

Chester Mental Hospital

Chester.

July 14<sup>th</sup> 1940.

Dear Geoff & Susan.

Thank you for your

letter (birthday).

You will find the new radiator all right for anti freeze now, the rubber hoses should be made of metal pipes with threads & cuppers, cutting a small hole on top of the pipe to act as a fuse, & covered with rubber tubing. & then I think it would give a lot less bother.

I saw the soldiers & the band

going to the Cathedral & coming  
back, I suppose a division would be  
over 1000 men anyway the line  
extended a long way & had a banner.  
I suppose Dave Losh might finish  
his training in Chester, if he  
or any other cross tell them to  
come & see me.

The roads <sup>around here</sup> are like Bidston road  
bridge was in the last war only  
with cement & barbed wire now.

I wonder if you will get to Regina  
Fair, I expect it will be a big one  
as the unsettled conditions will  
hardly effect it yet, but I  
suppose it depends on what you  
are going to do about threshing,  
although some time ago you said

you had been fixing the humming  
bird, there must be quite a  
change in the 1940 models from the  
1926 or 70.

I see the Packard Motor Co. are going  
to make airplanes for the British about  
6,000, so it will be good advertisement  
for their cars. (Lucas).

The oats here are about 6 feet tall  
but with there being so much straw  
the oats may not fill, yet we  
have had 21 hours rain continues &  
several thunder showers, but I  
think the dry spell before the  
rain would set the forming of the

heads.

Monday. This morning I received implement cats:  
& your letter, about Toby, he will be  
missed, as he was ~~a~~ very willing.

Last night a motor charabanc (bus)  
banged into the road blockade, I  
have not heard if any one got hurt.  
he did not notice it as it is on  
a bend & he was going down hill.  
Graveling should be a big help  
to the roads almost as good as a  
highway.

The Farmall tractor look well shaped  
only they need one three times the  
horse power.

Tea is rationed to two oz a week  
per person.

I was told by the meat inspector

that around here they do not like very fat animals, so that a canner is almost worth as much per lb, so long as it is not all bone, I suppose to them it is a change as there cattle are always so well fed, & a lot is used as steaming steak.

A motor truck 2 layers of calves passed, & one put its head out & balled as it passed.

A dove <sup>or pigeon</sup> came in the butcher shop stayed the night & flew away early in the morning, another one we found exhausted on a hot day, so we gave it water & indian corn.

I expect you see a good  
many airplanes with all the  
training that is going on  
there are a great many different  
kinds.

What is the price of a new  
Hudson car, I think it is  
worth taking a drive in  
one, to see if it is  
equal to the V8.

from your  
loving brother  
Brian