

Sunday, Aug. 25th 1940. 3 Centurion Drive
Orcas.

Dear Susan & Jeffrey. Thank you for
your letter dated Aug. 6th from Langbank &
rec^d here on Friday. I hope Amarah is
well again: & that you did not have
the anticipated & feared frost. So dis-
-tructive. Sadie seems to have made a
remarkably quick recovery. You will all
be so glad. I was so to have so much trou-
-ble with the car. We have had a continua-
-tion of gales for wh: strange to say we have
all been thankful. for these nights we
were undisturbed by Sirens. Last night
being calmer we had two warnings closely
following each other but no damage here.
We dressed each time & went downstairs. We
have all had a busy week. Aunties have
had to have new wood right across the front
of the dining room - & they had to wait

some days for Dr Langley. he is to come to
onorrow to strain the floor as they have
had the linoleum surround taken up,
so the cupboards are emptied into other
parts of the house. The men have put
in the new kitchen grate for one. There
were four men part of the time & of course
there was a good deal of litter to clear up -
the linoleum had to come up & these did not
fit round the new smaller grate & had to
be readjusted & the wall paper was torn
away. But I had some leftover bits & oranges
to cover the vacant places. Then Dr Stanley
came back yesterday & has nearly finished
the front of the house. & Mrs. Harold & family
moved in yesterday. They are all sleeping
downstairs in the back sitting room & are
not at all crowded. It is much better
for now they have not to move the children
downstairs when a warning sounds. But

it was quite a busy time changing round.
The downstairs things - including cupboards
pictures + quantity of china - had to be carried
upstairs - + many drawers + cup-
boards emptied in readiness for their
things. They like the new grate very much.
Your last letter was not censored. I saw
Mr Dalton today, he had been to see Brian,
but they could not find him - he spoke to
one of the attendants who said there
must be a very great improvement in
Brian or he would not have been moved
to the free ward. We think he must
have been somewhere in the grounds.
We must have had quite 20 lbs beans from
the few plants we had, we had also some
peas but they were set rather late. Lettuces
have been splendid. The gales blew the
sandy earth away from Harold's potatoes
so he dug them up - he has a good many.

We have many planes overhead practicing & keeping a watch for enemy ones. Geoffrey can now run between the two houses with messages, as there is no road to cross. The military send a ^{motor} waggon at times along the road to their house & they come rather fast.

Auntie E. is about the same - the upsets are not helpful to her. She is up to breakfast now - but rests after dinner for an hour or so. Elizabeth is very sweet, full of inquisitiveness & really pretty now with her big blue eyes & winning smiles. She crawls quickly & pulls herself on to her feet very easily. Her teeth still trouble her a little at night mostly. She has a great many. Strangers often stop to speak to her & admire her. I hope the parcel arrived safely.
With dear love from Mother

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Cause And Effect

When Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, was speaking in Parliament on Tuesday, he said "... There (in Germany) the strong arm of the R.A.F. will reach out, and is reaching out this very night, and there we shall break the fetters with which Hitler seeks to bind the people of Europe."

A few minutes after his words were out on the telegraph all German radio stations suddenly closed down.

They now seem to close nightly at 10, and a reader told the Echo he heard a German station announce that by order of the Fuehrer broadcasting would henceforth cease at 10 p.m.

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