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St. Whulpha R.S.C.
21 Mth, M.C.T.

Dear Clare,

I rate your letter which I received yesterday as the most pleasant surprise I've had since leaving England.

As Clare I have investigated pretty thoroughly, the so called glamour of the East. There are interesting things to be seen, but in the main it's just plain salesmanship and believe me there isn't much the dogs don't know about salesmanship. They have the Yanks beaten to a frazzle where the high pressure variety is concerned.

Many thanks for the picture of bull, it was a most happy & reassuring thought.

You really are as sweet a natured person as I have met,

I've come to the conclusion that
Ley is a very lucky fellow, if I
hadn't married the girl you so
aptly described I'd probably have
been jealous.

I agree there's something to this
vegetarian racket, taken in
comparitively small doses &
not too seriously.

I'm glad to hear that Ley's
sterling qualities are being
appreciated, he deserves to
succeed.

We've got a grand little company
together, with all the usual
characters, made up of esc.
bookies, news vendors, crossing
swappers & so on. They really are
a marvellous crowd, their
sense of the ridiculous makes
life much easier to face
under conditions which would
otherwise be very lowering. The
army has another name for

it. How the natives managed to exist in this barren country before the Army arrived is a source of wonderment to most. Now many of them earn a living as labourers etc around the camps. They earn about 12/- a week & can live up to their normal standard on about 1/8 a week. I was talking to one the other day who has 2 wives & 4 children & is just contemplating purchasing his 3rd wife. He considers that 25/- or 30/- at the outside, will be ample for his whole household expenses. His new wife will cost about £25 & £5 for the celebration, he could get one for about £2.

Please write again & leave the same address will find me so long as I'm in the Army.

Here's hoping you & Liz will be able to see a great deal of each other until Germany comes in & you are together for all time sincerely
Bob.