

3 Centurian Drive Leeds

Friday, Jan: 12th 1940

Dear Susan & Geoffrey.

Thank you for your letter which came on Monday, I am expecting another any time as that one was a week late. There was a lift accident at Hamilton Sq. Station, it happened at 5 o'clock & the lift was very full of men returning from work. It fell down & many were injured - mostly broken legs & arms. It is a wonder no one was killed. About 50 were taken in ambulances to hospital but the next day only about 20 were kept there. Gordon Ieron was taken ill with flu about Dec: 31st & was taken to a Nursing Home with pneumonia wh. attacked both lungs & he died on Tuesday. He leaves a delicate wife & young son about 9 years of age - Jack, Margaret, Ralph & an Austrian boy came for the day yesterday. The boy's father & mother & little sister are now in England - about 5 miles from Jack's at

a large dental home where the Mother
works as a dental & the Father has an appoint-
ment, they are allowed to have the children with
them in the holidays - the Father is a professor
& the Mother highly educated - but they are
glad to be safe from Concentration Camps or
worse. The Russians have always been
bullies, the Saxons are better. The Finns
are fighting very bravely. We are again
having cold weather after a damp mild spell -
the windows freeze over & outside pipes given
to freezing. however so far there is no wind
so it is pleasant for walking & there is
sunshine. Baby is put out in the summer house
very morning & keeps warm, well wrapped up
in shawls, coats & blankets. Tomorrow will
be Barbara's birthday, Brian remembered
& wrote today. We plan to see him a week or
more (Pat?) Harold is taking us but we
shall be late in getting there as Harold does
not get home in time to start before #2, & we shall
have about an hour there - Brian & Harold think
this severe weather it is not fit for us to

be so long on the journey as we have to be
where going by bus - we have been going earlier
to avoid travelling in the dark but the
buses are not as convenient. However it
will soon be lighter & then we can go
back to the old times. We would rather
spend $1\frac{3}{4}$ hours with Brian - as we used to
do. Tomorrow we are going to see Auntie

Maggie, the Dr. wants her to stay another fortnight
in bed, & to continue with light diet & medicine -

We were ~~expecting~~ had dinner at Paer's to-
day & on Sunday are having it at Aunties-

port. Paer had a day in town yesterday,
I looked after Baby & in the evening after
her return I went to Aunties & came away
at 10 o'clock with a boiling hot water bottle &

I lit my nice gas fire in the bedroom &
soon hopped into bed.

Sunday Auntie

M: was up, but still has much pain - it is a
chill wh: has affected the gall bladder. The Dr.
says - not stone. She is on a strict diet - no fat,
or solids. We have just had dinner at Aunties

& now I am back home to finish & post this be-
fore 10 o'clock. How are you getting on with
all "Keeping Self" it is bothersome but very worth
while. We are not rationed for butter & Bacon, & I don't
think anyone should complain as there are plenty
of other foods to help - Margarine of good quality
is not rationed, & Sausages etc. & of course vege-
tables. We get very good haricot beans - they
are white, like butter beans but the size of haricots.

Matches are getting scarce. I use very few as I
use the gas lighter & these with a taper case light
the fire so do not really need any matches.

Geoffrey knows all the names of your children
& likes to hear about them. Mr. Brown (Penkett
late schoolmaster) has just died. We are to
have an air raid warning tomorrow. To get people
used to the signals, they had one recently at Kirby &
where people ran to the shelter found they could
not get in as no one had the key to the locked door!!

I hope you are all well. I am looking for^d to your letter.
Am glad the parcel contents were useful.

With dear love always from

Your ever loving Mother

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