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The Flat.
Friday 5th Oct

Sweetheart

Two lovely letters from you do answer - nos. 74 & 76. - The first one takes me about a half-an-hour to read!

You start off talking about cameras & photography, and I wish so much that I could manage to get some films, you seem so keen & it seems a shame that you should not have the chance to put all your theory into practice, especially as that is reputed to be a photogenic country. Things must improve soon & if any films came my way they will be posted off pronto by air. Yes I would be very interested to try my hand and

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brain at making a few pictures
- certainly dad was very artistic
& made a hobby of photography.
Will get down to it seriously here
& see if we can't get a few nice
passé portrait scenes for our
bedroom walls. Nice eh?

You know it really is amazing
how our ideas coincide. I have
naturally been giving thought lately
to our home life & our family. It
seemed to me that we two have not
had much chance to enjoy ourselves
together with complete freedom from
cares & duties, and now that peace
is here & that you are coming home
I agree that we should have one
glorious year of fun in which to
do as we please, go where our fancies

3 dictate, completely untied.

That should make up for all our
porkies and anxieties of the past
war years and give us some
glorious memories to live on when
baby comes along.

I agree that Linc marches on
& a woman bears children more
easily while she's still in the 20's
- but thanks to the war being over
much sooner than I had anticipated
I shall only be 25 or just 26 when
you come home. So whoopee!!

Of course this is all making
plans - and you know the old
saying about man proposing - still
it is good to know that in all
things we are as one mind. Nice.

* As to whether we have changed
doing, I think we are bound to
have done to a certain extent. But
fortunately our separation has been
short, and your stay in that
country & climate has been only
for a few months and not for years
& I am sure we shall both be
back to normal in no time at all.

I expect the change in temperature
will take you a bit of getting used
to, so I shall get at all your
winter woollies & you can wear
six sets at once if you need 'em.
Both our rooms at Bessington have
a fireplace so will be able to
hush ourselves up with fires in the
evenings - if I can get some coal!

As for being "bothered" by a
twee sick Swain - you'll have a job
to keep a pipe alight, or read a
book, in fact get any peace at
all. I shall be continually
curled up in your lap, and you'll
get tired of my arms around your
neck and my hair tickling your
nose. But joking apart, darling,
the physical longing for you these
days and nights gets almost
unbearable sometimes. The longing
to reach out & touch you when I
am alone brings a real pain inside
me. Oh, it will be so wonderful
to have my husband home.

I am now as I am pretending

⁶ That you have just gone back after 7 days and that, as usual, your next one is due in three months time. I remember how quickly those thirteen weeks between lay bases used to fly by. Of course I can't exactly pack a trip & come down here for the weekend these days - but I shall mark off each week from now on with the knowledge that you'll be home for your next seven days at the end of the year. Only this time it will be seven weeks! Waa!!

This week I saw a film that you'd enjoy - *Incendiary Blonde* with Betty Hutton. What a hunk of dynamite that girl is! She

is the most vital person I have
ever seen - and she does some
wonderful singing. Really first class
voice. You'll enjoy it if it comes
your way. I was glad to hear
that you intend to go frequently
into Bambar - but do let me
know about cash, sweetheart. You
tell me to send none, but don't
shit yourself.

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Sorry, angel, mum came in
early last evening & wanted to
chat.

So I'll post this on +
write later.

All love, darling,

Clare

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