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My dear Joan,

We were very pleased  
to receive your parcel, con-  
taining sugar, and tea,

It reached us quite safely,  
and we thank you very  
much, It was nice of you  
to think of us.

We often speak of you  
all, and would like to  
know how you are,

We, for the last two weeks  
(since the pilotless planes  
have commenced their



devilish work) - have, and are having a trying time, no rest, night, or day, from their visitation, and we have again taken to sleeping in our shelter, fully dressed, we had hoped this style of living, belonged to the past,

These "Doodlebugs" as they are called come rushing over at 350 miles per hour, making a terrific noise, then their engine suddenly cuts out, and down they come, and if they come near you, Well! It's just too



bad, their blast is very great and does much damage, - (but they make no crater,) - so it behoves one to take shelter double quick, and if you can, to lie below the ground level, If the Germans think they will break our moral, they are very much mistaken, Many homeless people take their trouble very philosophically, and with the help of our various organizations, look around and endeavour to start afresh.



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George is in Italy with  
the tanks, and has been  
in the thick of it,  
with his countrymen  
the Canadians, for share  
the honour with them of  
breaking the Hitler line.  
He wrote his mother about  
two weeks ago. So she  
is anxious for another,  
as much happening  
have taken place since  
Edith hasnt been well  
for some time, but is  
better now. Her old  
duodenal trouble having  
flared up



We can't get her the  
right kind of food for  
this particular illness,  
The weather this spring  
has gone mad, we had  
no rain during April and  
May, (when there should  
have been a large rain  
fall) and <sup>the</sup> some very late  
frosts, and now when it  
should be sunny and  
warm, it is cold <sup>with</sup> high winds  
and heavy rains.

Grannie keeps well, but  
finds it difficult to walk.  
Our united love and kind  
remembrance to your husband  
Yours affectionately,  
Maggie



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