

Appendix 21
Letter from Don Haycraft
Invitation to Don Haycraft's Wedding
Note reference to Victor

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My dear Joanna

Needless to say I arrived safely in Burton on Trent last Saturday and after cocktails ate an enormous lunch adjourned to the lounge and promptly fell asleep. However I woke up in time for tea and with my friend left at 5.30 for Birmingham and the bachelor party. The whole thing was a great success and they did not drink me under the table.

I went to bed at 3.a.m. Up again early in the morning and went to Kay's. Had a few drinks and a large meal and promptly fell asleep after this.

Then tea and a visit to Lorna's. More drinks and then home.
Rather a hectic few days believe me.

I have at last recovered and am now capable of typing you this letter.

I have not yet seen your reply to the wedding invitation but expect it daily. Victor was more than interested to know whether you were coming up and this triumph is a feather in your cap.

I really do think he is looking forward to sitting next to you.

Time seems to be getting shorter and shorter and I feel now that the petrol rationing is almost in force that I have had it. What a life we lead these days and I for one feel like a prisoner. We have had quite a few presents lately and some of them quite good ones. We seem to have arranged for everything including transport

from the Church to the reception. I do hope the crossing to Ireland is not too rough though.

Anyway I am hoping to hear from you shortly.

Love to you Raoul and Joan,

Don

Your acceptance has now been received. I for one am extremely pleased about it.