

The Flat.
Thursday. 13.9.45

To his nurse

My my! You have been busy, and your shopping expeditions rouse dreams in my heart of the future when here in England will be able to go into a shop & ask for what we want. Just like that.

Instead of spending weeks searching around in one's spare time or the lookout for something that approaches vaguely what you really want. Still those days are coming, and already there are a few more goods available.

But when I tell you that Joan had a day in Taun today looking for material for a suit, and came

have with nowt! She only saw
one material at all attractive &
that was for a yard! Mum
spent the day over at the Drive
with baby so's she could have a
free hand & wander around alone.
Disappointing what!

Oh I am excited - but
however I have mentioned buying
things for yourself. Don't you ever
see anything you like? Those
Sports shirts must be good if you
like em & at 2/6 they are
cheap these days. You paid
something like 2/- each for those
woollen a/c's you have, you know.

That table cloth material sounds

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hurry - day to me, darling, and will probably make 3 or 4 clothes - and we need 'em badly. The sheets, too, are a marvellous buy especially at that price. According to Pat we only get docket for 2 sheets, so we've had it - cos I had to say in the form that we already have some linen. (Couldn't kid 'em we have none because they know we had a flat of our own).

We shall certainly start in this flat in more luxuriant circumstances than before honey. When I imagine all our things set out in those rooms with our lovely carpets to show 'em off. Yippee!

I was going to ask you your preference for the new V. Furniture & I certainly think the mahogany stuff would look much richer & that's what I'll order.

Jean saw me at work last Sunday morning & said how well-kept our furniture looks. I have been putting plenty of elbow-grease into my polishing lately, sweet, and the woodwork does respond. Even the matt surface of the V stuff has taken on a certain glow. I am dying to get our new points and order the dining room stuff. Yes I thought table, 4 chairs & sideboard were must-haves - and I've asked for

5 'points for the knick-knacks in the hope that we shall get enough for those essentials if they cut us down. Awful, eh?

And thanks for the gloves angel! They sound exactly right. I don't ever wear gloves for warmth, so the fact that they are not heavy doesn't matter a jot, and that suede fabric has a very attractive look.

As for colour - dark blue & fawn are just perfect. Thanks a million petstci! But I didn't like the sound of that fight that you nearly got dragged into. What a lot of horrors those people are!

Carpets, carpets & still more! Really

hence you missed your vocation. You should have headed one of the British Purchasing Missions overseas, or Sumpin.

Don's will be awful pleased to hear that the first rug is on the way & it won't matter to her if they cost a bit more than £6. With any luck they'll be here ~~before~~ by the beginning of November, which is good because they will avoid any Xmas mail rush. I must put some cash on one side at the end of the month to cover the duty on them & also the carpet.

It sounds to me as though the plain brown one for us will look just perfect with the large carpet

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and I'm so excited at thought of setting up home with all our lovely things. Whoever had such a wonderful hubby? You're the sweetest, most thoughtful, and wonderful man that ever was. And I love you so.

So you had a lovely lap-up meal and went to the pictures in style. I agree entirely about sitting with other people enjoying themselves - never did like the idea of films in the home for that very reason. It's also another reason for the belief that the cinema will never replace the theatre. It's the old human element. One of the reasons why I found Bob Hope's latest so funny was because

of a Chappie sitting next to me who
chortled most infectiously & slapped
his thigh at one gag & equally had
the chime of his life.

Strangely enough when I saw
"Susan" only last evening so I can
agree with you wholeheartedly. I
enjoyed it immensely - and I adore
Loan Fontaine's acting. Ever since

"Constant Nymph" I've been an ardent
fan. She knows her stuff. Yes it
was slick. How's about keeping
an animal like that? Bit big
for Bessington don't you think?

What do you mean, buy a new
radio. I'm rather fad of the
present one. It keeps me company

9 if I go to bed early, it plays to me on Sunday mornings while I work in our domain, and especially its shiny face gladdens my heart. Besides think how grand we shall feel with a radio in the car when we go for a drive into the Country.

I note your remarks concerning parcels, and take it that there are none in the post — but wait a mo' there is one with the brocade in it. Maybe there are more than one. Let me know, wait you sweet. I have so far had 2. As I say, in future I shall make a note in my

diary when you dispatch 'em.

As to the flat, I think I have already mentioned that I confirmed it with Mrs. G. Your previous letters sounded so enthusiastic. She said that when she lets the large room she will have the grilles installed & they will use the bath room for water as we did. It would certainly be preferable not to share the kitchenette.

On the other hand we could take all the large room as well, for an extra 10/6 a week - if she has not already found a tenant. What do you think, sweet? Do you think we need the room? Trouble is that

" we have no idea how long this
bakeship will have to last. Will
you let me know what you think
of the idea of this additional room.
Yes or no. And I'll get right
on to ~~it~~ if you would like us
to take it on. It seems an
unnecessary expense to me if we
are only to be there a short while -
on the other hand we'd have the
advantage of the whole floor to our-
selves. Actually I think two
rooms will be ample until we
move into a house & can buy
furniture & curtains & things more
easily. And, too, it was rather
a large chilly room. L. duma.

Anyway honey I'd like your ideas
on the subject, pet, in case I am
not looking far enough ahead. I
will act immediately on whatever
you decide.

As for being lovely, sweet, I
am quite sure I'd be in my
element. I like a dog with two
tails. In fact as happy as a
Sandbar preparing our little nest.
(mixed metaphors, but the general
idea is that I'd be top of the
world)

Might I add darling that I
opened your 65 & started to read,
and as I turned over the first two

Pages my heart was warm and I
felt so good. You don't change a
bit darling. You're the same logical,
clear-thinker, and even after six
months of loneliness & rotten conditions
& equal depression, you can write the
kind of philosophical, common sense,
soberside-with-my-emotional-acrobatics,
kind of stuff that puts my morale
right back in its place. No wonder
I love you so much, so dearly. I
know I'd never find another you
anywhere on this earth.

You were just made for me, and
that's a fact.

Your own, always,
Clare.

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