

Centurion Drive - Ormskirk. Sat. July 5th / 40.

Dear Lusa & Geoff. No letter this week.
We went to see Brian on Wed. Auntie E. & S
& we neither of us fell down this time!!
We found Brian very well indeed, & had
tea & a pleasant time with him. Tho' he nat-
-urally longs to be free & in Canada again,
he was not depressed & has much free-
dom - walking about the streets & able to
go to near by shops to buy any thing he
likes - he also gets better food, so that I do
not need to take him so much & I give
him money instead of sending a parcel
the week we don't go. You will probably
receive a notice from the Post Office asking
for your signature & usual address. be-
-cause I have bought £50 worth of Nation-
-al Saving Certificates for you & if left in
for 10 years it becomes £68-13-6 - after
10 years I understand it bears no further
interest - Your registered no: is E.A. 12713

I have the little booklet but will not
send it until it is safer - I have got the
same for Barbara & for Brian - I had
a mortgage paid off & though I would do
this with the money. Auntie E. was not
so well on Thursday, she & Auntie M. did quite
a big wash & had a busy morn^g & then she had
a hot bath & after that she felt rather fiddy
& did not remember what she had been
doing for the previous hour or two - she did
not remember lying down or having her din-
-ner - however she has stayed in bed yes-
-terday & today & seems well again she
will probably be up for tea today.

I am staying there all night now as I did
not like Auntie M. to be alone & they
are very glad for me to be there - I am not
at all nervous about being in this house
alone. Geoffrey is still not well, the Dr^r
says he must stay in bed for breakfast
& rest as much as possible, his pulse is

low + he is rather cranky + not his usual self, + Elizabeth has still a bad cough she cuts her teeth that way - it wakes her up so she does not sleep for long. Today she managed to get out of her cradle which was fortunately on the floor, she did not cry + we just found her on the floor quite happy. I have been there every day as Geoffrey goes out in one pram + Baby in another. I have written to Capt. Cox to ask if they would like to use doghouse as I think it may be in a safer area than theirs but there has not been time yet for a reply. He used to see Brown a week ago + had to wait a long time to get a bus back - they were all so full. Sunday Auntie B. was down to tea yesterday, she has been persuaded to stay in bed until tea time today as we think the rest is the best possible treatment for her - she has not had the

Doctor & she seems well again tho' weak.
I am living between the three houses at
present. I am not going to Bess's today because
Harold is at home & tomorrow she has her way
to Storn for the morn^g so I will go in the
ft^g to take one child out. Geoffrey was better
yesterday but he easily tires. Margaret Wash-
ington & her husband & child have gone quite
suddenly to Tasmania. he is an optician & was
a business in London with his brother. The German &
alian prisoners behaved very badly where the ship
was torpedoed tho' there were some exceptions. It
is a most beautiful summer. everything growing so
well. Harold's peas & lettuces etc have done so well
he has many potatoes about ready & Cabbages, Carrots
etc etc. Our lettuces are lovely to suck good.
carts & the scarlet runners are quite 7 feet high
covered with flowers. So sad there should be war.
really for no good reason - but mad dogs cannot
reason. With very dear love always I am

- your loving Mother

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Sat³ July 13th 1940.

Centurion Drive, Leeds.



Dear Susan & Geoff, Thank you for your letter.
Please excuse paper it is close upon 100 years old & came out of an old book of my grandfather's (Diary & Waters) & now that paper is scarce it is being put to a good use. I am staying mostly at Aunties but go a great deal to Barbara's especially since both children have been ill. we think they have both had German measles tho' the Dr. says he is not at all sure it has been. certainly Geoffrey had acidosis or something similar to. But he is getting better daily tho' he still tires easily & has to go slow. The Dr. is very pleased with Baby Elizabeth she is so bright. she can stand up in her cot & she is so good tempered. Auntie E. is much better. I am glad to say - she got up soon after breakfast this morning & has been out several times today - she gets tired easily. Norman & Jeanne are coming to see her next Saturday until Sunday. They are coming on their new tandem bicycle - Jeanne cannot get news of her sisters who are in France somewhere but she does not know where - they had to leave their homes in or near Strasbourg. We have had very heavy rain for 2 days & nights & a farm man said to me that was a nice drop



of rain." Aeroplanes are flying overhead all day - we saw 11 at once this morn'g. It was pity that the new French battle ships had to be fought, but it was given necessity to prevent the Nazis from using it as they certainly

