

Crossways
Ludham
Gt Yarmouth
Sun 2nd . 7. 44

My dear Babs

Well the "week" is over and what a week. Still the result is good. Without Saturday the total was £15,428 and the Group £1346. England says it works out about £20 per head but so far I haven't troubled about it as I'm not sure of the population figure. At the Sale on Saturday evening they took £140 so the Red X benefit by about £7. I suppose they think it was worth all the work it entailed it but I don't. England called in this afternoon and said Mr Bird was paying out the Stamps on Tuesday evening but was not going to do anything with cert: some people have £s to come, I asked him if Bird had arranged for the P. off to exchange for certs. He said no. "I expect that will be your job." I expect they will get them thro the group. I am not taking on that. I know I had nothing to do with the sale and I'm not having all and sundry coming here all next week. I will write to Freeman about the watch and enclose it. I shall not be able to give it to Daphne till Tuesday. She goes home on Wed: I thought it was better here than making her responsible for it. Pa has told you all about the trouble at Welling and you will see by the letters what a terrible time they are having. You can also imagine how worried we have been about them at times. It made it very difficult for me to concentrate on the job in hand. I am writing this in the porch and the time is 8.30 pm so altho it has been and is rather dull it is fairly warm and after being shut in all the week I am glad to be outdoors. By the way have you heard from the Evans lately, I must write this week if I can. What kind of a girl is P. whom of course you will be here before she comes to Ludham and we shall be able to talk about it, but if she thinks of being billeted out possible (can't spell it) she might come here. I would rather have a nice girl about the place. We shall see. As I have one or two other letters to deal with I shall finish now and write again in a day or two.

Much love and a kiss

Mama

P.S. If you were here now you would lose a cig:

Xways Ludham Norfolk
Mon July 3rd 1944

Dear Billee

The last budget you received was finished off and packed up hurriedly as 'M' was waiting to catch the early post.

It was a wet miserable morning and I amused (?) myself attending to fire and other insurances due on the 1st of this month. All the demands had a slip attached advising the cover to be increased 50% over the original amount. This is wise I think in view of the increased cost of everything and by the time I had finished including War Damage they amounted to just over £14 and all due on the first of July. I shall be jolly glad when the Increase of pensions comes about. I have heard nothing of it so far.

I called it a miserable wet morning but I was very glad to have had the rain and did a bit of planting out later in the day.

Tues 4. 7. 44

We had another letter from Gertie this morning Rodwell has had another shake up and she wonders whether they will have to get out of it. I should like to have a look round there myself but I can't see tat it would do much good at this stage and I'm not keen on spending the night there. C and G must be going through a most horrible experience.

When "M" was coming back from the village Mrs Hall stopped her and wanted me to go and see her as she wanted an addition made to their house, another two rooms, so accordingly I went and spent the time before dinner taking some dimensions. An alteration job always curtails a lot of work before you can get a start on it and I'm not keen on that kind of job but it means money so I took it on. After all it won't be as bad as some of the jobs I did at Welling but a small job doesn't really pay for the work entailed.

"M" has had a busy job today, washed off the hall ceiling and distempered it. She has wanted this done for some time. I had a job too. My tracing and drawing paper was in the top of the big wardrobe and this meant taking down the rods and curtains in the corner before I could lift the cover. This operation made a big hole in the afternoon.

This evening we went over to Mattocks for bridge and on the whole I had some good cards and came out 14.30 up at the finish. We had finished 3 Rubbers by 10.30 and got in just in time for the European news at 10,45.

Wed 5. 7. 44

“M” was up early again and has cleaned down and polished the paint in the hall and Darkalined it during which she kneeled on a tack, business end up. I hope she will not feel anything more of it.

I went round to Halls this morning to get some more dimensions and after sorting out my drawing things I plotted my mornings work and got a comprehensive plan of the place.

The lawns were due for cutting on Tuesday so I set about doing them this evening and did both of them in two hours, felt remarkably fit and not very tired.

‘M’ has been clearing matters up after the week and is now copying out the Church Council meeting. Ainsworth’s writing is very neat but also very tiny – almost want a magnifying glass to decipher it. Your letter came this morning. Most of the items belong to her department and she is writing shortly.

What a queer fish Lord is.

Phyllocactus is done with and I have only one pot plant, a Dracaena, indoors now - plenty of cut flowers though Peas are doing well, we sampled the first today. Tomatoes doing better but very late.

