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Bombay.

20/9/45

Dearest,

Two from you today - an airograph & 91 brings my mail more or less up-to-date. I maintain that 9 days for a letter to come here is too long. But still, this little batch brings life back to normal again & I must be very thankful remember, sweet, that mail is the only reason for keeping sane in this fiendish boredom that has beset us.

I've written long & long on your portraits, darling, so you'll know by now just what I think. You'll remember that I told you I'd bought a roll of film & I've now had the prints back. Arrang't hem - a sort of pin up of me - I say "sort of" because it is & it is not. I mean, where could you pin it up? On the other hand it should keep away flies & visitors. The title of this study is "Tarzan in

his Element' or I searched high & low for a suitable tree-branch to hang on but they all were either too high or they snapped. But it's cute, dumboo thinks? To the left of me were a bunch of admiring native women working (sic) at the camp & after I'd had mine taken I chased 'em to try & snap them. But they misconstrued my intentions & ran away with their baskets on their heads.

This time I managed to get a good take of the inside of the cabin, & I took two ~~snaps~~ ^{snaps} of my corner. Here they are - bed (with books, papers & odd clothing), box with drinks, pipe tobacco & more books, cupboard with cork & toilet & medical gear. Water bottle at the ready. The mosquito net was on the line dozing at the time. The feet in the bottom right are Leo's. My writing desk is just forward of the bed on the left of the picture. It looks a white hot heat & brighter than it really is.

Yesterday was a make + mend with
leave + so I went ashore (a) to get the
snaps (b) to send a couple of Xmas parcels
home. I also saw a show. I had a
bit of luck with the parcels. I puzzled
what to send - they were to be food lots
to you + David + it's awfully difficult
to arrange to send the stuff you really
need for puddings because most of it
is loose + unsuitable for packing. However
this is what I managed to send. To
David 1lb tea 1lb raisins 1lb sultanas
1lb butter + 1lb almonds. To you, the
same, except that the butter is replaced
by sugar! Best I could do, sweetie
pie. They were sent off today + will
arrive well behind before Xmas.

I got the snaps, roamed around
the town, went into the Museum
(card bereavish) + had a look at the
reptiles, + finished up in Chung Hwa
yaffling eggs + trout. The picture
was "Garina" with Tallula blankhead

It was a perfect light comedy in
the habitic vein. I enjoyed it.

A very jolly run author & I think
I'll do it every week except next
week because I'll have no cash.

Regarding the parcel situation,
if you'll give me a minute I'll consult
my secretary & we'll work out a
table that will give all information.
Thus: -

✓ Parcel No. 4 - will be your next.
Contains silk, cigars, rods & bands.
Sent 24.7.45.

✓ No 5 Sent 10.8.45. Contains
food. Ordinary gift parcel.

✓ No 6 Sent 10.8.45 also. Contains
food + cigars. D.F. parcel.

No. 7. Sent 4.9.45. Contains
Bed sheeting, cigars, gloves etc. D.F.

No 8 Sent 7.9.45. Contains food.
Ordinary gift parcel.

✓ No. 9. Sent 11.9.45 by air. Handbag.

No. 10 Sent 15.9.45. Tablecloth
material. Ordinary gift parcel.

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No 11 sent 14.9.45. Contains Xmas
food. Ordinary gift. Direct
from firm.

In addition to the above you have
two carpet parcels on the way. If
you will announce their arrival &
indicate the member as given above,
baby, I'll be able to keep a check.
We do register parcels, sweetly, therefore
all registered

We listen eagerly for news of
expedient results but so far all we hear
is how many obstacles there are to such
a thing. Again & again the officers
tell us to not to be so impatient & to
wait our turn - - - !! I think
they imagine we're nice old men,
with no feelings at all. Honestly,
dashing, it's serious we're told absolutely
nothing beyond month-old news items,
& it's fostering a state whereby every
man is ready to listen to the most
utter drivel & believe it to be true - we're

in a state of nerves that is painful
to watch - & painful to experience - I
know. WE JUST WANT TO BE TOLD
SOMETHING. We also want a distraction
to compensate us for the lack of work
- it's nice & easy to suggest we go
into Bombay but that with money
we haven't got it. A typical
example of the lack of interest in us
is the non-arrival of the Housing Form.
They were to have been printed
6 weeks ago in Bombay - we haven't
got 'em yet, & nobody knows when
or where. Hence but !!!

Oh for the cool of your hand on
my brow! I haven't tell you how
much I miss you, dearest. It would
strut me too much & I'd never simmer
down for the night. But it's hard to
keep going without you, sweetheart,
& God has shown infinite mercy in
letting us have the hope of an early
~~reunion~~ re-union because 2 years away
would have cracked me - I know that.

I love you so,

Lee

Dr. Helene Jansie

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