

Sat^d August 31st 1940 -

Dear Susan & Geoffrey - Well August is
now over - I wonder what September will
bring. Thank you for your letter rec^d
yesterday. Maha bother the binder
went wrong. I hope Bob was able to com-
-bine the wheat on 15. Poplar Grove
School will be quite a change for Amaret
& has the advantage of being near your
mother's but you will not be able to do
any shopping as you could do when taking
her to Langbank. I am sure the motor
lessons will prove very useful - one cannot
do much damage by not understanding
the working parts of a car. We have had
continuity letters & liked these very
much. They developed good hearts & were
very tender. We also have some Coo
letters but now the letters do not
have such good hearts. I suppose it

no bombs dropped here
they were not far off.

is late in the season & too warm & dry,
for we have had a remarkably dry sum-
mer. The painting of the outside of the
house is finished & looks very well.
Barbara & family are very comfortable
in my house - using the back sitting
room as a bedroom for them all - there
is plenty of room for the two beds & baby's
large cot & it is much less vulnerable in
the frequent air raids than their own
upstairs bedrooms. Most people are now
sleeping downstairs - we are beginning
to think of doing the same - it is disturbing
to have to get up suddenly when the
siren sounds & dress & come downstairs
to sit on chairs under the stairs & we
sometimes have to do so three times
during the night. The raids at first
did not last long but now they last
very much longer; they are mostly

at night but yesterday they began about
1.30 p.m. & lasted about $\frac{3}{4}$ hour - on the night
they lasted some hours. Roy Maxwell's
younger brother is missing he was in the
air force & had expected to come home
that day for a week's leave. We went
to see Brian on Wed^{dy} & found him very
well indeed. He is getting to know the
city very well - it is an interesting one.
Captⁿ Cox had been to see him the pre-
vious Wednesday. I am loving with
the Aunties altogether now. His^o I often
run on to see Baz & Jeffrey but he
here every day. he likes playing with
Neil Maxwell who is a year older - but
he goes to school on Tuesday again.

Sunday more raids last night but we
finally went to bed about 2.30. There
were very few at Church this morn^g. I
felt like we were trying to make up for the
disturbed night. We have plenty of food
altho' some things are rationed & some
are sold out. No condensed milk for example
but plenty of ordinary milk. Eggs are scarce
tho' we can get these from the farm (Price's)
& we have some preserved ones. We have
been trying Ulster Fry - a very thick kind of
sausage - made chiefly of some kind of bacon
or ham - it is 1/2 per lb. & should help out the
bacon ration where there are omen in the
family. We find the tea ration sufficient, but
for those who have it many times daily, it
is barely sufficient - they can have cocoa
or coffee, but most N. Country folk prefer
tea. Sorry this was spilt over by water from
flower vase. We went to see Price on Wed^d & found
him coming to meet us - with dear love from Mother

P.S. This letter got lost
it dropped behind a shell Chesker Hospital
& I thought I had posted it. Chesker
Capt. [unclear] came on Wednesday 19.8.40.
& said he was better by the time

Dear Mother, Bar & Auntie.
he got home. Thank you for your
letters & chocolate & I had a letter
from Geoff on Saturday.
is I hope.

I expect you would get some
just bring a tin of milk
before the air raid started
on Wednesday please
some of the men here saw
I am posting this Saturday
one plane glide down to
drives time the ground & others saw the
burst out plane, I believe
there were 5 in it, they dropped
their bombs some distance
away, but they were enough
to shake the building.

Last night they were Queens
Ferry way & we could hear
the bombs bursting or

the shells from the anti
air craft, & also the flashes
could be seen.

I do not know the extent
of damage, but I expect some
of the casualties came here.

In cutting the grain there
were several foxes here.

I doubt if Capt Cox will
come this week, last time
he was here, he took
ill with pain, & so it
may be too much for him
or not wise or suitable
for him at Chester, but
I have not heard from
him since.

I hope Auntie Edith keeps
improving. From your loving son, Billy.