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The Flat.
Sunday. 29.45.

Dorothy's

It is a very blustery day with sunny intervals & in an hour's time I plan to get some of that glorious fresh air inside me. I haven't made any arrangements for this weekend but I think I shall go down to Runstead & see the folks.

They have all been on holiday & it seems ages since I saw them, and I like to have all the family news. What's more they are always keen to hear the latest from d'hez. I have done quite a bit of the haul, but there is still yards of

it to knit. Incidentally I bought the
last two P. Orders yesterday & will
enclose them. I shall explain to Denis
that there is a certain amount of
restriction on the number of mags you may
send but that you are doing your best.

How in your latest letter you said
how many buzzes there are about demobilizing
& how generally upsetting it is to the
morale of the lads to keep going up &
going down in spirits. I gave you
the latest official news (Navy 26 at by
Xmas), but I see in today's papers
that new plans are to be submitted to
the cabinet shortly & it is hoped that
there will be some speed-up. I heard
some girls talking the matter over in

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The classroom yesterday & one thing
made me prick up my ears & maybe
you can confirm this at your end. One
girl said that the date of demob is
the date on which you are finally released
after you have had your 56 days'
leave. Well if that is so, I reckon
you will anyway be home for Xmas
& have leave through Jan & part of Feb.
- that is even if they do not speed
up the demob.

As I say I refuse to allow myself
to get all worked up at that kind of
rumour, or belief, or what have you,
until I know that it is official. But
it certainly sounds feasible don't you
think sweetheart?

I was a trifle worried that the bank draft had not come through by your no. 60, and if I do not hear that it has arrived sometime this week I shall roust up the Bank & start some enquiries going. Sorry that the mail has been delayed for you lately - certainly mine has been no different - average 8 days - and these are none messing due to that plane crash which you mention.

I hope you have had your VJ leave by now & that the weather allowed you to go into Taou, have a swim, & generally make the most of every minute. Any good shows or at the cinema?

Saltine of good shows, I saw

a real pre-war lavish spectacle at
the Coliseum on Friday evening. We
must certainly see it together when
you come home Sweetheart.

The stage is huge, & roomy,
and gives great scope for the really
lovely scenes & dances. There was
a roller skating turn, some lovely
apache dances, a beautifully acrobatic
dancer who surely couldn't have a bone
in her body. The show was held
together by some grand fun by Vic
Oliver - a chappie whom I usually
don't much like but who was excellent
all through this show.

The costumes really were superb,
colourful, beautifully designed, and

glamorously worn. Certainly worth
seeing & I shall book up for us
the moment I hear you are on your
way home.

I went with 6 other girls from
the office - quite a hen-party - but
great fun. We were smitten with the
idea of celebrating the coming of peace,
and thought a meal & show an
ideal way of doing it. Unfortunately
there are such crowds in Town these
days, all trying to eat before the
soup, that we only managed to get
a meal by pushing a tray in the
Cash and Carry part of the Strand
Corner House - but we had fun
wiping up all the good things we

could see - there is no limit still to
how much you take - though they do
like you to eat it all.

By the way they sell ices now
during the interval - another sign of the
times.

I love the way you suggest in
your letter that we order a double bed.
Just like that. I rather doubt
whether we could in the first instance
get sufficient utility points since
we possess two divans - and to
attempt to buy a bed in a shop is
impossible. Even if they had a bed
you couldn't get a mattress or overlay
without a priority docket. How the
damn you wouldn't believe how tight

things are at the moment. I think
 after times things will improve & the
 turnover from war to peace will be
 showing in the articles & goods on
 sale - but at the moment the only
 thing is to hang on & make-do with
 what one already has. So ... sweet...
 we shall have to bear with the join
 for awhile longer.

By the way your office B.C.P.
 chit came through yesterday & I see
 that they are knocking off a bit more
 Income Tax.

Salary -	31. 17. 9.
Service Pay -	17. 0. 8.
B.C.P. -	14. 17. 1.
Income T. -	4. 1. 0.
Consol. Ded -	2. 5.
Balanced -	<u>10. 13. 8.</u>

Well I went down to see the folks
& they are all looking very fit - Joyce
& Tom were away so I did not see them.

The talk revolves entirely around the
subject of demob. When will our boys
be home? I expect Don's has told
you about the party we are planning.
I am getting excited already - we are
going to hire a hall & maybe a band
& have big Eats & general fun & games.
All friends invited, plenty of beer
& drinks (if we can scrounge em) and
a good time to be had by all.

Sounds grand doesn't it have?
Of course they were very pleased to
hear about our flat & Don's said that

She would come along & help me scrub
the floors & get settled in.

Honestly, sweet, life has suddenly
become so thrilling! I can't believe
that our luck has changed so, and
that everything is coming out right
at last.

You see we'll be hanging
the old "Welcome Home" flag in
a few weeks & you'll be carrying
me over the threshold.

Better start collecting those "rabbits"
& Indian souvenirs right away
honey coz it won't be long now.

All my love & thoughts,

Clara

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