

The Hat.
Tuesday.
2.10.46

Johnie I thought I was going to celebrate the century ~~later~~ by announcing some definite demob. news, but unfortunately the details are not yet out. It seems that the Powers that be can't agree on the matter - but from all accounts the Gov. do not intend to let the group scheme be superseded, so I should imagine that the announcement - promised tomorrow, will just state a general speed-up in all service releases.

The Navy seem to be going ahead with their own ideas, according

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No redundancy in various trades
& camps. There's no doubt in
my mind that you will be on
your way by Christmas. Yippee!

So you have filled in the house
I am, eh? I think on the whole
I'd prefer a pre-fab to a flat
& if we come our way my
vote would be to move in. Still
that is way ahead, and we shall
be together again to make any
decisions jointly. Two heads are
better than one, that's what I
always say.

Did I tell you that they are
converting the empty shops in
Welling into flats? They
may be quite nice when complete,

Though they look rather dark from outside, and the idea of living next to a fried fish shop would be horrible. Ugh! The housing problem is still terribly acute, and will be so I'm afraid for many more months to come. Everybody is looking for a place to live, & according to reports London is just getting more & more crowded. We are really lucky to have a place of our own, & it is quite evident that had we not had our room at Blessington last year we would not stand an earthly.

Today I lunched with Lynn & Dulcie my two school chums & we reminisced over past days and

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fun we used to have. It was
a lovely school and I always had
a wonderful time, loved every
moment of my schooldays, and
lived only for books and the
companionship of the girls. Nice
to look back on.

Dahip I don't like these
wretched riots that are still going
on in Bombay. I guess if you
are wise you are steering clear of
the affected districts. But what
a country & a people! Good old
England! Though recently there
have apparently been fights and
ugly scenes between US and
Canadian Soldiers. It'll be a
good job when people get back to
their own homesteads & use up some

5 of their surplus energy building a new world.

I hope that you have now thrown off all your ailments, honey, and are once more on top of your form. I hate all my weakness too. I have only to go rash & smoke a few cigarettes & sniff a few saufs & I wheeze for days afterwards. Maybe when we are together again & the strain of the past few years recedes, we shall find ourselves back to normal again.

Hope so. Cos I'm looking forward to lots of things in the near future. And how!

Parcel to H. has not yet

5 arrived sweetheart. I suppose you
are allowed to send baccy and
silk in the same parcel? It
wouldn't be held up by the
censors would it? Still it is
early to start worrying yet, but if
it doesn't arrive in two more
weeks' time I shall set some
enquiries on foot. Good job these
parcels are registered. - that is some
guarantee of delivery, eh?

You have gathered that your
no 75. came this evening, after a
break of a few days. I had
nois of all mail coming by sea
- and hence a delay of weeks, and
I certainly wouldn't have liked
that.

6 I am going to see Muriel Lischer
on Thursday evening. - She rang up
and asked me to go along for
tea, and to bring my knitting
for a domestic evening. The shawl
is growing steadily - but wow! -
There are literally yards of the
thing to do. Good job Toy's
baby is a winter one. I shall
be able to spend some evenings
foasting my toes before a fire
& click: clicking away late on.

Yes I had an idea of Chatham
Barracks. If you remember Godfrey
Wain gave a very vivid account
of the Tunnel in his book. The
vision of a night in that horrible
atmosphere remains with me.

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Time for my bed honey lamb.
Imagine me propped up, reading
my poetry for ten minutes or
so, sipping my Ovaltine, until
I began to nod, blew a kiss
at your photo, turn off the
lights & slip into the arms of
Morpheus and you,

I love you.

Clark

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