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Dear Susan & Geoffrey. Thank you for your letters & photos rec<sup>d</sup> on Thursday. we are very glad to have them: we think Barbara is like <sup>both</sup> Geoffrey & Auntie 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; Jeff can always be recognized, I think he looks rather thin, but hope 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 excepting 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 Christmas. 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 Surwey's growth - he is quite a young man now - Harold unfortunately has had a bad fall, on neck, pain & swelling so he could not get Xmas dinner, Brian T. drove his 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 Surwey family have just started back home, the roads are now thawing & it looks like more snow or rain so they decided to go today 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 nursed & 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 mail was away at the holiday time & Harold in bed until mid-day or after & she house work, fires & 2 children to see to - I was there when Dad wanted to go out. They went to a childrens party at W. Kirby Dad & 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 Irons tree wh. Dad found in the road, it had fallen off some cart she thinks.

I had a nice calendar from Gde Waters & a card from the Roydall family - & quite a number of Irons cards. A letter from Mr. Roberts who, with Mr. Roberts is staying at Oscar's house in Darlington with his two elder children, the wife is in a Nursing Home in B'head with a week old,

