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Letter from Bob - he was very pleased  
to have it. We have not heard from Elsie  
or Edie this time - but I had a nice interest-  
ing letter from your Mother, Susan, a  
little before time & a card from Sadie  
& Harold. ~~My~~ Charlotte Gilpin said  
she was sending a cake to the Pyres & to us,  
& also some sweets for Alice King - the  
sweets arrived & they forwarded them  
to Alice King but she had died a short  
time previously - the cakes have not come  
so we fear they are lost. We have not heard  
from Amy Mulligan, so perhaps those too  
have been lost. Jeanne has heard nothing  
of her sister - the last she heard she was  
very ill in Paris just before the Germans  
arrived there & she had to leave in an  
ambulance but she does not know where  
she went, & she has not heard from



her other sister who lived in Albee.  
Meat is not so plentiful now, & the allowance is  
1/2 per person per week - it is of course plenty  
for us as we never eat much of it. Now the  
'offal' (liver, kidney etc) is included in that ra-  
-tion (part too) Chickens, <sup>rabbit's hares</sup> joints, turkeys etc are  
not rationed. We are very much enjoying the but-  
-ter & Susan's rilly cake. Thank you very much  
for the butter which came two or three days after  
Doris - she gave us some of her butter & we  
are waiting until that is finished before we  
open & divide the 2<sup>nd</sup> lot. We are all well &  
am glad to say - I am very glad I had the new  
grate put in my kitchen, it is a great comfort  
to Doris & saves the gas as there is an oven  
over the open fireplace. & the children have  
room to play about in the room - not like her  
little kitchenette. Jack & family hope to drive over  
for an hour or two in the holidays, if they have  
enough petrol. They are all well.  
With dear love from Mother.