

of too much work of the
a bit of the flat.
Thursday, 30.9.43.

My Sweet,
You know it has
been a different Clare Westaway
who has worked and eaten and
breathed today. Since your phone
call last evening I have started
again to draw dreams & make
glorious plans for our next meeting.

For the last two
weeks since our heavenly stay at
Arundel I have resigned myself
to your absence over a long period,
and have gradually adapted my
mind to a faint vision of maybe
a few days together towards the
end of the year. Sounds pessimistic
doesn't it, honey, but for my
peace of mind I can't allow

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have my teeth looked over. He's
not that kind of a guy!

Did I tell you that the
last time I went to the Vega
I had corn-on-the-cob? I
enjoyed it, but I did feel
a messy pup - picking it up
in my fingers and gnawing
at it. I felt I should really
take it on to the mat. It
was delicious served with

Spinach & fried potatoes. Do I
make your math water cherub?

I hope your Cook is proving to
be more able after experience,
Cos its going to be a misery
for you if the old indigestion
comes back again as it did in
Sleworth.

There is a package of Tablets
in the parcel which I sent

§ sent out transport of bus 2/1 of yesterday. So I hope they arrive safely. They wouldn't register it cos there was a knot in the strip that I had not sealed down.

Now to a little business. You do get your increments each year as you thought, and as from 23.9.43 your salary is £304.13.0. + £36.10.0 (war bonus). Not bad, eh kiddy?

But after that bit of news I'll give you the not-so-good bit. Your pay for last quarter was only £10.4.8.!! As soon as I had read the slip and got over the shock I got on to the payments branch and asked for an explanation.

Apparently the Navy did not inform the Dept. of your promotion

to L/S and so throughout the June quarter they went on deducting only 9s pay. A debt accumulated and has been taken out of this quarter's packet & we are now even again.

I checked up their deductions, which are :-

- + 7s 6d a day (your L/S pay)
- + 21/6 a week (marriage allowance)
- + £12 a month (income tax)
- + 6/9 a quarter (consolidated deductions)

The last three items are OK honey, but will you confirm that the first does not include your "hard lying" money or any other non-deductible items?

Bit of a blow eh sweet?
never mind, we'll just have to save as much as we can to make up. Still we've had some

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wonderful times this year, +
lots of holidays.

Still, when you get P.O.
rants I will notify them right
away so that they can make
a provisional deduction. (S.F.'s
suggestion).

I expect you are wondering
what has happened to the SEP
lately. Well I must say I miss
its humor + good stories myself,
but for the last few weeks there
has not been a copy available.

Either there's a hold-up - or else
they sell out before I get there
which doesn't seem likely. So
I'll keep looking.

Gerald has gone away again.
He seems to flit here + away
every few days which makes me
think he has other digs elsewhere.

You've no idea how happy I
feel to be writing a letter to you
every day once again. Somehow
a day without jotting down some
news for my hubby is no day
at all. I can't think how it
was that I let a few evenings
slip by without the usual evening
chat with you. Force of circum-
stances really, and there's never
a moment to spare at the office
these days to make up.

Prin I forgive sweet? One
thing I never miss is my last
long look at your photo & my
eternal prayer that we may one
day soon leave this party behind
and be a loved and loving happy
married couple,

God bless you,

Clare
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The Office.
Friday

Dorothy

Hope this arrives before
the weekend. I'm afraid there is not a
great deal in the shops these days
so if there's any fat at home I
will try my hand at pastry-
making. Don't blame me if
you get indigestion, only I
hate to think of you never
receiving any parcels - while the
other boys are lushed up. You
sweet thing!

Sorry that I can't write
more now but I must fly to
catch the post.

By the way Corip is
a few miles along the coast

from you, and Cully will be
there this weekend, so if you've
a couple of hours to spare &
want bright company - why not
not along there.

Need I repeat myself,
I love you with every beat of
my heart,

ever,

Clark



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London.

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myself to watch every post. So that instead of getting into a state of nerves when there is no mail, I now experience a fresh thrill each time a letter arrives (about twice a week) and allow it to be a wonderful surprise.

Human beings are adaptable things aren't they? There's no less thought of you here, and every thing that happens during the day reminds me of you. How you looked, or what you said, or the last time we passed such-and-such a landmark.

Darling I think I'm catching your flair for verbosity, what I'm trying to say is that, I love you.

Now, tonight, there's an