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August 10th Sunday

My dear Douglas,

I am ever so pleased to receive your letter dated 20th May I got it on Friday evening when I arrived home from the office. Hasn't it taken a long time to come? Anyway now that it has come I feel very thankful to know that you are as safe as can be in these days. At the moment I am writing from Telephone House where I am spending the day fire watching. Every six weeks I spend the day here, either Saturday or Sunday, to relieve the man. It is only a little thing that I can do

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and which, I hope, will help towards the war effort. We are working overtime quite a lot at the office, but have been crowding quite a lot of fun and pleasure into our spare time, especially while we have been having these lovely long summer evenings. I don't know what it will be like now that we have put back the clock an hour. I suppose it will mean that we shall go to bed earlier than we have been doing, for it has been midnight almost every night before we have been going to bed. The effort to go before dusk has been too much.

Later.

I am now back at home again so can continue in comfort. The Queen has just been broadcasting to the women of America. I wonder if you were listening in too? It was a very beautiful speech. I think she has a lovely voice - I could listen to her for hours.

The last time I called at your

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house. I think it would be sometime in May. I didn't know your people had removed, although I did ask the people living next door if they knew where your mother + father were. You see I had called a few weeks previous to that and couldn't get any response to my knocking. However, the neighbours did say that they had gone away and were staying at Nelson, but from the way it was phrased I thought they had only gone for a short time to stay with friends. How do they like Nelson? I should think they will be quite safe there and you shouldn't have anything to worry about.

I have only seen Dorothy once or twice since she became engaged and I didn't have a chance of speaking to her on either of those occasions. I wonder if you remember a girl called Beryl Sutherland who lives quite near me? I think you were introduced to each other at a Christmas party that Dorothy had in 1939. At that time Beryl

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was going with a fellow called Brian Shearman with whom John had got rather friendly through the army. We see quite a lot of each other as she plays hockey on the same team and throughout the summer we meet every fortnight (about six of us) for a reunion. I don't know what kind of clothes we will be wearing for hockey this season. As you probably know already we have to submit coupons for clothes these days and we can't afford to waste them on hockey togs. Can you imagine what we will look like wearing all kinds of old blouses (probably of variegated colours) stockings nearly dropping to pieces and boots ditto? My boots were a disgrace last season so I don't know what they will be like this. Anyway perhaps by some chance you be back in England soon and will be able to see for yourself I hope so. Till then keep smiling. Kind regards and good luck from Mother, Daddy and self.

Love,

Hildred

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