

3 Centurion Drive - Meals - June 29th (Sat^{dy}) 1940

Dear Susan + Geoff - Thank you for your letter whi
left Langbank on June 11th. No, Harold just had the old
Camera but I think he had something done to it. Barbara
must have misunderstood Mr. Bickersstaff as she thought
she had called at Langbank on her homeward journey
as well. I did receive your letter saying you had seen
her on her outward journey. I hope you enjoy the doctor
course it should be a decided help. We are glad you had
good rain + Brian said by the Canadian paper that
the crops were very promising. The war news continues
increasingly grave - there are a great many foreign troops
in England - Poles, Belgians, French. It is hard times for
the Channel Islanders to have to leave their homes + means
of livelihood. Mr. Philips (opposite Bar) + Mr. Elias in
this road are thinking of sending their girls to Canada
but Mr. Philips's girl is nearly 16 + she is afraid by the
time she is enrolled that she will be too old.
Mr. Elias thinks of sending Pauline. She is about 12
or 13 I think. However first all the children from
the evacuated areas have first chance, if their parents
wish them to go + it will take some months before they
can all go + by then perhaps things may be better.
It had a warning lash on day night, I did not hear it.

don't really know if he had it - however he is downstairs
& out again, but has lost weight & is not quite strong
again. He was nearly 5 days in bed. Elizabeth is very
well & happy - she has such a smiling face with dimples
& is very good, she is beginning to crawl. My garden is
full of beautiful roses pink, white, red, cream, damask.
I cut big bunches daily - & the white lilies are quite a
show. My lettuce are also a success & the scarlet
runner beans are up to the top of the fence. The peas also
are doing quite well. Harold is busy with his allotment.
I have been at Barbara's well day from about 10 o'clock till
the children were in bed. Baby does not sleep long in
the daytime now, she has a safety strap which goes over
each shoulder ^{crossing} & round the waist & short straps fasten
it to the pram - so she cannot get out of it & it allows
her sufficient freedom without danger - it would be very
good for a high chair too, but Bar has not a high
chair. Brian Turvey has passed his exam in all
the subjects, wh: is a very great relief, he had so many
drawbacks. Illness wh: that he was afraid it would
prevent him from passing, he will have several more
exams to pass but only about 2 subjects each time -
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to Aunties) died very suddenly in Bickenhead - she
was in rooms in B'head. I am thankful to say my ankle
is well again tho' I have only had house slippers on so
far. It will be a month tomorrow since I was at Church-
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weather - after one or two colder days - we have had several
showers so everything grows fast - I never remember a more
beautiful summer. Milk for young children is to be
sold at 2^d a pint instead of 4^d - so it will make a great
difference to Barbara as she has been by milk bills. Other
milk is now raised to 8^d a quart. Well, it is now Sunday & I
will post this on my way to Church - with dear love from
Dorothy

Chester Mental Hospital
Chester

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Dear Mother, Dad & Auntie.

As I had a letter from Geoff, I thought I would write, even if our letters do cross. I will expect you next Wednesday or the week after according to what you write, & I hope your foot has recovered.

Capt. Cox came today, two Elmore Post buses came first, he did not get on they knew & then the 13th had one which was full so in the end he had to wait another half hour.

The butcher is away this week, & also
a patient that was helping, the
patient has something like flu so is
in bed.

While Capt Cox was waiting for the bus
a soldier & a sailor from a H.M.S.
Destroyer came & asked the way
to Chester Navy College, they
were both in uniform.

I have eaten Dad's cake which
was very good.

You will see by Goff letter
that I have £110 in the
bank now. I suppose I
could cash ^{part of} that at Martins
exchange bank in Liverpool, or
would it not be the same
Bank of Montreal in there

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office? I suppose all they need
would be a witness to show that
the money was in Whitwood.
while they wrote for it.

We had a hail shower this
evening.

The night before last there
was a air raid alarm, &
a lot of people had to get
up at midnight, which gave
people good practice in case
it had of been a serious raid.
so now when our comes, they
will not be taken by surprise
of people not knowing what to do.

I really think that our bed
room door should be left
unlocked, or else an outside
stair case in case the warden
got killed or the hall
blocked with debris so that
he could not get along, in
a way sleeping up stairs is
more dangerous than
down stairs, so perhaps people
will start & sleep down
stairs that have room to do so.

from your
loving son
Brian