36	Mr. Pitton	"	23 Aug 1840	1840	1841	76	Edw. Cole	23 Oct 1841	1841
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44	J. J. Gregg	"	24 Aug 1840	1841	1841	10	Mr. Weston	23 Oct 1841	1841
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110	Genl. Ponton	"	28 Aug 1840	1841	1841	6	Chol. H. Buddin	19 Nov 1840	1841
80	Mr. East	"	29 Aug 1840	1841	1841	11	James Cotton	23 Oct 1841	1841
28	Mr. Henderson	"	4 Sep 1840	1841	1841	64	Edw. Waldman	23 Oct 1841	1841
36	Mr. Allison	"	6 Sep 1840	1841	1841	83	Samuel Webber	23 Oct 1841	1841
52	Edw. Williams	"	7 Sep 1840	1841	1841	56	Edw. Taylor	23 Oct 1841	1841
36	Col. Ehrlich	"	13 Jul 1840	1840	1841	17	Col. Harvey	18 Oct 1840	1840
32	Col. Watts	"	3 Oct 1840	1840	1841	65	Chol. Blunt	18 Oct 1840	1840
28	Genl. Palmer	"	1 Oct 1840	1841	1841				
36	Genl. Watts	"	30 Sep 1840	1841	1841				
52	Chol. Samuels	"	5 Oct 1840	1841	1841				
16	Mr. Philips	"	23 Oct 1840	1840	1841				
52	Col. Greenaway	"	9 Oct 1840	1840	1841				
33	Mr. East	"	15 Nov 1840	1840	1841				
28	Mr. Frances	"	27 Oct 1840	1840	1841				
4	Genl. Hewill	"	31 Oct 1840	1840	1841				
12	Col. Hymans	"	31 Oct 1840	1840	1841				
32	Genl. Roberts	"	4 Nov 1840	1840	1841				
"	Genl. Philpott	"	1 Nov 1840	1840	1841				
40	Genl. Brand	"	7 Nov 1840	1840	1841				
48	Edw. Brand	"	10 Nov 1840	1840	1841				
32	Col. Ancher	"	11 Nov 1840	1840	1841				
36	Mr. Waters	"	30 Nov 1840	1840	1841				
52	Walter Plee	"	23 Oct 1840	1841					
24	Genl. Barlow	"	23 Oct 1840	1840					
59	Col. Hobson	"	23 Oct 1840	1841					
11	Chol. Sutton	"	23 Oct 1840	1840					

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 Commanding A. M. P. Reserve
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would have done. & they might have accepted
one of the other alternatives offered them.
Germans much have been annoyed to have
sunk the Strandara Star with so many of
their compatriots & Italians aboard. There
are all sorts of protective means being taken, all
over England & the Air force is marvellous.
Daphⁿ Cook wrote today they thought they were
as safe there as here but thanked me for the offer
to push them up. Auntie May had a kind letter
from Elsie offering to put all three of us up for
the duration, but we are sticking it out.

Windows are being protected against splintering
by all sorts of ways - perhaps the best is to stick
mushy curtain material on to the glass - others
paint some adhesive substance on, or paste strips
of brown paper either like this  or this 
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like the first. Harold has got curtain material
to stick on. It is a beautiful day today & I have
just been cutting the grass. My lettuce are
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I am sorry you have had damage done by frost - so dis-
appointing. I am very sorry to hear you lost Toby,
did he die? he was such a friendly nice dog.

you will miss Milda very much. I hope Sadie
keeps well. Muriel Munnerley (Dainton) is
expecting her baby in Sept. Very trying
for her at this time - her husband some dis-
tance away with only an occasional weekend at
home. Fresh eggs are 2/9 per dozen. Dult 8^d quart
but families with young children can get a pint
a day for each child under 5 at 2^d a pint. It
makes a great difference to Barbara. I forgot
to say my ankle is well again. I did not have
to lie up for it. I am sleeping at Auntie's since
Auntie E was ill. Tea is rationed - 2 oz per person
a week. I have plenty anyway that would be
enough. Coffee, cocoa & milk are not rationed.
Sunday I am glad you are putting the money away
for Brian. I am sure it bothers him that he is not
earning anything or helping at the farm. The govern-
ment is asking for aluminium - pans, teapots etc. etc.
& the response is wonderful. I am going for a short
walk with Auntie E after posting this. It is fine but
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bank being just planted. I enclose a photo of Jeffrey
& his friend & playmate Pauline, on their bicycles.
She has a shopping basket fastened to her handlebar.
Dear love always from Mother.

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