persuaded
to go in the car fastening his cycle to it, he rode
all the way here, taking two days - his shoulder
is misshapen - with the fall he had & will
probably always have the sharp lumps

in it. They all enjoyed your letters & photos.
Baby Elizabeth is growing & has a pretty colour
now, she loves to be dressed & talked to, & is very
good tho' she cries at times. Geoffrey was very
pleased with the spoon & uses it daily. Barbara
is very busy, her maid was away at the
holiday time & Harold in bed until mid-day
or after & the house work, fires & 2 children to
see to - This is where Bar wanted to go
out. They went to a Childrens party at W. Kirby
Bar & Geoffrey had a very good time - it is his
second party this season. He thoroughly enjoys it.
He had some very nice toys - Many books,
a train on lines, Noah's Ark, gloves, socks, & lots
of small toys - motor cars, ambulance car etc:
They had a big bonfire which Bar found in the
road, it had fallen off some cart she thinks.

I had a nice calendar from G de Waters & a
card from the Royden family - & quite a
number of Xmas cards. A letter from Dr.
Roberts who with Mr. Roberts is staying
at Oscar's house in Darlington with his
two older children, the wife is in a
nursing home in B'head with a week old

Baby, & Oscar being in the Territorials was called up at the beginning of the war & is in another part of England undergoing a special course of training. Nora's husband had also joined up, but was having a few days leave & Nora has stored her furniture & gone to the Roberts to live, she has no children. Still we don't know what the new year will bring but I hope it will be a very happy one for you all. I am glad to hear the parcel arrived safely. The post-mistress asked "Are'nt you taking a chance?" when I sent it, & I respected it might be delayed or even lost. The S. R. R. attacks on pillar boxes & p. offices ^{have} not stopped. The outside openings for letters are stopped up at the General P. O. at Hoylake & letters must be taken inside. This has been done for some time. Well I must stop - with dear love & many thanks for Xmas present. I have not charged it yet. Your ever loving Brother

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