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The Flat.
Monday. 3.9.45.

My Sweet,

I came home from the office today planning to get stuck right into a pile of ironing and then a letter to you later on. But having read your no. 61 I must needs scribble right away to you & let the chores go hang for awhile.

It's so bang-a, dorking, right on the nose - really you must be ante-telepathic or simply coz all the things you talk about have been buzzing around in my head for the last few days.

Strangely enough I wrote that significant thing about your dumb dating from the end of your

have, only today. It surely means that you will be home quite by the end of '45. Honestly it's quite unbelievable & I'm getting all keyed up again.

Even if those workmen go at a snail's pace Bessington must be ready by the end of Oct so will be moved in & settled down fairly well by the time you are on your way. Imagine that if you can! Gee oh Gosh!

Bright at 9.0 o'clock R. Atlee is to broadcast about demobbing - as a direct result of complaints & deputations from Army men here in England. If he gives any definite news of a speed-up, or group numbers I will add it to the tail of this letter.

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You ask whether I have thought of my position when you come home. Firstly leave - I intend to have every minute with you - from the moment you arrive in the U.K. until the morning you report back for duty. This little girl will be shadowing you. I have no idea what the official idea is on the subject & I shall certainly make some inquiries but whatever their ideas, it will make no difference, I shall just take the leave.

We have been frantically busy ever since VJ. & I am pulling my weight, & I reckon compared with the average TA they get pretty good service out of me. In any case I can't think that they would expect me to work at such a time.

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I wouldn't be able to sit still. It's quite unthinkable. We shall have a glorious honeymoon, settle into our flat & get back to the old familiar basis with no one to interfere. Sound Heaven?

As to staying on - I naturally have given it a little thought. I would love to have a few months in the same office - as you say it would be fun to travel together, and have an occasional lunch as we used to do. We should soon find out whether the shopping & housework were too much of a burden. If so, I'm sure I'd have no trouble in getting a local job with more reasonable hours. In any case however I guess we shall be thinking

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of starting a family at same time
& that would definitely write Jim's
to Gt. Westminster.

Actually, Sweet, though I have
often felt awfully tired & fed up
with the place I know that the
final goodbye to the office will be
a terrific wrench. Still new things
come along to replace the old right
through this life & it's merely a
matter of adjusting ideas. We'll
see, honey. One thing is certain
we shall be two of the happiest
people on this earth!

Cameras - well I still write
after Snip or good buys, but I
think if I was lucky now, I should
have onto it until you came home.

As a matter of fact I wrote after
one that John Larie recommended a
Saturday - a Purma Special which
is supposed to be a marvellous little
Camera. Know it?

So you have been examining
the blue suit eh? I'm jolly glad
the buttons can be returned to their
rightful positions - sounds as though
you are back to normal weight &
very attractive withal. I can see
I shall have to keep my eyes on
you when you start mingling with
the train crowds & office girls again.
They'll be kidnapping you. I was
interested to read that you got a
complete rig and go coupons. You
need socks & shirts badly, darling. I
think I'll buy a chalk stripe suit

⁷ is another must-have in your wardrobe. You need a second large suit daitya?

The only boys I have seen back at the office are those who have come a cropper & are medically unfit. I have not bumped into Phil though he does come up to the office occasionally. He's in the Army now. Funny huh? But I guess that in the next few months there will be lots of change at the office. - Temps. going and the young lads coming back. It will be lovely to see the old faces again.

Well Mr. Athee summed up the general situation & gave an idea why we cannot have all the boys

act at once. However there is to
be a definite review & statement by
the M. of labour within a few days
& we shall all know where we stand.
One thing he did say - all Class B
releases are to be immediate, and
gratuitous & Post War Credits will be
paid immediately - they have had so
many chaps refusing Class B. demob.
But there was no suggestion that they
would get the 8 wks. leave as for
Class A.

I'll certainly send you all the
gaff as it comes along, baby, but in
any case I think you'll be home
by Christmas.

J.J. It isn't a dream any more,
it's coming true.

Love.

All the love in the world darling

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