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The Flat.

Monday 19.11.45.

Dearest

I promised to write you separately about the office, so I'll get on with it. Two things happened last week (a) I saw Mr. Hall & (b) the enclosed letter & pamphlet arrived for you. (Hope you don't mind me opening this sort of correspondence - I promise not to do such a thing when you're back home).

Firstly Mr. Hall said that it is not absolutely definite that you will return to Contracts (you will see that this is borne out in the pamphlet which states that you have a personal interview with Establishments list) but it is highly probable that you would be posted back to the Contracts Directorate. If that is the case, Mr. Hall will most certainly

press for your return to Can 2.

I then asked about promotion prospects and here he could give no assurances, and said that everyone now lies under the threat of reversion. He thought doing I feel that there is very little chance of a reversion for you - you have 5 years seniority now as an F.O., and it is your only active promotion (some people have gone up 2 or 3 steps on an active basis) and also reversion would mean down-grading you from exec. to clerical & I don't think this will be done.

Anyway Mr. Hall was said he could give you no definite news, but asked when you expect to be home & hopes you will call in & see him on your leave & have a chat about your return to

The office.

By that time of course there may be some definite news from the Treasury concerning future policy in the C.S. I personally think the Mops. will not contract too much - we are taking on the atom-research, the housing + building materials, and the M.A.P. - and there seems to be no cutting down of the temporary staff as yet.

Another reason ^{why} I think you stand a good chance of getting an A.F.O. - is that lots of Con 2 staff are loaned personnel, and there was rumor of a Treasury circular stating that all loaned staff must be back in their old Depts. by the end of this year if poss., and by June 1946 at the latest.

However, honey, I should certainly

Study carefully the enclosed data, and
consider an exam. if you are eligible,
and also make up your mind if you
would care to try another branch, or
whether you will concentrate on getting
back to Contracts & Con D.

Sorry it can't be more definite,
but as you see, things are very much
in the melting pot at a moment.

I rang Muriel Fischer this afternoon
to have a chat, it is a fortnight
since I last saw her & I feel I have
rather neglected her lately. She seems
in the pits and is getting excited
because she is hoping to have Jim
home for Christmas. I had hoped
that your letter would be here tonight
cos Jim dying to hear the latest news

news, but the post-box was empty.
Never mind - another day tomorrow.

I asked Meriel over to tea on Sunday, and she said she'd come along if she could let her mum know - she usually spends Sunday there. She wanted to know all about our flat, & how it was progressing. Everybody is so interested in our little home, darling. She of course is living completely on her own at the moment - her friend and her husband having moved down to the seaside. She probably feels a little lonely & quiet, but it's nice to think that she & Lini will have their home to themselves when he arrives in England.

Tonight I had a long chat with an insurance agent - I have taken over

your life policy from your pop - and
this agent was trying to persuade me
into taking out endowments & other
policies. He has recently been demobbed
himself from the Navy & assured me
that the Navy are way ahead with their
releases. Gee! Could he talk. He
kept up a solid fire of information,
questions & statistics for half an hour
& I wasn't sorry to see the back of him.

He is going to come along again in
a month or so's time & hopes that you
will be home as he would like to
discuss insurance with you. (He said
he prefers to discuss the subject with
a man - no offence meant to me of
course). Heigh ho!

hunched with our Betty again
today, and afterwards cowered the

Came to many stores looking for household goods. I reckon they know our specs in the hardware & electrical departments. Its funny. It doesn't matter how much you buy - there always seems to be a formidable list of necessities. We need a coal scuttle & campfire set (pot & pan), pails & basins, draining board, soap dishes &c, cutlery, fruit dishes, butter & jam dishes & a host of things. But they'll come in time. - and they are all obtainable - its just a matter of making up your mind & plunking down the cash.

I did buy some gold braid to stitch along the edge of our blue pelmet. Thought it would look nice. I like nice windows don't you honey?

Shampooed my hair last evening & did it in a new style - parted in the middle with a roll around the back, & a soft wave & curl either side of the parting. Nothing like the sketch, anyway, it makes a change. Incidentally however



There are one or two silver threads among the brown these days. Fact! I've found at least two!

Still there won't be any more worries now the war is over, and you will soon be home. Life is going to be one long happy joy-ride with you beside me angel. I know I shall be the happiest girl in the world.

Yours always,

Clare

Sweetheart

I decided to send
the pamphlet separately as there
are postal orders in this one.

They should arrive
at the same time anyway.

All my love.

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