Thur 6. 7. 44

No better news from Welling. They seem to be in the course of the missiles. Shall finish up now. M is waiting to take this to post.

Cheerio and best love

Pa

Xways Ludham Norfolk

Thur 5. 7. 44

Dear Billee

The greater part of today has been taken up by Hall’s job. In the morning I was measuring again and in the afternoon plotted and schemed the alteration and have got a satisfactory (to myself) solution of the problem. I don’t see much of Hall himself but Mrs H is much in evidence and having plenty to talk about she imparted the information that the war would be over by August, some American soldiers had assured her of that.

“M” went to a Church Council meeting at 8 o clock this morning but got back just before 9. No one had much to say except Ainsworth and he said a lot whilst most of them didn’t open their mouths but Dr Brown was an exception. He kept his mouth open a bit but did not articulate at all. What a lot they are. The Council were told what they had to do and Skillern was on the grab all the time

I’ve had little time to myself except this evening and waged war on the weeds with the hoe. They grow fast enough. All my crops are doing well this year, the first early peas are most prolific.

I have not grown this sort before and am well satisfied with them.

We had a full post this morning 3 from Gertie, she says she will write every day while the present circumstances last.

I also had a reply from Mr Booth, Charlie’s superintendant in the Arsenal. I wrote to him a short while ago asking his interest in C. His reply was quite nice but as he would have had his reply typed in the office it was very guarded but just simply said that he noted the remarks about my son ,which could be interpreted to an outsider as meaning anything but I think he will bear him in mind. I knew Booth very well in the past and we got on very well in the days before he was made Superintendant.

Fri 7. 7. 44

‘M’ was up early this morning – washing before breakfast. She seems to be able to do anything and is better in health than for some time . The “week” seems to have agreed with her and a considerable amount of energy was required to wash off and distemper the hall ceiling, restain the floors and polish the paint. She looks better too I’m glad to say.

I finished my rough draught of Hall’s job and went round to see the lady, there was a minor alteration and I promised to get the revision done so that she could see the local surveyor on Saturday evening.

I thought it might rain shortly and did some planting out in the evening. Had to pump and carry water to water the plants in for if it does rain we get very little here at this time of the year.

Sat 8. 7. 44

Quite a spot of time gathering eatables out of the kitchen garden. Dug the first row of potatoes, got enough peas for two days, they are yielding well, pulled some of the best turnips that I have ever grown here

and some nice beetroot. Taking it all round my vegetable culture has been a success this year. Was glad to get up potatoes etc as it will give me a little space to plant other things that are waiting and have to make room for them first, and now an inch of rain would be very acceptable

Had to break off gardening operations during the afternoon to let Mrs Itad (?) have the draft plans, she was going to see the Surveyor during the evening.

Being such a lovely evening we both had a turn in the garden, "M" tidying up at the kitchen gate and I doing some digging. "M" did not finish before supper so did so afterwards and I did the clearing up. It was surprising what the difference in temperature was after we had been indoors for News and supper.

Sun 9. 7. 44

Another fine morning, a flannel suit day. We both went to Church in the morning and I think I lost myself in a dry as dust sermon. It was a golden opportunity for Ainsworth to deal with today's special subject, the Royal Mercantile Navies, but what revd Ted would have indulged in with such a theme. There was a small congregation, only 6 men: Parson, Skillern, Riches, Tom Mattocks and Phillippo

During the afternoon it clouded over and there was slight rain with a all of 15 degrees in the temperature

'M' had a good rest this afternoon, about an hour and a half in bed, felt very sleepy, possibly the dinner had something to do with this. We had a lovely piece of boiled bacon this week and nice mild flavour, not that salt kind that we sometimes get., nice new peas, new potatoes, new carrots and tender juicy turnips. Its pretty dismal this evening and I shall go up and post before the rain comes again.

The war news is good and if only we master the flying bomb it would be grand. I wonder how long the Russians will be before entering German territory - ? about 1 week.

Had a letter from 'G' on Saturday, it was in a much more cheerful tone. She says that they are nearly living in the garage. She also discusses the possibility of getting down here for a week in August but I told her to travel mid week each way if they do.

