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Dear Jean,

Thanks so much for your letter dated 6th which arrived today, I've had two from you but nothing from home, I think I shall give them a ring tonight if the line is fairly clear, shall be night flying so must'nt make it too late.

I've been checking up on my leave at the end of the course, according to my calculations I should

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finish here about the 6th August as we may be late finishing I should think the week 14th - 21st would be wizard if you can arrange it. I'll see if I can bribe the Met people to provide us with some good weather about that time!

We are doing pretty well in the destruction of the flying bombs, yesterday was the best day so far, although there were less sent over, I think these efforts will gradually lessen the numbers that get through.

Last Thursday we went into Banbury to the pictures, saw 'Hail

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towards "This Happy Breed, a really excellent film if you haven't seen it, of course we cycled in and for once it wasn't raining.

Tonight we should go solo, this night flying is a bit of a kind but has got to be done, one thing we get a good break. Just when we get down also a ration of chocolate.

When you mentioned that people seem to be going back to 1890 way of enjoying themselves. For one awful moment I thought you had been singing but thought that London has enough trouble at the present

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time, apart from this I wont comment on it.

I've been looking at my bicycle these last few days, its really in a terrible state, covered in mud from the sidefield, shall have to give it a clean when I have a moment perhaps I shall do it tomorrow morning as we have until 11½ off if all goes well tonight.

Well must say cheerio for the moment, take care of yourself, shall be writing again soon.

All the best

Yours Jack.

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