

Transcript of Fred's Letter

Dear Fred

Just a few lines answer to your welcome letter glad to hear that you are well as this leaves us the same at present we had a very eventful night last night all the people in Newtown were up in the college gardens and Cox's field watching the display of searchlights and the Gunfire the Zepps passed over Stortford and the noise from their engines made more noise than the trains it was a quiet night not a breath of wind and the stars.....bright.

I took your Mother up to see it she was frightened as the gunfire and the bombs took place we were up there fromo'clock until 3 in the morning we saw an aeroplane chasing the Zepps and....was one right over the top of it....it caught fire it was a sight....could see the stays and the Girders...the Zepp as it was diving to earth...you could have seen to read a newspaper so you can guess what it was like the other Zepp threw the remainder of its bombs...passed over Stortford when it....the one ablaze you should have heard the shouting I shall never forget it although it was an awful....I would not have missed...for a hundred pounds it is pouring with rain today otherwise I would have...and had a look at it only 15 miles from here I saw the others they are smashed to pieces.

We are expecting them again tonight I am going up into Cox's field with the Air gun tonight . We received the money quite safe and you should have seen the Smile on Mother's Dial. It was just like a Zepp diving to earth. Write back and let me know how you are getting on with your training with fondest love from us all.

I remain your loving

Father H Hoare