

3 Centurion Drive Dept. August 3rd 1940 -

Dear Susan & Geoff. I sent off a parcel on Thursday & hope it arrives safely. it is too soon but things are not normal & it may take longer than usual to arrive. We are all as usual. Harold's holiday (a week) finishes today he has had it fine & sunny all the time. They went to Soutyport on Monday to see Dr. & Dr. Drills & we looked after Baby; & on Wednesday Harold & Bar went in the car to see Brian & found him very well. They had tea with him & then took him for a little drive in the car leaving him by a field path to make his way back to the Hospital. We looked after Geoffrey & Elizabeth & took them out. It was a nice change for Brian. On Thursday Harold, Bar & Geoffrey went in the car to Wales. they had a lovely day, & met Cely & Kenneth & Washington & their two girls - the heather was lovely on the mountain. Bar & Geoff. stayed at the bottom but the others climbed to the top - they got home about 6.30. little Elizabeth was in bed she had been very happy all day with us. I had a letter from Capt. Cox telling of the safe arrival of Sadie & Harold's little daughter on the 22nd July. She is quite a big baby - it will be a great relief to all of you.

Shah Dadi's trial is over. We had a raid warn-
-ing again last night but nothing happened here
& after dinner & tea in the hall for about $\frac{3}{4}$ hr
we heard the All Clear & went gladly to bed.
Auntie E. had Dr. Brown yesterday. He said she
must take things quietly & not garden at present,
he is taking her blood pressure on Monday but
expects it will be too low or too high. She is very
thin. She was weighed yesterday & only weighed
6 stones & 2 lbs (Shah is 8 lbs & 2 lbs) - I go
to bed early but not happy. She goes
out every day for short walks, & is not any more
there where I had wrote but we all thought she
Dr. might give her something to strengthen her.

Geoffrey is well again I am glad today & Lisa -
Belle is full of life. I am getting to the end
of this paper, Shah is written on by fault & fear,
the Fern. it is only paper to write on. Took it out of an
old book of Orders the Sunday. We had 2 warnings last
night one at 12 & the other about 1.30. But no bombs were
dropped near here. We got dressed twice & came downstairs.
The air wardens have a busy time as they have to patrol
their allotted beat & they had just got home where they had

to turn out again - but they were
 only out a short time the second
 time. I have not rec^d any letter
 from you this week. I hope Sadie
 or Janet Elizabeth are making good
 progress. Today is warm but there
 is a cool sea breeze now that the tide
 is in. A cow was wounded in the
 leg by a splinter in a recent acci-
 dent not far from here - & now the
 childrens back door have invented
 a play out of it. One of the cows
 (a big black) & one perchants to be the
 cow & Tomper & one - the farmer
 leads it into its stable (the green house)
 & hands it some water in a bucket
 which it laps up!! There are not
 many visitors here except day
 ones. The buses are ha mpt mem
 conductors. We heard the speech of
 Dew by correspondant to a Canadian
 paper last night - he did not lose bit
 -ter. I hope you are all well &
 the childrens not too hot. Our garden
 are doing well & it has reply per east on
 when so many were growing their own veg-
 tables. Dear love to all from
 your ever loving brother

LOST GAS MASK AND £200

OWNER LEFT IT ON SEAT IN UNDERGROUND TRAIN

While chatting to a friend in an underground railway train an Uxbridge (Middlesex) woman placed her gas mask on the seat. She forgot to take it with her when she left, and it was not until arriving home that she remembered there was £200 in notes inside the case.

To-day she offered £30 reward for its recovery. A friend said to-day: "She had the money with her as a safeguard, in the event of a sudden emergency."

HOTTEST SPOT OF ENGLAND

Nazi Pilots' Name For Dover

"HELL'S CORNER"

Nazi pilots have found the hottest spot of England's defences, or so they think. It is Dover, and they have christened it "Hell's Corner." The German airmen ought to know, for in the dozens of air battles staged near "Britain's gateway" they have had short shrift.

During all this fighting in the sky the people of Dover, separated by only three and a half minutes from the nearest Nazi aerodrome, are calm.

Living in war-time Dover is very much like sitting on the edge of a live volcano—but the inhabitants, far from being nervous of their daily danger, seem to derive a peculiar fatalistic satisfaction from being in a town which has war on its doorstep.

Most of the shops are still open, the main thoroughfare is busy with shoppers, and men and women in every kind of uniform throng the places of entertainment. Early in the war many families evacuated themselves, but some of these have actually returned.

A local doctor observed "a patient requiring a nerve tonic is a rare visitor to my surgery. The continual air raids, A.A. fire, and bombs do not seem to bother anybody very much, but the Germans' habit of sending over their planes at meal times is having a decided effect on some people's digestions. I suppose they swallow their meals in order not to miss seeing a scrap."

In the shop windows is defiantly displayed a little red-white-and-blue poster bearing the slogan:

"We don't intend to run away."

"Here we are and here we stay."

The population goes about its daily tasks. The motto is, "Carry On."

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Scotland Rediscovered

"I reckon," said a Polish officer to me at his Embassy (writes "Mr. Gossip" in the *Daily Sketch*) "that the English can't know much about the Scots."

"When our soldiers arrived from France after the Nazi invasion they were told lots of those jokes that the Scots tell against their own meanness. Well, that myth is thoroughly exploded."

Polish soldiers can travel free in buses north of the Clyde. They get free meals from mobile canteens, are invited to theatres and cinemas, get letters almost daily from Scots offering to put their homes at their disposal for officers' clubs.

Most of the Polish soldiers speak no English yet. When they do they'll probably have a strong Scottish accent.