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Misty Highlands

Friday.

Dearest,

I've found the perfect antidote to ennui boredom, homesickness, loneliness & the various other evils attending a man sent to the wilds away from his beloved with no hope of rescue. You take one

fishing line one dinghy, one packet of sandwiches one - no two bottles of beer & you

find - for fish of course I've been doing that all the

afternoon & evening of today, with John & it's been simply heavenly - quiet, peaceful,

& fruitful for the loch abounds in all kinds of fish. Tomorrow

of the next day we shall do
the same thing. All day
you play the fish & den,
as that evening sun goes
down below the hills, you
pull in to the village, pay
for the boat & with your
catch dangling by your side,
you go ~~off~~ to the local
hotel which now assumes a
different atmosphere altogether
from the previous evening.
When all was very, very
stbar & even secular but now
is brimming with 'good Scotch
fellowship' resultant in the
sight of brother fishermen.
It's definitely the life for a
man like me & I shall not
rest content until the
biggest fish in the loch is

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mine. Maybe there's a mountain
there - eh? - whoo-o-o-o.

We shall visit Scotland
one year. You must bring

waterproof clothing of course
but then Scotland has always
been a misty wet country &

always will be as far as I
can see. But the scenery is

wonderful & the air is like
wine. The people? - well

they do try to be friendly &

I suppose it's up to the visitor
to make themselves pleasant

in a strange land. I'm inclined

to be charitable towards the

Scotts today & it's all because

my mind & body is at

peace with the world. You'll

find that, darling, when

you come up this way.

I had your first letter
today honey & really, I believe
that it was the real reason
for my happy frame of mind.
You speak of the improbability
of phone calls - looked you up!
Today I had very little to
say in the way of news &
what I could have expounded
forth on the subject of love
for the whole 3 minutes to a
day the phone is in a very
exposed position & my words
had to be on the prosaic
side. I guess you too have
the same difficulty. But
when at the end I say
"All my love darling" I
mean just that - all the love
I'm capable of bearing is
centered on you, my angel, a

So it will ever be.

As I've said the next two days over the weekend will be spent in fishing. So, I shall have nothing fresh to tell you re boat until Monday when the yard are having a launching ceremony on the occasion of T64 taking the water for the first time.

As John & I are the only members of the crew down here I suppose we'll be there as representatives of the Royal Navy. I'm hoping there'll be a suitable celebration befitting to the occasion in which case I may or may not be able to write my daily letter to you. But the next day I'll

give you a description of it
all & you'll be able to follow
the history of the boat from
the wood go.

I hope you've had a
look at the map to be in a
better position to visualize the
scene. Look for Helensburgh -
that's the nearest big town to
the Mission, (by the way, the
Mission has a phone - Gairlochhead
330 - if you have any urgent
messages you can phone me
^{for the next week}
there. - I'm usually there in the
evenings from 9 pm, or in the
mornings up to 10 a.m.) &
I shall visit that ^{town} for the
first time next week. The
actual locality here is called
Shandon but it's so small
I doubt if you can locate

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it on a map. The yard is on
the other side of the Loch
about a mile further South.

Since I wrote the last
para. I've had a little time
off for reflection. I think I'm
wrong about the reason for
my present happy mood. I
think I ~~am~~ feel happy because
I believe that we two will
soon be together in a Blue
Heaven. I think that's been
at the back of my mind
since I was & that belief
is boosting me up to the sky.
I need you, darling, & that's
the truth.

Hook, line, & sinkerly yours.

Les.

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