

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

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My Dear Guy.

I have just been wondering how you feel now V.J. day is so near; I am enclosing the latest news of the demobbing which I know is interesting you most. The R.A.F. have reached group 19; Blanche's Fred is out & Earn has handed over the business to him; you see he ~~was~~ had quarrelled with Fred when he offered the business to Tom; now he has patched up his quarrel with Fred, and the business goes to him. Tom is not worried because he has three trades in his hands & will probably do better

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working for a big firm where he will get good hours, & no sweated labour, & also chance of advancement. Tom & Joyce will still go to live in Portsmouth as Blanche is buying a saloon for Joyce; I am a bit worried as to how that is going to work out, because Joyce will have a baby to look after, but they have to accept Blanche's offer, otherwise they won't have anywhere to live; there are 7,000 names down for Paltals; on the other hand, Blanche wants to get out of 262 Havant Rd because Earn is now looking after his own shop; Blanche refuses to be just a housewife, she wants

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joy to teach her hairdressing  
so that she can have a business  
of her own; so I don't know how  
it's all going to work out.

Tom thinks Fred & Earn will  
disagree as always, & Fred  
will "clown Tools".

Will Dear, how are you hoping?  
Has that awful heat returned  
yet? I hope not; Edgar has been  
home on 10 days leave, he came  
over twice on his motor bike;  
He looks much better, but very  
thin; by the way, he is now a  
Flight Lieutenant; & seems  
very anxious to stay in the R.A.F.  
Dad is still in the Arsenal  
he is getting quite a handful.  
We were all in bed & fast asleep

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last night, when a bang came on the door; it was dad; he had gone out with out a key & bolted up the house. Al had to get up & dress, & finally managed to get in a window by putting a knife up the latch it was raining cats & dogs. Then Dad had the cheek to get upset because he said, "How easy it would be for anyone to break in." Beat came down last Sunday, but I did not see her because I went to Pompey for the week-end. I am expecting Blair this week-end, I do hope you will both be able to spend Xmas with us; Well dear, look after yourself. Love from us all  
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