

~~SEA~~ The Office
(Fireguard).

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Darling mine,

Sorry I missed your call today
and, but I had a meeting at 10 pm and
simply had to go out to lunch at 12.0. Of
course the waitress had to be as slow as ???
and I was even late for the meeting so it
was a good job you didn't hang on.

Hux is home! He phoned me
to say that he had a few days leave &
hoped we'd be able to have a bash or
something - so I was waiting to have a
chat with you. As I missed your call &
Hux wanted to know today I arranged
that we meet him in the Duncannon on
Friday evening between 6.30 & 7.0. I
hope that will be O.K. with you, honey.
We couldn't make the usual Cuffley-Tower-
Saturday-night as we are going to this

party with the Cully's. Remember? By the way, have you managed a bottle of scotch? If not we must somehow collect a couple of beers on Saturday afternoon.

I think it will be fun. So far the list includes 2 medical students, the photographer, that Canadian captain & girl we met before, an American sergeant, us & the Cully's. + some dames we don't know. (one of whom is a blonde - Cochran - young lady).

Cully said that you & I are the only two normal people there. She is afraid that the others are all odd or temperamental or Summat. - I hope you won't be bored Sweetheart!! She calls them ^{"Cully's"} ~~the~~ "Collection".

Joan and I went up to the Brasserie Universelle for dinner, and quite enjoyed it. but we both agreed that it is hardly the place to go to alone. Too many unattached uniformed males.

I have had no further news of Vera

So I think I will nip Tim in the morning
and find out if everything is going well.
I finished the baby book on Monday evening &
it really does look sweet, but I'm afraid
after that I relaxed & on Tuesday just
read several short stories & pottered about
generally. No washing done yet this week,
but but.

Did you receive a surprise packet
from your ~~wife~~? I hope you sat down and
had a nice quiet pipe with some really
decent tobacco for a change. As long as
it doesn't put you off the other stuff for
good.

I rang the Income Tax people at
the Adelphi and told them how I had no
reply from Handwood about our assessments
& asked if there was anything they could do
to hurry things along. They told me they

had only supplied the Revenue people with details
of our marriage on Monday 22nd Feb.!!! how
I know what Contractors are up against when
dealing with Civil Service and I don't blame
them for grumbling!! Still now things will
probably move a bit quicker at the Wales end,
and we may have a rebate before our trip
to Bournemouth. The mere thought of going
to that place makes me all bubbly inside
darling.

We ~~have~~ ^{may} got some glorious memories of
that heavenly spot haven't we? And
will bring home some more this time to
dream about when you are at sea and I
am "keeping the home fires burning".

Darling I love you with all
my heart,

Bless you,

Clare

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