

Letter to Mmma

October 1917

Dear Mamma,

I am writing to let you know that I have settled well in Coventry. The company White & Poppe I am working for making munitions have provided shared accommodation for all the young ladies who have come to work for the war effort. They come from all over the place, and some even come from Northamptonshire. I am sure we all get on well when we know each other better.

The company are very obliging, and although we work hard, they do their best for their "Girls" putting on all sorts of activities and several religious services on a Sunday so we can all attend at least once.

Many of the girls live in barrack huts called dormitories. They have a matron to supervise them. Some of the Matrons are very strict with the girls making them get plenty of sleep and the place is kept clean and tidy, and every girl has duties to do each day.

I am lucky I was given a place in one of the new cottages the company had built on site. There are five other girls in the cottage so only three girls in each bedroom. We have a bathroom with a W.C and a kitchen. The is running water is such a luxury, you would love it Mamma. I'm sure I will miss it when I come.

You know how much I love singing and every Sunday we have a hymn service in the evening. I attend whenever my shift allows me the time.

Do not tell Farther, I'm sure he would be scandalised but we have a women's football team. I must finish this letter as I wish to go to football training and get into the team if possible. Can you remember how I used to chase the ball with the boys on the green but they wouldn't let me play because I was a girl. They will be shocked when the return from the war. Have you heard from them? – I do hope they will be safe. I pray for them both every night.

Must go now, training calls. I will write you soon and tell you about the factory and my job.

All my love to everybody at home and give Alfie a pat from me and tell him how much I miss him

All my love

Your busy daughter

Emily

Kisses to you all

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