Cheerio and best love Pa

Total £17,163 Group £1046

Crossways Ludham
Norfolk
Mon 10. 7. 44

Dear Billee

I thought I was going to have a good morning in the garden but Mrs Hall came and wanted another copy of the plan made today so I had to abandon my project and get on with it and was able to give it to her by about 7 o'clock. After all I could not have done much outdoors in the afternoon on account of N.W. showers but the ground was not too bad in the evening and I managed to do some planting

Tues 11. 7, 44

Could not do much outdoors until later in the day when I picked peas and got together other vegetables to put in the parcel for Mrs Sutherland. Peas were not shelled as they should travel better. So I'm glad to say that my Carrots are not so infested with fly as they were last year.

It's been a dull depressing day and this evening I blacked out the dining room about 10 o'clock and we had a nice cosy read beside the fire, how's that for Mid July reputedly the warmest part of the year.

Wed 12. 7. 44

The weather seems to get worse – the max temp today was 59. After dinner to avoid having a fire we had a deck chair each in the kitchen (the warmest place) and both had a nice nap.

'M' has been tidying up near both gates today, did a bit in the morning and again in the afternoon and evening. There was no wind to speak of and moving about one did not notice the temperature. This morning I trimmed the grass on the front bank and in the afternoon cut the side lawn followed by cutting the tennis lawn after tea and finished up with a less strenuous job of tying up tomatoes which are at last showing a bit of bloom but nothing set yet and what isn't set by the end of the month will probably not ripen.

I'm not sure whether I told you in my last letter that C and G are talking of coming down here in August for a week in order to have a respite from flying bombs so you may see them here. No more now

Cheerio and best love Pa

Crossways
Ludham
Gt Yarmouth

My dear Babs.

We got your letter this morning, you must have had a busy weekend, we wondered that we had not heard from you before. Glad you think the things were worth sending for the children. I thought directly I saw them that they might be useful for Alys. In fact the gown did not go to the sale. Sorry I have not mentioned the Rompers before, they were very nice and were both sold. One at the sale for 6/6 and Nurse took the other with some children's frocks that were left over and sold it for 5/6. There are only a few things left now, for she took all the children's things, only about half a dozen and got rid of them for £3.14.0. We took just over £39 on the day and with that and a few other odd things sold after, we made it up to £43. The famous auction sale realised £8 for the Red Cross. They took about £140 and gave back in Stamps all but 5%. What a waste of time and trouble, still the people who managed it think they did a marvellous thing, I wasn't going to have their 8 tacked onto my 43 as £51 from Ludham, so I said nothing but just sent mine to the Central fund. "Duke of Gloucester" and earmarked it for the Norfolk men in Japan. I haven't heard exactly what the W.I Whist Drive made but Vera was going to do the same. What a week it was. I was glad when it was over. I was not so fortunate as your ones As I was 2 certificates cannot trace them anyhow so suppose I shall have to make good, hard luck. I posted a pa'cel of veg: today hope you get them before the weekend. The cherries are coming along nicely now, picked the first last Sunday, Sorry to say Mrs Parkes hasn't any Black Currants this year and we shall only have a very few plums, but I must bottle all I can get and Nurse has got me a nice lot of green gooseberries and has promised to get me some ripe ones later on. I have made some jam as far as the sugar would go and bottled the rest.

I suppose you will be coming on the 29th. I must ask Daphne when I next see her about P. Whone, if she knows anything. You heard the ban was lifted from Devonshire.

Much love and a kiss
Mama

X ways Ludham Norfolk
Thur 13.7.44

Dear Billee

My stock of electric lamps has become exhausted and I had to get a further supply when I went up to the village this morning but had to pay 2/- each for a 15 and a 40 and Woolworths pre war price was 6d each added to that I was told that they are not making "Pearl" and the stark staring clear are the only kinds available

M had been up previously and tried to unlock the notice case on the churchyard wall but was unable to do so and I had to try but without success.. M wanted to put up the receipt for the Red X sale but of course she could not.

We have had slight intermittent rain and it was not fit for much outdoors till after tea when I did a bit of watering but the ground is still dry.

M took some bunches of flowers round to the Market stall average 18-20 stalks and was told that last week they were sold for 3d a bunch dirt cheap and not worth the trouble of cutting, bunching and taking round so shall not trouble about flowers any more. She took about a dozen bunches and they were not missed from the garden. We have plenty of bloom now and the American pillars are making a good show.

Fri 14. 7. 44

Much warmer today but very little sunshine and directly after breakfast I set about burning the collection of rubbish and trimmings from the garden. The heap was getting too big and my fire was burning all day before it was disposed of and of course I had to make sure it did not flicker into life in the blackout.

