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My Dear Father,

Many thanks for your
most welcome letter. We are glad to
hear you are keeping Rommel on the run.
I suppose you will be glad to hear all
the family is helping the war effort
in some way so as to get the war (effort)
over quicker, I will tell you all about them.
Mother cannot go to work because of
our large family but in her spare time
she does civil defence work and fire-watching.
Vera, is married now and her husband
has gone abroad. She is doing her part
on night work in a munition factory.
Lenny is in a very important job, and
will not tell us anything about it. Of
course you cannot blame him. He tells
us to read that motto, "baseless talk
costs lives"! Daisy is also on a very
important job and works a lot of overtime.

She volunteered for the W.A.A.F.S. but because she is on such an important job she was refused, but in her spare time she does a lot of knitting for the troops, and sells tickets for concerts in aid of the Red Cross Fund, Alex has now left the Jewellery shop he was in and is now helping in the war effort by working very hard on the Docks. When he comes home from work on certain nights he goes to the Army Cadets and is getting trained, so that when he is old enough he will be fighting for his country like you. Edna like Doris, in her spare time sells tickets for concerts in aid of the Red Cross Fund, and also does a lot of knitting. Jacky has joined the Boy Scouts and is getting on fine. He wants to help the war effort so he is training to be a messenger. Also every Saturday he goes around with a cart to different houses and collects salvage such as, bones, rubber, tin, and all sorts of other things for the Salvage Campaign. I want to do my bit for the country so I have started to make dolls and little toys and I raffle them in aid of the Red Cross. Cousin Albin is going abroad soon and cousins Albert and Willie are "somewhere at sea". Mother is teaching us about the "Fuel Economy" and explaining how to save gas, electric and coal. You know how we used to just

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walk in and out of different rooms and leave the lights on? well (~~that~~) now we have to be very careful as we have to save the fuel for the factories. We are all saving our pennies and putting them into War Savings and soon we hope to hear the war is won by our Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen. We always wait for the news which just lately has been very good and promising. We had the church bells ringing on Saturday 15th November for one of the loveliest occasions we have had for a long time, all the Civil Defence workers, Home Guard and Air Training base were all parading in town. I forgot to tell you Lenny is in the Home Guard and is learning rifle drill, and he goes away to camp at the week-ends. Syd (Louise's husband) is doing war work too and in his spare time he does his bit in the St John's Ambulance Brigade. Sylvia is working with Doris and the baby is getting on fine. She has got six teeth now and is lovely and chubby. We are growing all sorts of vegetables in the garden, back, and front. In the back garden we have got potatoes, peas, and all kinds of vegetables while in the front garden we have got some lovely

flowers, but not very many as we have to grow more vegetables to help the war effort and the farmers. Jacky is going on a farm in his spare time (when he is not at Scouts) to help the farmers with the crops nearly all the boys have been called up for the forces and the farmer cannot get labour, so some boys have been picked out to help them. Margerie volunteered for the A.T.S. a few weeks back. She was called up in August and she is now stationed at Aldershot as a lorry driver. I think you will be greatly amused but it is true that our puppy (whose name is Rover) is helping the war effort by giving up his favourite meal (which is bones) to help to make glue. My cousin Joyce who is twenty two is in the auxiliary nursing and her brother Jack is in the Merchant Navy which is very important because it is they who bring us our food. My grand-father is digging for victory by growing every-thing you could possibly think of on the allotment while grand-mother is kept very busy knitting comforts for the forces. Uncle Albert volunteered for the Air Force and he is on the ground staff which I think is very important because without the ground staff and planes

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would not be able to go up. Every Sunday mother and the lady next door whom you know is Mrs Roberts, share their gas and do their cooking on the one cooker. I bet you are proud to hear that we have claimed Tybrik. We are going to write to Sandy Macpherson or Ray Riech and ask them to play your favourite tune so that you will know we are still thinking of you as you haven't got Doris to play it for you now. Well father I think I have told you all the news that I had to tell you hoping you will remember to listen in to the radio so that you can hear your favourite tune. Every body at home gives their very best love.

From your affectionate
daughter

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