

3 Centurion Drive, Meols.
Sunday: July 23rd 1940

Dear Susan & Geoff - Thank
you for your letters, the cash
was written on June 30th.
I am still staying mostly at
Aunties. Auntie E. is much
better & says each day she feels
better. Norman & Jeanne rode
here yesterday on their cycle
(Tandem) they took two days to
come but plan to go back in
one - it is 100 miles, they left
at 9 o'clock this morning.
They called to see Brian on
their way here & were much
pleased to see the improve-
ment in him & the freedom

he, passes so for he accompanied
-ed them part of their way
here. This is the letter he sent
by Norman. Geoffrey is much
better, but much thinner than
he was, he has grown a good
deal. Elizabeth is very well
& has a new tooth. We are busy
pasting ^{strips of} brown paper over the
windows to prevent, we hope,
their blowing out in case of an
air raid in the vicinity. It makes
the windows look like old fashion-
-ed collage windows with small
panes. I think Harold will
have a few days holiday, but
they will not go away as it
would be troublesome to take two

children away for so short a
 time & Harold will be glad of
 more time for his allotment. We
 are very thankful to have such
 good lettuce in our gardens they
 have such firm hearts & so crisp
 they break as you gather them -

Brian had not received the
 Canadian paper for a month -

Brian Turvey has another ex-
 -am in September - he has been
 digging up ground in their orchard
 & planting different vegetables.

I am very sorry you lost Toby
 such a good dependable dog -
 Sadie said they have a young
 dog - rather in the troublesome
 stage at present. I hope
 she keeps well.

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I believe Dorothy is trying for a
job in the Censor's office. I hope
she gets it. We know one person for
it she lives near here - the hours
are rather long, 6 days a week -
but I believe the pay is quite
good & better if you know lan-
guages. It needs of course very res-
ponsible persons. I hope to
send off a little parcel each
week - rather early for Sept -
but one does not know how
events will turn out.

I am busy knitting vests for Eliza
- Betty & these will start knitting
her an outdoor coat & I think
Scoffney will need vests too. so I
am afraid I won't have much time
to continue knitting socks for sailors or ^{soldiers}

Please thank Sadie for her nice
 letter. I hope they have a lot of
 honey. Eggs here are 2/9 per dozen -
 + soft fruit has been very dear,
 raspberries 1/6 + 2/- per lb. We
 were allowed extra sugar to pre-
 serve soft fruit (2 lbs per person)
 but by the time the sugar arrived
 the soft fruit was over, + any-
 way too expensive to preserve -
 so we are waiting now for the
 plum + apple crops as it is a
 good year for that they say. +
 we could use apricot pulp or dried
 apricots. Barbara will be allowed
 1 pint milk for each child (under 5
 years of age) at 2^d. per pint (halfpint)
 + for those with very small incomes
 can get the same amount free.

Next week the new budget comes out so we are all expecting more taxes. They have been collecting aluminium from householders & collect great quantities, also iron, brass & copper. also bones, rags paper etc. it is wonderful how much they get weekly. I hope your crops still continue to look flourishing. I should think wheat will be much needed before long. Things have been so unsettled in European countries & tho' we are growing more we have a much larger population than usual with Greeks, Danes, French, Norwegians & interned Brit. & French & Jews who have to be considered.

With much love - hoping all are well - & to hear good news of Sadie
Your ever loving Mother.

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Dear Mother.

I thought I would
write a few lines & give
the letter to Norman, as this
paper will not take a pen
I am using a pencil.

I really have no news since
I saw you.

I forgot to thank Auntie
for the tie on Wednesday yet
I was wearing it.

Mr Bromly has gone to the
Royal Infirmary, so I
suppose he was getting no
better.

men, that have been
allowed to go home in
far less time than I
have had to stay, the
only difference is they had
their father to claim
them out.

Since I have farmed on
my own with Giff, I do
not like working under
any one, as their ways
do not always suit me.

from your
loving son

Brian

The butcher gets called up
 within the next 30 days
 according to age, he does
 not know if he will be
 leaving or not as some
 come under reserved occupation.
 Seven have gone in the
 last week, three men from
 the ward that I was on.
 The butcher has a child
 age 10.

If he leaves, I think
 I will give up my job
 I would like to get a job
 were I am not tied down
 to hours, & that I could
 be free to go away when
 not working, there are

The grain in the fields
is starting to ripen & the
wheat looks like being a
good crop.

Regina Fair starts on the
29th of this month, if Jeff
& Bob think the crop
prospects are good they
may go to it as it is
always a big show &
lasts a week.

This morning I saw an
airplane drop two flares
it looked to be near
the town hall, at
first I thought they might
be bombs.