We finished off the last bit of the hall today. "M" painted brown the moulding round the trap door and I took the flap away and painted that but it will want another coat to make it look white. The finished effect is rather good. It was all white before

"M" has picked our crop of blackcurrants – not quite 2 lbs, not bad seeing they are young bushes. She has also given the chest just outside the kitchen door a coat of Darkaline so now the place looks quite smart again.

One of Englands men has been doing a job for me in Lovers Lane – has cut the grass from X ways gate and trimmed the bank and hedge on

the outside. Our blackberry crop is on the top and inside and we don't want to sacrifice them all so now there is another lot to burn when it dries out.

Sat 15. 7. 44

Mr Bird the schoolmaster who is also billeting officer for Ludham called this morning to know what we could do about taking some London children but with you coming home ad C and G. possibly coming we could not do much and in the end we agreed too take a couple of boys for a few days if he was hard pushed but we should not have room if and when C and G arrive. Madge and Sally are to have 2 girls. Bird told them that with their accommodation he could send them 4 but 2 will be quite enough for them. The children will have their mid day meal at school so they will be away for best part of the day.

A nice warm day and quite a treat to be out in the garden. 'M' has been doing a lot of clearing up and was tired and went to bed soon after 10. She had no book to read, they did not turn up this morning. Your letter came this morning Thanks very much for the enclosures.

We are not sure what date it is you are coming. Neither of us made a note about it.

I'm afraid we cannot say where 51 Dawson Crescent is, The houses have been renumbered.

Norman Hudson I can't quite place him. Is he the youngest boy. I can only reciprocate concerning the black out and according to nearly everyone you meet that is the most hated part of the war regulations.

Sun 16. 7. 44

Except for a short time about noon this has been an almost cloudless day and 'M' has had a deckchair in the garden this afternoon and evening. She went to Church and was bored stiff with the sermon (what she could hear)

It has been lovely in the garden today and one of the few days when you could sit out doors. The war might be a thousand miles away were it not for the sound of planes overhead and distant gunfire probably a

convoy scrap in the North Sea. Will wait now and finish off in the morning after the postman has been

Mon 17. 7. 44

Have just recd a letter from Gertie who had seen Dot who knew nothing about a bomb in Danson Crescent but only about one that fell in Danson Park.

C has got his holiday from August Saturday and proposes to travel by 8.10 from Liverpool St. I hope that there will not be too much of a crush. She hopes to get here by the Bus which passes about 2 p.m.

Gertie also states that it was at Crayford that the Evacuee queue was bombed, it fell in the narrow High St and some mothers as well as children were casualties.

Cheerio and best love
Pa

Xways Ludham Norfolk
Tues 18. 7. 44

Dear Billee

Your letter came this morning. It's really very distressing about C. and G. especially C whose work takes him to an area where explosives etc are dealt with. I shall be glad when the war is all over.

We are sorry to hear about the rash but perhaps your holiday will help it to disappear again and give your reserves a rest.

Rather an interesting side-light on the question of form change and you should be O K with a section of VI

It would be very nice if you could get down to see the Evans now that restrictions have been removed from that area.

M has been busy bottling cherries and red and black currant. Has no sugar to make them into jam so you may get your pudding one of these days. As regards blackberries a lot of the hedgerows have been trimmed but the Lovers Lane hedge promises a plentiful crop, more than we have had so far.

I have been to interview Joyce about catching the late train at Potter on the 28th. She told me that it was due at Potter at 11 p.m. nowadays and

is usually about an hour late, but nevertheless she would undertake to meet you and I have booked it subject to later confirmation.

Its been a fair day and moderately warm and I have done a fair bit in the garden but it turned much cooler during the evening when the wind freshened from the North.

Wed 19. 7. 44

Great excitement over the way today. The annual women's institute outdoor do is to take place over there today. Madge and Sally have been extensively weeding, cutting the lawn and rolling the path. It's a great heavy roller and is too much for Sally nowadays. M cut up a bunch of sandwiches this morning to take over and I went to the village to give her a little extra time at home and one way and another could not find time to get in the garden except to weed the two entrances, after all this isn't in the garden but outside it.

Isn't the war news good all round. What a pasting our machines gave Caen and Russia. What a colossal effort she is making in Italy too, they are going strong. I hope we have at last reached the more open Country and started on a war of movement.

Your registered parcel arrived in good order this morning, thanks for the Bemax enclosed. "M" has put away your things and shaken them out.

