

3 Centurion St.

Woods.

Ches.

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my dear Geoffrey Susan.

A happy Christmas to
you & yours. A lot has happened
since I last penned a
letter to you but neverthe-
-less up to the present we
are all quite bright &
chirpy. Its surprising what
a lot of extra work the war
seems to cause the mere
housewife. First of all you
cant always get what you
want & ~~then~~ ^{then} there are
no errand boys to deliver

meat, etc. The black out takes
about 10" each night &
mornings to fix up.

We are very comfortable
back in the old house &
are very grateful to Mother
It has been a great
help having the children
downstairs all the time
& altho all being in the
one room has drawbacks
if baby is noisy, it also
has big advantages.

Geoffrey is always so
interested to hear about his
Canadian cousins.

Thomas is getting such a

big boy. You must be proud
of your family - I should not
think you'd want it
enlarging!

Mother keeps wonderfully
agile but I don't think she
can do what she could.

She comes here most mornings
& often takes the children out
for an hour or so - They all
seem very happy up at
the Aunties together & I

must say it is a great
deal more restful than
it would be here. Elizabeth
has really been rather noisy
at nights very often but she

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wakes up by sleeping &
until 9 & it gives us a
chance to get our breakfast
over. I find I had not
given her enough solid food
& too much milk - so I
suppose the poor child was
hungry.

We took Geoffrey to
L'Id yesterday to see
Father Xmas & the
top & he was very
pleased & got a nice
speed car from the
Sults.

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Elizabeth is a most energetic
child & usually stands by
her name all the time
we are at.

I did so enjoy seeing Bruce
3 wks ago. He looks so well
and seems splendid.

He has gone much fatter - more
like he was when first he
went to Canada.

Bobbie has joined the
A.R.P. which means
he'll have to turn out
in the night & go on
duty so I am making

have a very warm
pullover with a polo
collar.

I am going to write to
Frank Clarke now.

We write at 4' near - just
to keep in touch.

Love, love washing 7R
& 7ms all health & wealth.
& I hope the war will never
get any nearer to 7R.

my love + all sorts of
Christmas greetings

Barbara