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Monday. 9.7.45
They are only

Did you see the
eclipse of the sun today? Let me
hasten to add that I did not,
but I read all the accounts in
the morning & evening papers. They
made a terrific fuss of it, and
apparently watched the effect it
had on plants, animals, babies
&c. &c. Quite an event! It seems

that they expect to discover many
interesting scientific facts from
this seemingly normal occurrence.
It's amazing how one fact can
lead to so many others in science
- like the old apple that fell on
Newton's (?) head, and Aristotle's
bath-water that overflowed.

I guess you may have been too
near to the Equator to see much.

Other news in the papers tonight
is that the non-fraternization
ban on our boys in Germany may
soon be lifted. I don't really see

how they could have kept that up
for much longer - the boys must
be fed to the teeth in that kind of
atmosphere. Surprisingly enough the

Russians have shown the least
unfriendliness to the Germans - they
eat at the cafés, dance with the
German girls & even played a
football match with Germany soon
after VE day. And we were led to
believe that there would be mass-
slaughters as soon as the Russians
laid hands on the Germans. It
all goes to show, says I.

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As to the Jap war here, that
been going with a swing. The
Russies are going ahead in Borneo,
the air attacks are increasing in
weight & strength, and the Japs
are expecting an invasion of Singapore
according to radio reports picked up
by the Americans.

However, they do damage to our
ships with their beastly suicide
bombs, & this morning it was
announced that three large British
ships had been damaged that way
recently. It's a gruesome idea,
but it certainly ensures almost
invariably a direct hit on a ship,
which is more than ordinary
aircraft or surface craft can
usually manage.

All the same sugar plum, I shall
be very surprised if the Jap war
lasts more than a year, and some
optimists put it at less than that.

I received your no. 38 tonight
- they come along nice & regularly
these days & do much for ensuring
an atmosphere of happiness for this
girl. You're right, it is amazing
how quickly the time seems to go
by, and I only hope that the rest
of your stay in that country will
fly on gilded wings.

Of course for us here in England
the outlook becomes more one of
old peacetime ways every day.
Cars are beginning to hum on
the roads in their dozens now,
and we've begun to forget the
Sound of Sirens, & very much
as rockets or flying bombs mentioned

It is truly amazing how quickly
the human mind forgets past
horors & just looks forward into
the future with hope.

So you had another of your
Saturday trips into Banbar, eh
Sgar. And very nice too.

Your shopping expeditions always
cause me amusement, I can't

imagine you do the same here
in England. So you think you're

getting to know your way around
these vendors huh? I certainly

hope you will never buy any of
their stockings - if they are British
Utility does they cost 1/10 or

if they are generally are not even
fully-fashioned!!

However that length of paisley

Silk interested me quite a bit.

4 yards is just enough for a dress though $13\frac{5}{16}$ a yard is a bit steep. Still one has got used to paying high prices, & if the silk is anything like the material I have seen in some Indian sarees in London it must be pretty attractive. Certainly lengths of material interest me more than anything else, not only because being a woman I love nice clothes, but also because I enjoy dress making very much these days & it is proving quite an interesting hobby for quiet evenings.

Brandy & cigars huh? I shall certainly expect some high class letter from my honey in the future. Nothing like keeping up the old morale, & making Cheetah

1) more like the palace you'd like
it to be. Eh?
I have retired to my bedroom
to write because Miss Chatter
the wireless were continually
disturbing my mind off the letter.
Miss latest beau has gone on
leave this week & she feels at a
purpose end in consequence.

Your description of Bahup
Beauties brought back the film
to me very vividly. Certainly
there was a piece of colorful,
escapist, entertainment which
should go down well with you
boys. As for Red Skelton, I
remember rolling-up at his antics
myself.

Fancy having to buy bananas

and pineapples in self-defence!

I read that bit to mum & she asked if you were trying to break our hearts. It has been a bit of a fruitless period lately here. The oranges & lemons ceased abruptly & it is too early yet for English apples, pears, plums & the like. I have had a few raspberries & strawberries - but they never are very plentiful as I think the crop is bought up for jam-making.

Still we don't do so badly in the whole.

Today I lunched at the Salad Bowl in the Corner House. I think I've described it to you before, & certainly it is well worthwhile - lots to eat, pleasant company, & nice music.

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always enjoy myself there & we
certainly must try it together.
Nothing other - rather about it like
Vega & other vegetarian places I've
been to - you certainly would not
look out of place - I saw quite a
number of Naval Chaplains there
today.

I was glad to read about
the recent improvements in the
Camp & hope they will continue
to increase. It certainly looks
as though the place will be
quite habitable & comfy by the
time you set sail once more for
these shores.

Tonight I wrote a letter to
the Civil Service Commission asking

for particulars of exams in the
C.S. after the war especially those
for which est. c. s's. will be
eligible even if over 30 yrs of age.
I'll let you know all the dope
when it comes along - you may
even care to study for Simpson
yourself - though I guess there's
little time or energy left for that
sort of thing at the end of your
days. Oh sweet?

Could I interest you in a
post in the Indian Civil Service?
Or is that where I duck to
avoid what you can find to
hate.

Cherio my chickadee.

All the love in the world,

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