Wed 19. 7. 44

I should say that the garden party over the road was a big success judging by the amount of noise. A portable wireless also added to the noises. 'M' got back home just before 6 and we were able to have tea and news

It's been a nice warm afternoon after a dull morning so the party was in luck's way. It would have been very unfortunate had it had been cold and wet as looked not unlikely during the morning,

We have both been doing a spot of gardening. I have been planting green stuff for next winter and spring but it's a task to pump the water and carry it over to the kitchen garden. I have even had to water tomato pants which were not growing at all and hanging limp and looking very sorry for themselves.

Have just been listening to a description of the land and an attack S.E. of Caen. It must have been a terrible affair. Its nearly 10 and I'll leave this open until Thursday morning.

Thur 20. 7. 44

Nothing more to add. 'M' will catch the morning post.
Cheerio and best love
Pa

Xways Ludham Norfolk
Thur 20. 7. 44

Dear Billee

For once in a way I was first up this morning and got the 8 am news. It looked like being a better day and my first job was to cart water over to the kitchen and water the recently planted green stuff to keep it from being wilted up by the sun but I need not have troubled about the sun much as it soon became dull and overcast. We both did some clearing up in the evening, there seems no end of rubbish to clear away.

Fri 21. 7. 44

I was dressing just before light this morning and 'M' had got the wireless. I heard the announcer say that it was sensational and so it was "Civil war had broken out in Germany." Rather a premature announcement as news is so closely censored in Germany, but there is evidently something in it and if the Army is really disaffected the end should be measurably nearer but there, you never know what to believe in the German reports.

It's painful to see the things in the garden, its so dry and nearly everything drooping and the lawns getting browner every day. There is still a considerable amount of bloom but it will not last long under the present conditions. How welcome a good soaking would be with some gentle showers to follow, then there would be more pleasure in the garden.

We had Madge and Sally over this evening but only had 2 rubbers, they went to Church 7.0 – 7.15 and came on here after and went before

dark. I had rotten cards mostly, only played about 4 hands and was 1700 down at the finish.

I see by the news that Potato Blight has broken out in Lincolnshire. I wondered how it will reach here and took up another row as they are not likely to get bigger now and seem fairly ripe.

Sat 22. 7. 44

Got up more spuds dealing with those near the fruit trees as being the most likely to be attacked first. Do you remember last year after they had been attacked. Scarcely any sun and a cold N wind all day making it very unpleasant out in the garden. I got on with some planting but it's a lug to take water over there. Still there is no other way to do it. I was glad to come in about 8 o'clock.

There is still no definite news from Germany but definitely there is something in it or Hitler and his gang would not take so much trouble to assure us that it was alright and the rising had been quenched

Sun 23. 7. 44

We had a lazy morning. "M" did not turn out until about 10 and I followed about 12.30. I don't suppose it did "M" any harm to relax a bit. It was not a very enticing morning and still that cold wind from somewhere near the North. Before the morning was much advanced "M" lighted the fire in the lounge where we had migrated on Friday for a change. It's really more comfortable than the dining room and a bit warmer in the afternoon as it gets the sun earlier in the day, that is when the sun shines.

We went to Church this evening and had a half an hour's disconnected dry as dust sermon inflicted on us. I can't tell you what the theme was and I was mainly concerned with keeping awake. Oh to have Ted back again. He was certainly unconventional but a great deal better to listen to than the present man.

It has cleared overhead considerably and I enjoyed the walk home via Lovers Lane but not at all averse to an easy chair by the fire.

Mon 24. 7. 44

Your letter came this morning. Hope that you enjoyed your weekend with the Marshalls. Will you let me know as soon as you can what train you will travel by so that I can confirm with Brooks.

There is one thing there should be a nice bit of moon half full, that is if it does not set early. I have no idea what the declination is so must leave it at that and hope for the best. Anyway 12 o'clock O.B.S.T. means 10 by Greenwich so it may not be very dark.

It won't be particularly quiet here for C. and G. for frequently the roar of planes going over lasts half an hour usually at or soon after dusk to say nothing of single machines buzzing round.

So far the children have not arrived in Ludham. We can do without them until after C. and G. have gone home. No news to date of Freeman's watch. Have done very little in the garden until the evening but did manage to have a good burn up of a goodly collection of rubbish in the Lane in front of the garage. Had a good supply of water ready in case the fire looked like getting out of hand. There is a lot of dry grass around.

That bug bear, the shelter, had a good turn out today – had it all stripped, dusted and the bed remade. Its always a rotten job.

