

Monday.

Mrs Gudgeon  
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Dear Ley.

Many thanks for your letter. yes I think everyone had a marvellous time at the wedding thanks to you. Tom & Joyce both said, that they will never be able to thank you enough for all you did. By the way, Tom gave me £2 to give to you. (the fee that you had to pay the parson) shall I send it on to you, or wait until you come home?

Hux was certainly a scream, I was sorry I didn't invite Jimmy. Joyce & Tom had a lovely time at Portsmouth. Tom visited all his old friends; They are now at Weymouth & will be home on Friday, as they are going to a 21<sup>st</sup> birthday party Saturday night. On Saturday afternoon they are going to a tea dance at the Embassy. Joyce says Tom is the sweetest husband in the world; now don't say "I hope he will always be", because Rose said that. Muriel is coming over on Sunday afternoon with the baby, so if you come home, come down early, as Muriel goes about 5 o'clock. Edgar is now at Stamford in Lincolnshire.

I have been lengthening the sleeves of the Navy blue raincoat (that you gave me for £11.) It fits Tom, so he can have it. Don't forget to love any more of your

"lefts off". I think it was dreadful  
of his mother to give all his 'civvies'  
away, she must have thought he  
was never coming back. I gave  
Tom 7 coupons to get a shirt to go  
with the suit you gave him.

Joyce likes him to be in civvies, she  
has taken him to quite a few dances  
& he is learning fast, which is  
pleasing Joyce immensely. I expect  
there will be a few tears on the  
1<sup>st</sup> of March when they have to part.

Give my love to Blair when  
you write; I do hope the war  
finishes before you go away.

Bye Bye for now

Fondest Love,  
Doris

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