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Dear Mother,

I miss you and father so much. Luckily I got a job on a farm. Mr Thomas owns the farm and is really kind. Lots of propaganda posters are up in the barns and in the streets. Some of the posters make me feel sad and scared because most of them are about joining the war and it reminds me of father. I miss him dearly. I was alright with the job until I found out what I had to wear. We have to wear coat like dresses and a thin dress underneath for winter, for summer we wear our thin dress or a skirt with little straw hats. They are not very good when it is muddy.

Since Henry is the only boy, Mr Thomas has let him do all the "manly" jobs. It's also his birthday in two weeks and I'm getting him his own farmer's hat. He is excited to be doing night shift with Mr Thomas. He really missed you and father, no matter how happy he is.

I have made a few friends. They are called - Dorothy, Ethel, Beatrice and Catherine. They are really nice, and the best part is we all go and collect eggs from the chicken pen. On weekends we go to the beach and splash in the sea and play on the sand. Sometimes we build volcanoes and mountains then get Henry to judge them and choose the best. It is really fun.

Sometimes (if I get any sleep) I dream about being a family again. That or I have nightmares about father getting killed in the battle field. To make him a little happy, I have knitted him a pair of woolly socks to wear with his wellingtons. Also the package that came with your letter is a woolly hat. I also really miss your rhubarb crumble.

I miss you dearly.

Lots of Love from Josephine.

PS Please write back- your letters make me really happy.