

The Flat  
Tuesday, 7.8.45.

Sweetheart

I had your no. 49 tonight,  
doris, and it talked a lot about  
Cameras. Honestly all I think about  
these days is how to get the right  
one for you sweetheart, and tomorrow  
morning at 8.30 I shall be queuing up  
at Charis X for the Amateur Photographs.

Thanks for the guide,  
sweetheart, and I now realise that  
anything above a 4.5 lens is not  
your work. As promised, I scouted  
around Lush-Chine, but WH. had no  
roll-film cameras at all, & the  
Westminster Photographic had nothing but  
the art. d. - reach ones over £50.

Surprising how valuable some Leicas  
& Contax are at these days isn't it?  
How tomorrow, as soon as I get the A.P.  
(if I'm lucky) I shall pop into the  
waiting-room, scan the adverts, & if  
anything strikes me as worthwhile, send  
off a telegram or telephone right away.  
I'm sure that is the only way to get  
what we want.

About new cameras. I will tomorrow  
ring Kodak & ask what chances there  
will be of getting one in the near future.  
As a matter of fact I rather feel that  
in this country the chances of getting  
any camera, either new or S.H., will  
increase as the winter comes along.

So here's hoping.

<sup>2</sup> Well, I never did! So, I've been  
labouring under a misapprehension about  
pin-up photos, huh? So, I dared  
to ask a man to take a picture  
of me in bathing suit - I bashful  
Clare! So, I contorted myself,  
Sat, stood, wriggled on a log,  
obeyed instructions for half-an-hour,  
and all in a bathing costume, and  
it's not what you wanted! I  
could have just had a head & shoulders  
& you'd have been happy! Cor!

However, honey mine, the deed is  
done, the pictures have been took,  
& I guess that when you see my

puts on show you will probably  
prefer 'em to my funny face. Ah  
me! What it is to try to please a  
man!

As to you, my darling, yes I  
love snaps of you by the thousand.  
You thrill me, you almost speak to  
me in those snaps I have, and  
once the rains cease I hope to get  
pictures by the thousand - all  
depicting my man, with or without  
fig leaves, and grinning at me  
with peaches all afloat. Yawser!  
Some hints of male I wanted!

To be serious for a moment. I  
called in at Klayds today, and

stated that I wanted to transfer some  
Cash to you in Bambar. Speak of  
efficiency, in three minutes the whole  
business was settled - no worry, no  
fuss.

I signed a form, gave your address,  
and stated amount (£25) & they do  
the rest. It will go to the branch  
in Bambar by Air Mail, and they  
will notify you when it has  
arrived, so's you can collect. Good! Oh!  
The only charge appears to be the Air Mail  
stamp - about 1/-. I guess you  
should hear by 10 days from now.  
ie. 18<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Your monthly pay slip for July

~~£~~ was £12.4.8 :-

Salary for month	31.17.9.
Service pay.	17.0.8.
Balance C.P.	<u>14.17.1.</u>
less. II. Tax.	2.10.0.
Contd.: Deductions.	<u>2.5.</u>
	<u>12.4.8.</u>

So that the bank balance stands at  
£74.13.0. less £25 just transferred to  
you.

You know, I reckon that if we  
can get our rugs & carpets, and maybe  
later on some bed & table linen from  
India doing we will really have  
covered the most expensive items of  
this housemaking. And taking it  
in our stride this way will make  
such a difference to our resources when  
we come to actual furniture buying.

7 To give you an idea of prices here -  
I saw a For Sale advert this morning  
- "Indian Carpet, 15' x 12' - £300."

Admittedly it is a large size - but  
what a fabulous price! Second hand!

And furniture is still £150 to  
£300 a suite!

All the same however, I don't think  
we shall do so badly when the time

comes. Our nest egg is growing  
steadily - £12 a month from B.C.P. and  
£2 a week my allotment from now  
on.

Just as soon as stuff really  
gets back on the market - say, by  
next January I intend to start buying  
in all the kitchenware I can get.  
We'd have all the stuff laid in even

if we have no place to put it in.

And now my pet, my sweet,  
my honey pie, I'm going to ration  
you tonight cos I want to write  
a reminder to the War Damage  
people about our claim, and also a  
letter to that photo. Supply place I  
mentioned - to enquire after films.

So nightie-night precious,  
your baby loves you, and always  
says a prayer for you.

Bless you,

Clark



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