

Mayorie Blitz

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Rook Field,
Friday's Hill,
Haslemere,
Fernihurst 12.

Aug. 26th 1940

Dearest Pernel,

No, not only no passages, but the whole scheme is off. Esmé + two other mothers have turned against it, so there is an end of it. Of course I should have insisted on seeing you before leaving.

There were six bomber cows, + two hending Spitfires. It was a fine sight, but a pity they didn't get any of them. Yesterday we saw one bomber being attacked - the Spitfire swooped up into the air + then dived down

right over the bomber missing it apparently
by inches. Four bombs have fallen in
Haslemere, but done very little damage
except to windows, & there were no
casualties. When there is air activity
the search lights are a marvellous
sight - they go right round the sky,
starting over the kitchen end of
Mud, over Marley, Fernhurst,
Blackdown & then round to the
back of Rook Field. On Sunday
night Pippa was out near my
house admiring the show, when
immediately over her head she
saw four flashes, followed by

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four explosions, & she pelted back to
Aunt in a fine fizz. I was delighted
to find she was willing to take cover.
The last explosion shook us at Aunt -
it was probably the bombs dropping
on Haslemere.

Elinor is still here, & rather worried
when the hordes come over. It is a
curious contrast between the complete
tranquillity that usually prevails,
& the sinister roar of, I suppose,
dozens of planes, that goes on
continuously for perhaps an hour.
However, she perhaps is getting
used to it, as last night she slept
well, only waking up once, though

they buzzed about without much intermission.

A story is current in the neighbourhood that a German airman in a local hospital said to his nurses that he was immensely grateful for their care, & wished he could do something for them. "But all I can do is to advise you never to move without your gas masks."

Do you ever listen to La France Libre? Forces Programme, 8.15 - 9 P.M. They often have interesting items not in the English News.

Love, yours,
Rayone.