

3 Centurion Drive, Meads. May 4th -
Saturday ~~Saturday~~ 1940

Dear Susan & Geoff - Thank you for
your letter. I am glad you are all
well again & Sadie too. What a pity
the Hospital fees were so high. The
fees here would probably be quite as
high & then there are the Doctor's fees.
We are having lovely weather now,
Bright Sunshine & the faintest
breeze. It must be hard to find workers
(man & wife) who are anywhere like
-really good. My lettuce are
coming up, I like growing things.
We went to see Bryan on Wednesday,
& he met us ^{outside} at the entrance to the
Hospital - such a change! Last time
he met us on the Hall (a large room
used for entertainments, but before

that he was in the ward & we had to wait to have the door unlocked. Now he is on parole & has a card which says Son & is able to go about the Hospital or grounds quite freely. After tea which we had in the Hall he took us over part of the grounds - there is an old large mansion in one part with beautiful grounds round it - sloping banks with daffodils growing in the grass & a pretty stream with bridge across it, huge beautiful trees spaced about. The mansion is old & the floors are unsafe so that it is not now used, but it was used until recently for the Nurses home, but now they have a huge (& very ugly!) new home with all up to date conveniences & tennis court on the flat roof. At present Bray has a room to himself - there are about 50 patients in his ward (9) & it consists of two large dormitories, one or two

small rooms & a large sitting room with
billiard table, also a small kitchen.
Their ward is not locked. Brian was
quite normal all the time. It is such a
change for him to be free & working. Some-
times some of the soldiers who are recover-
ing walk into the Butcher's shop &
have a chat with them. One guards-
man had been in Canada before he
joined the army. Jack is calling
at the hospital on his way here.

^{Monday}
Sunday Another lovely day. I stayed
in bed until nearly 10 o'clock to have
a rest after a rather strenuous week.
The spring cleaning is progressing &
now I only have the staircase, hall
dining room, kitchen & outside building
to do. I am going to Barbara's to dinner
today & to Aunties to tea, at 6 o'clock to
hear what Jack thinks of Brian's im-
provement.

3.30 p.m. Back from
Barbara's. Geoffrey has a new beep
-er, the other one was given to him by

The Robins & he has used it a great deal -
but the steering is wrong & he fell off &
several times. This one is so much safer - &
he does so enjoy it, his little friends have
them too - he has two girl & two boy friends &
living in Guffitts Park where there is a
wide broad pavement. The children all
belong to separate families. We hear the news
many times daily but of course we can-
not be told a great deal. I hope the war
will not spread any further. Stanley
seems to be sitting on the fence.
Sidney Nicholson is to be married on
June 1st, he is in the air force but still
somewhere in England. Evelyn is
expecting to hear from the Navy.
There is much activity in the air, planes
frequently overhead. The trees & flower-
ing shrubs are all in flower, & the
hedges are so green, also the grass. &
We see very much more land under
the plough this year. Rations are still
the same. Eggs 2/4 the dozen. With dear love