See you Friday
Cheerio and best love,
Pa

P,S. Germany is a bit of a riddle still

Crossways
Ludham
Gt. Yarmouth
23. 7. 44

Dear Babs

I expect you are at the Marshalls today, I hope that at this time next week you will be here, also that the weather will be a little more like summer for this afternoon I have lighted a fire, I dare say it would be alright outside walking but no sun and rather dull all day. Thanks for the yellow sleeves which I made up and am at the moment wearing the coat. It fits very nicely especially the neck which sits up and is very cosy. I had a very busy week last week with fruit, for some seemed to come along every day almost. On Tuesday 1lb Red Currants and as I was having a washing day I blessed them (from Mrs Gedge at 6d per lb) and then just before dinner Mrs Parkes turned up with 4lb. B.C at 1/-. So after the washing was

finished I set to and bottled them (no sugar) You will be alright for the B.C. pudding, then on Wednesday Miss Broom brings along 1 lb of B. C. and on Saturday about the same of her big dessert Gooseberries. So all told I have done very well. Have already put up 31 bottles of various sorts. We have had a nice lot of cherries but they are about done now. Still I can always use the bottles for tarts, probably some of them may be turned into jam.

So far I have heard nothing of Freeman's watch and I should have liked to return it before school finished but suppose if it does not come till next weekend, it must be sent to Wallend. you will have the correct address I hope. I have not seen Daphne for some time so have not been able to ask her about P. W home. We left the watch with Mrs Saunders. (?)

(Short interlude, Sally has just brought over some raspberries for our tea) wish you were here to have some. Our birds are all busy. There are four nests and 3 of them have families. 2 of them have 2 each and the others 3. I don't think the 4th one has any yet as I have not seen the egg shells cast out, that is the one by the bathroom window. Last weekend we had a pair of Wrens outside the kitchen window and today some greenfinches and they are very pretty little things, also saw a baby robin. I rather fancy that the wrens have a nest in the bank opposite the window as I have seen one about several times during the week. We had a very nice time on Wed. W.I. garden meeting, at Braeside and oh the preparations to have the garden just so at 12. o/c. Sally was going round the lawn cutting off daisies with a pair of scissors, after pulling that heavy roller round the paths. There were about 35 turned up. Madge was disappointed that Mrs Boardman did not come but Mrs Brown did and the Hon: Hendace (?) so that was alright. I bet she wrote and told Polly that. Everyone, no, some people brought something towards the tea and we had quite a grand spread: Spam, tomato and fish sandwiches and several kinds of homemade cakes and buttered scones. A portable wireless (Mrs Farrows) and competitions filled up the afternoon nicely with your darts. Everyone thought it was a grand do.

There is still no news of the 45 Evacuees that were to arrive last weekend altho' they are still expected. I hear Mr Bird has said that he had no idea there were so many invalids in the place. He had always been told that Ludham was a very healthy village. Several people have got permits from the Dr. giving them exemption. Mrs Ainsworth agreed to have 4. I

then went round the village to find someone to undertake to feed them if she slept them but nothing doing, so if they come she will have to look after them herself! Mr B is only sending 2 boys here if he has to for a short time as an emergency till he can place them somewhere else as no one wanted to take boys, at least out of 20 he had only been able to fix up 2 when he came to us last week. If they come now I don't know what we shall do about it as C. and G. are coming on August Saturday, They hope to catch an early train and get here on the 2 o/c bus, but I am afraid they will find it very bad travelling. We have not heard from them since Tuesday and then they had no had much rest from the F. bombs, and by all reports on the news they must be still having a pretty bad time. G said that St John's Church got it last Sunday morning early. I also heard that the place where the children who were queued up for evacuation was on Crayford High St. and we read about that in the paper. Several children and W.V.S. helpers were killed there.

They will be glad to get away from it all if only for a week. I believe from what she said Moore House got it but she did not say if they were hurt at all. The organ was put out of action, but they held a church service and the churchwarden played his violin. We read that a Church Vicarage was hit that morning.

Now we have got a fire the sun has appeared. What about Germany now? It certainly looks as if we are nearing the end. I wonder if Hitler was killed and Hermann Goering and Co are carrying on. That wouldn't surprise me. They seem to be trying to hush things up as much as possible but it must be pretty bad there. I expect we shall hear from you in the morning or on Tuesday so no more now. Going to Church this evening.

Much love and a kiss.