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The Star.

Thursday 5/1+

Dearest Liz,

You're an absolute
angel - not to say wizard! Two
letters from my man in two days!
No 3. yesterday and he's today.
You've no idea what an effect they
have on my spirits - just the sight
of the familiar scribble on the
envelope is enough to start my
heart doing flip-flaps.

I gather that last night's
epistle was officially the one written
before sailing. - The date had been
cut out, and one other word viz:-
"The journey to the — was eventful."
I guess that it was not a place

name, but evidently the censor
decided to be on the safe side. - These
Wrens! The second letter, you
said, was written on the off-chance
so I imagine you must have been
on the way & not sure that it
would catch a mail packet. But
it did do this, and your wife
in Welling Kent, was all the
more radiant for its arrival. Keep
on taking those chances, angel, &
love it.

I was sorry to read of the
return of the old throat trouble, and
trust that it will not persist. It
may have been brought on in the
last-night binge that you most
probably all enjoyed. That, and

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last few days. Anyway I hope
it soon returns to normal sugar.

And Jim, I was sorry about
his accident, and of course will
not breathe a word to Meriel. I

really must write letters all round
this weekend - Peggy, Cully, Eve
& Meriel. Some fan mail! But
you can bet your life the bulk of
my time spent in letter-writing will
be for my hobby. Love you,
remember?

I rather gather that you are
living in cramped quarters. This is
where your life aboard an M.T.B.
will come in useful - though
don't go putting yourself in
where you can't get out without

a crane! I imagine that you
& Jack Porter (?) get plenty of
cracks flung in your direction
concerning unnecessary avoir-dupois.
Of course Jim Lisher & George feel
that they've come into their own.

I don't know what you all
do to pass the time, but I hope
when you arrive you will still
have enough filthy lucre to buy
the camera. You're pretty poor at
gambling I believe. - remembering
a certain duffel coat that passed
hands rather quickly!

Some of Edgair's crowd huh?
Well watch out for those guys -
they're pretty slick. Though I bet
you have plenty of good fun together.

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Wish I knew when you are likely to arrive, but I guess I must bide my time in patience. I shall dream you all along the line, and if I'm a hundred miles in advance of you it won't matter much will it?

So you are all trying to glean the latest news. Well it is certainly pretty hot, and gets hotter every day. We have even had a sweepstake on the date at the office! It really can't be many more weeks. Incidentally I am posting off an overseas edition at the same time as this letter, and they will come regularly each week that you're away.

~~the~~ Next week I will get the Times & Mail (Express don't run one, - the other one available seems to be the Sketch - but I don't think that's so hot except for pictures.) Let me know your choice will you honey? They are interesting - I've delved into it myself today.

This weekend I shall go down to Rungtread & give them the latest news. I didn't go during Easter weekend as Tom's said she'd be away & the new folks would be working. They know you're gone, because you wrote them - but I expect they'd like to know that I've heard since.

I gather that you do not have a radio - so you probably

1/ miss all the good old programmes
of the A.F.F. There was an amusing
diatribe by ~~John~~^{ERIC} Barker the other
day on "Aeronautics" - given to
a crowd of Fleet Air Arm Chappies
who roared with laughter.

Stina had a good crack
tonight at Mrs Hops' expense -
"If its gaters you after - suspenders
the name."

When you arrive at the new
base I do say you will be
able to tune into the Forces
programme in the evenings, & then
will be able to listen together.

Two items of business doing.
1/ Our bank balance in mid-March
was. £12-10-11. (The bank sent

the balance sheet as they'd reached
the end of it). Will certainly
have to concentrate on saving
while you're away. - I thought
we had more, but I have checked
all cheques & deposits & find the
figures correct.

2. Your salary for march was
£11.19.8.

I'll keep you posted in these
matters sugar-plum.

By the bye, Tui phoned
me yesterday & said that he'd
spotted Ken Wellard getting on
a bus, but had not had the
chance to speak. So whether
or not he was in the Chinese
handies is not clear - though

9 The fact that he was on leave
seems to indicate that he ^{had been} ~~was~~
there. Suffice it anyway that
he is safe & well. Thought
you'd be glad to hear that bit
of news.

And I think that's all
the news for today, my pet.

Keep smiling sugar, and I
hope you will be putting those
Smiles on paper for me soon.

Love,
you,

Clark

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