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The Office.

Friday 13.7.45.

Sweetheart

Somebody reminded me that today is Friday the 13th, so I have been walking around with fingers crossed, ~~and~~ avoiding ladders, and touching wood. Incidentally it is the third anniversary of your joining the Navy, and I guess you'll be showing off your good-conduct stripe. That is, always providing that you have been a good boy since you arrived in India. Doesn't it also mean that you get a few more dibs - or is Navy pay still made on the casual basis. Very casual?

I love the way I said

glibly in a letter recently that I'd
arrange to send you the Amateur
Photographer each week. Cor! I've
tried everywhere - its as difficult
to find in London as the Saturday
Evening Post. Still I finally learned
that Smith's bookstalls have it in
first thing on Wednesday mornings,
(Sold out by 9.0 am.) So if I can
manage to catch my early train
that day I shall join the queue &
trust to luck.

I've been having quite a number
of conversations with Joan Oswald
(née Laskie) on the subject of photo-
graphy as she's very keen. She
also tries to get the A.P. & is
sometimes lucky, so between us we

may be able to keep you supplied.

The camera is a Kodak with a F4.5 lens - just the sort of thing you want, honey, and she says that there are pages of adverts for sales of cameras in the A.P. You see, we'll get you fixed up yet. If only I knew more about the subject though, I'd feel more sure of myself when faced with a possible purchase. However, as you remark, I can always get advice from the big shops.

I am hoping to get a reply to my letter about civil service exams. by the weekend. I am very interested to know if there are any new openings for Edger, thus I

yourself. I am sending you this month's Society Bulletin which gives some ideas of what may happen to Mops. in the future. Of course, it is all tentative, because until we know the results of the election, nobody can say much about the scope of the Civil Service. However I do think that the coming changes will touch us but little as we are both permanent Mops. staff (or w.o. of course).

The bulk of the contracts Dept. for example consists of temps. and loaned personnel. Already the other Depts. are pressing for the return of their loaned staff. So that really we have no headaches in that direction.

we can just sit tight & watch them
whittle the staff down.

My tummy tells me that lunch-
time is near. It's the most
heavenly day - blue sky, hot
sunshine & a soft breeze blowing -
in fact I nearly suggested us
taking out the "Lazy Lane" again
today. Ah me!

It looks as though we are
in for a good weekend & I shall
get out & about & try to finally
get rid of the catarrh that has
remained with me since my cold
last weekend.

Shall probably visit the folks

tomorrow & then I'll have lots of
news to write you over the weekend.

Cheerio's, my pet, keep smiling
& I hope you manage a swim at
Break Candy tomorrow.

All my love angel.

Clare

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