

Ans 764

Thursday

Dearest,

Minor tragedy! Left me
fountain pen at 88a - last seen
in waistcoat pocket of dark
bungee mit - hence pencil
which I loathe. Will you
send it on - gal of my dreams?
Ta.

Foul journey. Platform
three times as crowded as
before. Managed to get seat
by jumping over the prostrate
bodies of two old ladies &
marching a mother with
babe in arms out of her seat.

It was every man for himself.

To add to general misery (outward misery, darning, to fit in with scene), watch strap broke & is now relegated to pocket.

Wish to impress again that misery is on surface & not in heart which is bubbling with joy at having had ever-loving wife near to over weekend. Wish also to point out that ever-loving husband would walk all the way if need arose (written for effect - would rather need didn't arise), & is eagerly watching out for signs of further leave - could be.

Humbly beg wifey's

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pardon if letter rushes to speedy
end, but reiterate that hubby
loathes pencil writing. Would
remark, however, that unworthy
self can say to honorable lady
just what is necessary in pencil
as well as ink; then loath-
some husband will say to
Bird on the Wing that he
loves her & only her & prays
with all his might that
this cleaver of garbage may
one day be fit to kiss her
feet. - (if unkind persons
misinterpret "fit", can only
say, with Confucius, that man
with hand in pocket sometimes
feels little cocky). East or West
I love you
Lan.

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