

that it does little damage
that is why we get land mines, they
explode on the surface & knock every
thing around about
It was a land mine that knocked
Vergil at prosperity
I could not find out what became
of the Renaults (I think you asked about
them?)

Well, it is a terrible business
the way things are shaping
we are in for a long and
very trying time
I don't like the look of it just
now

Have you had any bombs
near you?

Yours ever by
Joe

Rec'd. Southport 8521.

Answered
Mr. J.

105, Roe Lane,
Southport,
Lancs.

12-4-41

Dear Dorothy

Enclosed are Enclosed margin
2 a/c's & cheques for your signature
and please let me have them
back by return

I have attached slips where
necessary to direct you

I have been the whole day
up to mid night on this job
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give it your immediate
attention

anything may happen you
know at any minute!!!

Enclosed a letter & snaps from
Charlie

Port there back with the a/c
as I send them on to John

I was over in Wallasey last
Wk & saw John

Parts of Wallasey are in a
shocking mess

In parts it looks as if they had
had an earth quake

You remember John's place
More side Rd?

2 adjoining houses on the
opposite side, each had a bomb
in their front gardens gardens
about 14 ft wide both fronts
were wrecked & John's house,
only 40 yards away, had only
a small window broken.

Non Warren drive, had a land
mine down on the road
and most of the houses on
both sides for about 100 yds
were in a shocking mess
This is the aristocratic part.

We came along it just before
visiting John's (about 300 yds
away) But you won't remember
it.

We had them over here, last
Wk, they dropped 4 bombs
in Birkdale

One in the garden of a house
just opposite Smalley making
a huge crater say 20 ft across
& 15 deep. Roofs & windows of
3 adjoining houses wrecked.
Smalley lost most of the front
windows, I counted over 40
2 in the D.R. & 2 in the lounge
& all the others except the top
bedrooms. You know this place
well?

Another dropped in Waterloo Rd
on the grass verge it exploded
after some hours making a similar
crater but no windows were
broken & no damage except to
the road, water, & gas pipes.

If a bomb gets well down in sand
before it explodes it is so blanketed

Col. Southport 8521.

Answered
Apr 25. 41.

105, Roe Lane,
Southport,
Lancs.

22-4-41

Dear Dorothy Enclosed Ma & N.A. Harger
I enclose 2 certificates for your
Income Tax return.

After squaring up the N.A. Harger
income, I find, with the last quarter's
rent statement we have a debit
of £10 to Venmore for the quarter
March 1941 of £8.6.1, and

M.C. Harger of £3.1.8, with some
of the property demolished it
will take some time to get on
the credit side again.

I think that I should have kept
say £10, in each in reserve and
not divided the whole income?
But it's done now!

My property has been on the
debit side for over a year
& how does mother's stand?

Since writing you last we have had another raid, on the 15th, 3 bombs were dropped just off Red Lane about 600 yds from here at 1 A.M. ^{in quick succession} It was very alarming I got Tim up & we sat under the stairs for over an hour, but nothing further happened; they shook the house, I thought we were in for a real blitz You know, you think that the next one may be a direct hit on your own house when we can hear planes overhead It is quite alarming & assure you & have you had any experience of a near hit? They made a tremendous mess in Park Rd Rawlinson Rd and Preston Rd all close together, One house got a direct hit killing 6 old people a Dr 80 & his wife 76, & 2 others over 60 The Vicar of All Saints & his wife were injured in another house And hundreds of windows were

smashed, you will have some idea where this is? We have no shelter here By the way things are shaping at the moment, I am afraid that we are in for a very rough time I enclose the 2 last news statements they are, of course, the 1st quarters of the year 1941 Please let me have them back as soon as possible Yours sincerely

Jol

X P.S. Can you get all the cigarettes & chocolates that you want? There is a great shortage here

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TELEGRAM

May 9th 161

Dear Dorothy,

How long is it since I sent you the duplicate
of the Schedule I made & 2 summary
sent after. I presume that you must have
got them?

Why havnt you returned them?

I want to put these back in the alc books
& get them away in my safe
Dont you realize what is going on round
here?

Its not necessary to write! -- just return
them! - You might be the busiest person
in Stockholm! - - - -

I enclose a letter from John which may
interest you -

I have been to Lpool several times lately
I was there to day, we can only get as
far as Waterloo on the railway & go by
bus to Exchange station, there was
a queue about 500 yards long at 10.30 this morning
but I got a lift on a motor lorry with about
20 others, to London P.L., the wrecks & smoldering fires
on the way were awful.

you are familiar with the main streets in Liverpool!

Lewis is burnt out, also Blacklers, another
big place opposite Lewis & all that block
right round into Lime st.

further down from opposite Coopers ^{in Lord St.} right up
to the Queens monument all burnt out.
(including the Church house) & right down in
South Castle st, beyond the monument down
James st all burnt out on the opposite
side of Lord st a large part of the buildings
are burnt out right round into Castle st
including the jewelers in the crescent & the
Cardomah Café & right ^{on} down Cook st
all gone the Town Hall had a bomb
on the side passage on to the Exchange
smashing most of its windows including
the clock face

I thought that it had been burnt out
at first sight

But the damage all over is simply dreadful
It is now 11-20 and Tim & I are expecting the
alert to go off any minute for the 8th night
in succession ^{which about 10 hours} to end on the papers

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