

Chester Mental Hospital  
Chester  
July 24<sup>th</sup> 1939.

Dear Geoff & Susan.

I got a paper this morning, the Case Thrashing machine seemed to be well advertised as being up to date in improvements only 5 belts. I expect it would cost less than the Humming Bird it looked long like there style.

The minicopter is a strong machine.

I saw a new motor truck painted blue called Fordson, so I think they have converted the tractor engine into a motor truck, it looked very powerful & big.

In the paper F.P. it said the Ford Company were turning out a machine <sup>of some kind</sup> every four minutes, & things were on the upturn, so perhaps they are making the latest in farm machinery & tractors, I think the humming bird was made by them.

The lifting of the submarine Thetis reminds me of the moving of Wraughams buildings, they keep breaking something, the latest way they used 9" cables 8 of them, & then they broke the winch, & two men got hurt.

My job this afternoon was moving furniture

furniture on the female side, with all the buildings it is a big place.

Are Mr & Mrs Helen Sawyer running St. B's farm now? I expect they will get along well.

Around here it seems as if they were building a new district town on all sides there are new houses being built, & soon the Mental Hospital will be built in so that there will be little farming land.

In front of here there is a field with 20 to 30 horses in all the time, I expect they are race horses, but have not been close to them.

The next station to Chester is called Mollington so Mr Beatty C.P.R. manager is considering building a new fleet of passenger liners, he is now in England, but thinks financial money is too scarce.

Next year I believe if I am back it would pay to seed all the land to crop, & instead of summer fallowing do 50 acres of breaking on 315.

Are the gophers still bothering the hill west of the rhubarb on Rikbrides, the land is light there, so we would not lose much in thrashing a straw fall pile over it, which will stop the land turning sandy & drifting, as

the wind seems to catch that hill.

I did not think Dan Matherson would remember me, the districts have changed quite a bit since I left.

I see in one of the photos, that the old washing machine is still usable, here they use washing machines like a churn on its side turned from one end, there is an inside cylinder perforated & it turns round & round & the water squirts out of the small holes & as it comes round it dips in the water & picks it up again, rather like the mild oat cleaner, the lid is a  $\frac{1}{4}$  roll top so that it pushes back inside the case of the machine so that it is out of the way.

I expect you would get some rain when Oxbow had the hail storm, if the district were like Winnipeg. We keep getting Manchester showers of rain about one inch a day for the last month.

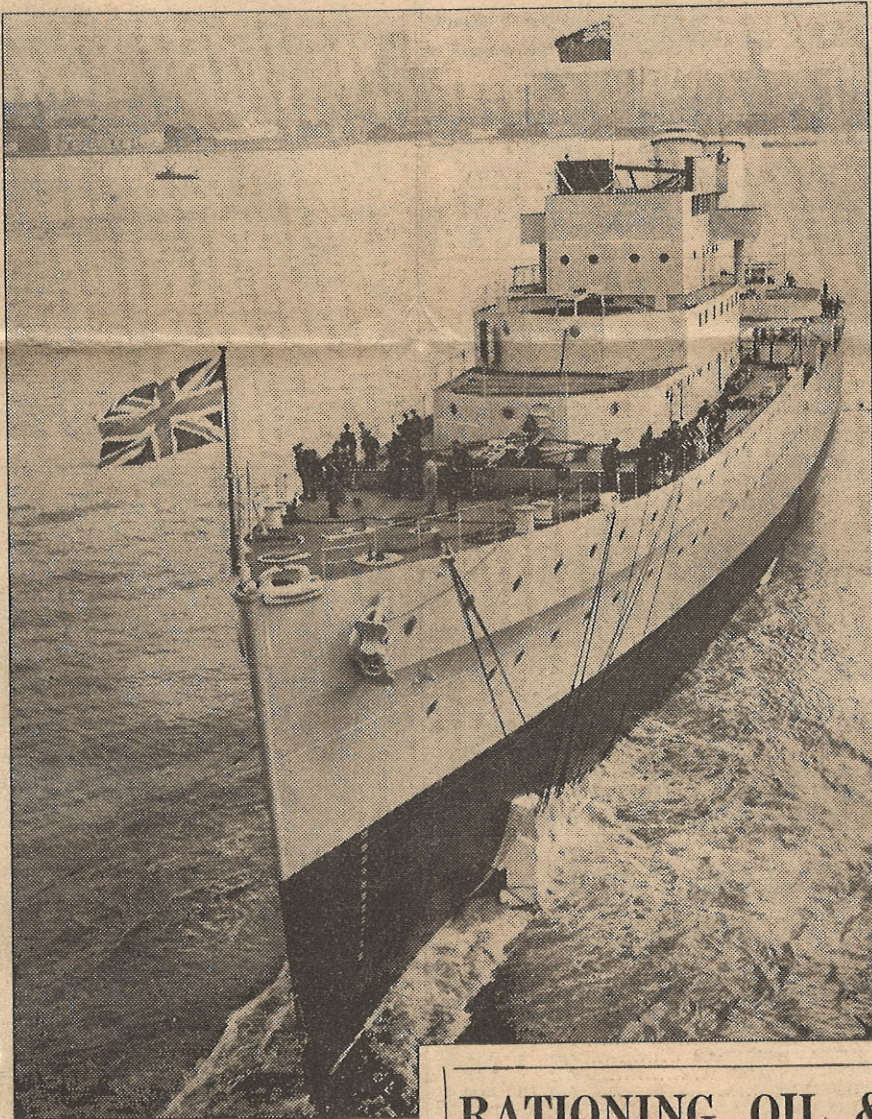
From your  
loving brother  
Brian.

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## CRUISER LAUNCHED AT BIRKENHEAD



H.M.S. DIDO, a 5,450-ton cruiser, seen after her launch at Birkenhead. Another cruiser, Nigeria, was launched at Walker-on-Tyne yesterday, and a third, Mauritius, will go afloat at Wallsend to-day.

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