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The Office.
Thursday.

Dearest

I met Meriel Fisher last evening in Louisa. We had no plans, but thought it a good idea to have a meal together, which we did. Meriel did not feel too hungry, and as there are always swarms of people all trying to grab some food these days, we compromised & decided to push a tray in the Strand Corner House.

We had a very good meal, amazing what value these places still dish up, and we lingered over it. Still it was only just seven o'clock when we came away & I'd have liked to see a film, but she thought it would make us

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rather late, so we went for a stroll
instead.

It is heavenly to walk about
in London nowadays, with all
the street lamps blazing, and the
traffic lit up. I get a kind of
excited feeling inside, sort of
'theatrical' and 'dinner out' feeling,
and I simply love to be tripping
along beside you, in all my
finery, on our way to drink and
wine, & enjoy a show in style.

Wonderful, to think that we shall
be doing just that very thing in
a few weeks' time. Seeing all
the glamour around - up-swept
hair do's, fur coats, jewelry and
perfumes, makes me so glad &

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splashed out on the jacket after all. It is still gracing my wardrobe, and I haven't plucked up courage to wear it yet - in any case I haven't had occasion to do so. The weather has been remarkably warm, and I have not been anywhere special in the last few weeks to warrant dressing up.

Roll on the day that brings my darling back home to me.

We booked a couple of seats each for the Vic Oliver Show on Christmas Eve. I thought I'd like to take mum out, if you are not lame by then - and she thought it a good idea to do likewise.

* So. we might make up a foursome.
Anyway I have two tickets & we
shall see how they will be used in
the light of circumstances then prevailing.
Di-da. di-da. Wait it be
heavenly if you are home for Xmas
after all darling? Despite the
general position re demob, I am
living in hopes that you may be
back in dear old England to celebrate
the season of goodwill at home.

You bet I shall send you
some drawings of our rooms. - So
that you'll have a complete picture
in your mind of Westaway Towers,
and won't go falling over chairs
& tripping over rugs when you
walk in on me.

5. We didn't stay long in London after booking the seats - just a gentle stroll along Coventry Street, & up Regent Street. There are still a few Americans around, but they don't predominate as they did last year. Crowds of people swarm along nowadays since the blackout was relaxed, and the flower girls are back in Piccadilly, though the Eros Statue is still covered up.

We left early, and I was home in time to do a few chores. I'd have sat down to write to you, honey, but I felt kind of flat. I guess there's not the same kind of fun to be had while you are away.

6 Today, however, I lunched with Betty, and felt rejuvenated and like a million dollars. That girl is a tonic - not only does she look good & put me on one's needle, but she's so easy to talk to. We've known one another so long, and know understand one another so well that there's no pretence - if you know what I mean. There's no doubt that old friends are the best.

Darling it occurred to me - don't know why I didn't think of it months ago - to send you the daily paper by air, then you can read your news before

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Soon, when the navy get around
to dishing out the group 35
tickets, and when you tip down
that gang-plank, I'm going to
have a bold try at showing you
just what sort of treatment is
meted out to your kind of
darling.

Till that day, sweetheart, I'll
just go on dreaming, and
loving you.

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