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The Flat.
Barday
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Dorling key

Two letters this evening
awaited me - and both concerned
Bessington, so I'll tell you all
about it.

We have received 33
V- furniture points which is jolly
good-oh. I think we are both agreed
that we firstly need a dining table,
four chairs & a sideboard - that will
take 18 points. I will start making
enquiries tomorrow to see if I can
get delivery from stock of any of
the big Tottenham Court Rd firms.
The mahogany finish sounds nicest

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to me & as you like it too, I'll make that my aim. Ok.?

That leaves 15 points - which we may use anytime between now & next March. Maybe you have some suggestions, honey, and maybe when we are properly settled in & see what spare room we have we shall be able to make up our minds how to spend the surplus. Gee! I was so excited to get them, cos we have been warned that there is some delay in answering claims. I intended to write a reminder this week had no reply been forthcoming.

In addition to the finished points

we are awarded a permit for 20
sq. yds. of hino, and a permit for
15 yds. of curtaining. All of
which is very useful & your baby
is very soon going to have an orgy
of shopping.

Incidentally, darling, I try to
use the allowance for all this
household shopping as I prefer not
to draw on the bank - but prices
are pretty steep - I paid £2 for the
electric iron and was told point-blank
that it would have cost 10/6 pre-
war! Shocking isn't it. I shall
certainly keep buying down to the
essential minimum until prices

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drop.

They did not allow us any docters for sheets or blankets & I shall certainly have to try to get more of the latter. You will want to sleep warm this winter, eh honey?

The second letter was from Mrs. Gifford to say that she had been up to B. & it was in an awful mess but the workman assured her the place would be ready in two or three weeks time. She tells me that I should see the Gas Co. about a cooker & that she is arranging things with the Elect. Co.

I shall nip her tomorrow &

make sure that we get lighting and points in each room so that we can run wireless, iron, electric fire etc. I think too it would be nice to have our own meters & be entirely self-contained.

Anyway Sugar plum, things are going to hum this week ^{all} & keep you informed of all items purchased and arranged.

Phew! Isn't it exciting! Before I move I shall try to get floors stained & carpets laid & curtains hung - so that I can superintend the move & get the men to put the

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furniture in as I want it. Tui has offered to help & I've plenty of offers of aid in scrubbing & setting up. These people!

It certainly looks as though your feet will be wending heel-wards when you set foot on these shores again - and with a couple of months living in the flat I should be able to make it a real home to which to welcome my wandering hero. Bless you.

And now have a résumé of your past few letters & answers to all your suggestions.

I am really glad to read about
your proposed frequent trips into Taow.
That & the fact that the weather has
changed for the better should enable you
to get back into condition. Take it
easy to start with, however, and I expect
to see a man spouting with good
spirits & ruddy with health. You
must have missed the swimming - I saw
a snap of Beach Candy at Muriel's &
it looks quite a place!

So the Camp Film Shows are
working better huh. Lets hope they
get some up-to-date reels & give
you boys some good entertainment.
So long as the camp does not improve

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So you risked a trip into Saubay when the riots were on high! Teh! Teh! I held my breath at your description of the journey through the back streets - but I knew all the time that you'd get out safely, else you wouldn't have been writing the letter would you? Elementary my dear Watson. Still, honey, that skin is precious to me - so you take care of it.

I'll tell Don's about the second my being on the way direct to Pimstel

and I know there will be no trouble
at all in collecting the extra cash.

I take it, darling, that you intend
to acquire for us another 6 x 3
same time - and I'd rather like to
buy a new ring as a present for
mum. She has never had much
money for replacements in the home
& I'd like to do that for her.

Something in the brown & fawn, lime
or, brown, blue, & fawn, would suit
I think. Would that be too much
trouble for you sweetheart? And may
I send the cash later in this month
I want to keep some in hand for
purchase tax on the cars which are due
shortly & also for the more or less.

See this cash! It just seems to float or melt away doesn't it baby? But at least we have something material to show for it, which is all very satisfying.

You angel. Pui stripe suiting eh? It sounds nice, and 8 yds is enough to make a jacket, skirt & slacks. Old Joan - the maestro at design & execution will make me something super-duper I'm sure. Yairl a darling, and I shall have a really handsome wardrobe by the time we take a vacation at Torquay. And those check table-cloths sound very nice. Just what we need for

breakfast. You really are a sweet
thing. Darling I feel so very much
your thoughtfulness and the way
you spend your leave time chasing
around shops & markets. This language
just doesn't contain enough words
to express how I feel - but I guess
I'll be able to show you what I
mean when you come home.

It was a cute idea of yours
that I should celebrate the century
by buying a new hat - but I really
am in danger of becoming spoiled and
I don't spend anything more on little
me. You don't want to come home to
a wife who doesn't know the value
of money do you sweet? So for a

few weeks I'm concentrating on such things as saucepans, knives & forks, curtain rings &c &c.

You mention that your pay packet was extra bumper last month, & it occurred to me that it may be something to do with Income Tax. You see it is only for a couple of months that the Hops have been deducting extra - I suppose it couldn't be that you have been paying I.T. to the Navy all along? I guess some day we shall know where we stand - but under the PAYE Scheme they can't ask you to do up large sums - any of amounts are taken off evenly throughout the next year - your Code No. is altered accordingly.

I think you did the wisest thing in taking the money & not enquiring too deeply.

I still wonder if, being so stuck in that camp, you are likely to be packed up & sent home en bloc. The Navy are quite capable of doing that - they are demobbing a little out of line as it is. E.g. if a complete Camp becomes redundant they demob the groups up to say 26 or 27 immediately. At least that's what I glean from scraps of conversation. Certainly they are not going to be too hidebound by the High. regulations.

Good job you made such a point of volunteering for the Senior Service

Oh sweet or rigid have been in the
 forces until this time next year.
 Cor! What a horrible thought!

You mentioned two things that
 made me prick up my ears in the
 gifts for Britain chatter, however.
 Firstly that chunky silver jewellery
 sounds stunning & I know that a
 large ornamental brooch such as you
 describe would be just the thing for
 my new black coat. Also, I'd
 adore one of the embroidered Chinese
 jackets you mention. I have a
 preference you these days for rich
 colour as opposed to the sombre, dark
 shades I used to wear. Maybe
 because I find that with my colouring

I can wear practically any hectic shade under the Sun. You'll have to wear dark glasses when you take me around. honey lamb.

Funny that you mention leather goods I have been touring around trying to buy a zip top pouch for you like you used to have in hog skin. But real leather is practically unobtainable here - Dunhills quite frankly said they would not recommend their samples as they were imitation - and looked it! I shall just have to manage something else for you darling, but meanwhile you might look around for one yourself.

I think it might be nice to have a leather bound blotting pad for our bureau. - when we get it.

By the bye Sweetheart Parcel has arrived safe & sound on Saturday. That brocade material is really most attractive, and a lovely shade of brown, but I'm afraid honey, that it is not really suitable for a dress. The weave is such that it would not hang correctly - I think it is a furnishing fabric. In any case it will be most useful for the new flat & will make some lush cushion covers & things for the home.

If it had not been for you asking me to let you know about it

in case you bought some more I'd not
have mentioned it sweet. Hope you
are not disappointed - you're such a
thoughtful nansie.

Hurray for our flat & the points
& the permits!

Hurray for the deuce of that
ship that'll be bringing you home!

I'm so excited I keep bursting
into song - and it generally seems
to be "Who's been polishing the Sun".

See you soon honey mine.

I do love you.

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class to kez.