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Mr & Mrs Hewson  
Langbroke  
East  
Canada.



From  
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15, Centurion Drive  
Oneida, Jersey Lake.

Sunday a good deal of firing last night  
but no damage here I think

15 Centurion Drive - Odeola

Sat<sup>d</sup> Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 1941

Dear Susan & Geoff - Thank  
you for letter rec<sup>d</sup> yesterday  
it was dated Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> Langbank,  
& had been opened by censor. so  
I must have rec<sup>d</sup> it without  
much delay. I had a letter  
from Capt. Cox (I had sent him  
some Free Press papers) he said  
Dorothy was flying to the  
Isle of Man this last Thursday  
to help look after her Uncle &  
Aunt - the Aunt has had a  
stroke & one side is paralysed.  
she is not 50 I believe, but  
has had a hard time nursing  
a helpless sister for years.

Capt? & Mr? Cox are in their usual health. & he says he will soon go again to see Brian.

This afternoon two Air Wardens (Mr? Gofton & Roy Maxwell) came to see if our gas masks are right. All masks have to be inspected. Harold is taking Geoffrey with him & going to see his father tomorrow at Southport. They go by car as it is much quicker & pleasanter. The Alarm has just sounded. Harold will be on duty as Warden or Fire spotter. ~~The~~ Back house has had a small sack of sand delivered to it, & all are expected to have buckets of water ready & bath with water in.

Birds are beginning to sing again  
 & bulbs are springing up every-  
 where in the gardens. The snow-  
 drops are in flower. I am  
 knitting a cardigan for Barbara  
 & she is knitting a jumper to cor-  
 respond - 3 ply orange or deep yel-  
 low wool 8. an oz. with deep welt  
 at waist & rest plain knitting.

The war seems to be spreading,  
 & we wonder what Hitler is  
 planning - whether invasion  
 & gas attack - but much of England  
 has so much windy coast  
 that gas one would expect to  
 soon be dispersed. We have had  
 rain during week right lately,  
 but fine in the daytime.

Mrs Cheatey died last Sunday,  
I expect you remember her, Geoff,  
She was about 88 years old.

A man in L'pool has just died  
in her 101 year!! I wish we  
could get eggs at the price you  
get. It is such a treat to be  
able to use plenty of eggs in  
cakes & puddings & not wonder  
if they would do with less.  
I should think Doran would  
prefer War Bonds but will be  
going to see him on Wed.

Living is beginning so I must  
stop until it stops - I am glad  
you find the washer such a  
help. The Keatons are still on  
the Isle of Doran they went  
there at the beginning of the  
war & their O'head house

has been empty. But now they  
 have lent it to some refugees  
 from Italy. The giving has  
 ceased again! Auntie E has made  
 a pretty coat for Elizabeth or  
 of a baby's sleeping bag for prom.  
 it was made of beautiful fine  
 blue cloth - a very pretty  
 shade with white pearl buttons,  
 it was too good to use for its  
 intended purpose. & blue  
 suits her so well. She is very  
 quick - today when I went  
 she began to pull at my  
 coat to get it off - as I take  
 it off each morning when I go  
 there. It was a great relief.

to Jeanne to hear her sisters  
are safe & well. Tho' of course she  
cannot write or hear from them.  
She heard thro' the Red Cross -  
Boiling fowls are  $1/8$  per lb. butter  
 $1/8$  but only 2 ozs per person can be  
bought. though in addition one can  
buy 6 ozs margarine 9d per lb.  
The sugar allowance is 8 ozs per  
person per week. The children  
(2) next door have measles - they  
are nice girls, 12 & 7 respectively -  
they are all going to try to grow as  
many vegetables as possible  
this year. Onions & Shallots,  
they say the latter are easy to grow.  
but that onions are more trouble -  
Harold has been very glad to have  
the allotment, they are getting sprouts  
now. they were 7d per lb!!  
With dear love from Mother