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The Office.
8.5.45.

Sweetheart

Just a short note written in the lunch-hour as I didn't devote myself to you last night. Selfish of me, but I got home just mentally whacked. It was one of those days in the office when the phone rang incessantly & people asked difficult questions all day, and I thought it expedient to keep quiet.

So instead of doing anything mental - I turned to the physical & spent a very happy hour tuning out our room. I switched on the wireless & worked to a very pleasant programme of gramophone records.

The Carpet had a good

stiff brush & the furniture was polished up, & I simply gazed by the time I'd finished.

This weekend I'm going to clean the windows & polish the mirror & pictures & maybe clean the paint.

I was awfully glad to read about the carpet you had bought being soft green & fawn, because I used up our coupon permit on some lovely soft green curtains, so that when we get our flat or portal, they will go together beautifully for the spare room.

Honestly I'm longing to see these rugs, it's so exciting to

go ahead with our home planning.

As to chances of a portal
door, the Govt. stated yesterday
that thousands are on the way
& by next zoning we should have
a wonderful chance of getting one.

That sounds an awful long
way off, and I shall meantime
keep pegging away for a flat.
But all schemes for Portals are

going ahead on a two-year
plan - and contracts have all
been taken over from M.O.S.

by Ministry of Works who have
set up a Directorate of Prefab.
House Production. So you see

the problem is being tackled &
we shall have one of our own

in due course. I was also
interested to read a statement by
Duncan Sandys yesterday that
by next May estates for the
building of 100,000 permanent
houses will be ready. That
sounds more like it. eh Sugar?

Being here in the Ministry
I see factories turning out every
week to the manufacture of
household goods - pots & pans,
clocks, wireless sets, electric
goods &c. and it does my
heart good. I've no doubt at
all that by the autumn there
will be lots of stuff on the
market to choose from & I shall
really start to buy.

Did I tell you that I heard
last week from Muriel Fischer.
A very cheery letter & she
certainly sounds in much better
spirits. I must really call on
her soon & swap notes on our
respective husbands' activities.

She mentioned the tea which
was on the way - you sweet
thing. Do you know that 1 lb
represents rations for 2 months!
Jolly good-oh!

Incidentally she seems to think
you must be exerting some kind
of good influence over Jim cos
she gets lovely letters and she
could never imagine him going on

Shopping expeditions at home. So she feels much happier. I shall certainly arrange to spend an occasional evening in town with her - she thinks the idea is grand - and that will make a pleasant evening out for both of us.

Sorry, honey, this is not one of those toney-doney bits. This atmosphere is too austere & businesslike for writing all the things that are in my heart.

lets say that they'll be continued in my next.

Till then I'll be loving you,

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