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Dear Leg,

The first paragraph
of your letter strikes a
very forcible note these days.
For I'm back on training
now - & spend quite a
lot of my time out being
very very wet, almost
certainly as wet and
nearly always hungry.
Naturally, I failed on
the glider Pilot do on
my eyes - so I guess I
will be following you out
pretty soon. Unless a
certain thing happens to my

Well of course I cannot
expect to stay here very
long, you understand.

I have been discussing
the Portal House affair
with Pat & we decided
also to make application
- which Pat has now, in
fact, done. I agree with you
on most points and I
think it is really the
obvious thing to do. The
most salient point is just
when do we manage to
get Saul to clear up
Cissy Street. I'd like to
know a lot more about the
Civil Service business. Does
the course start now, when
we start to get out, or



just when? I'm all for it,
as you can guess, & for
the nonce I might strongly
consider doing a little school
work again. Could you let
me have a few more details?
Undoubtedly now is the time
to think about all this.
As you say, a few more
'conkers' per week will not
come amiss. To my room mate.

I've just given the
details of your all-night
(wife's) escapade. We in
Khartoum consider all this
very funny indeed for all we

I have to do is to sign
a form present it to my
officer & presto! it's done.
The thought of all that
signature is strange &
to us, typical Navy "Bull!"

I had a 'do' last
week about my leave. I
applied for it, was told it
was O.K. and - having
my up part - was all
set to leave. The Ady,
quite a pal of mine, shook
his head at the warrant
however, & told me no
comp. Naturally I saw
the old man but after
some twenty minutes of
polite but firm wrangling
I retired from the fray
seated for the moment. He



has just been relieved
of the command & so I
hope to be home on the
27 or 28 inst. Believe
me, I'll have a very
real go this time if it's
Sun. here. Mean while I
hope Pat, who next Monday
will cease to be in the
N.F.S., glory be!, will be
down next Wednesday
until I get away. Then
I shall return from nights
spent in snow & wet
- it's almost impossible to
sleep - to the arms of

my spouse. Sleeping out
for officers is pretty easy
here. Permission is nearly
a formality - & even if you
don't get it, you still
sleep out.

Once again I'll end
by hoping that one day
we shall see the light
of release from this bloody
life. I'm choked two
blocks - & get worse each &
every day. My love to
Claire.

As ever,

John

P.S. Mary took for
taking Pad along. She had
a grand time. D.



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