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W. Macpherson, English,
Trenoweth, St Aeverne, Cornwall
but write London
18th August 1944

Dear Viola,

Your letter of July 14th reached me about ten days ago but there is not much time to write letters here. I am supposed to be helping with the harvest, not that I can do much, but I can get the food for the rabbits, weed, and do odd jobs which helps a bit.

We had the most dreadful time in London up to the moment that we left. We even had a warning as we were jammed on the platform with the people waiting for the train. But we arrived here and I think the change has done Hilda a lot of good, though we are a very full household as other friends of my Cornish friend have come here with some small schoolboys to keep them out of London during the school holidays. But we shall soon have to be getting back, so please write to 49 Rowndes Square, S.W.1.

We even have had some bathing which is very rare in wartime England but the weather has been variable, some lovely days but on the whole most of the time it has been wet. The other evening I was wakened by a scratching in a tiny store cupboard in the wall by my bed, at last I opened it and out flew a bat! I had to turn off the light, draw my black out and sit or crouch on the floor with a torch till it flew out of the window. But the puzzle is how it got into the cupboard. There is no opening and it is used only to store blankets and covers.

The corn looks lovely in the fields, cut or uncut. I do hope that your son soon gets transferred back to the States for he has been out such a long while hasn't he? We are tremendously excited to-day because they are so near to Paris, I have an American friend, Sylvia Beach who had a bookshop there and may still be there.

All love and greetings and I do hope that you are all having a pleasant summer,

By her

*Thank you so
much for the magazines.
We all enjoyed them.*