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Dear Jean.

Just a few lines to let you know I arrived back in good time. I caught the 7.38 from Haggate and when we arrived at Waterloo there was an alert on, of course the Underground was closed but fortunately the all clear went soon after so there was'nt much delay. I made Paddington about 8.35 and caught the 9.10 to Banbury, this.

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was'nt too crowded and the trains arrived to time, in fact I went straight to Basford and had changed and was sitting in the mess at 11.30. We were flying in the afternoon, did our first cross country, everything went O.K., flew out over the North Sea part of the way. but of course saw nothing of interest.

Tonight we are night-bombing, also fighter interception. Hope it is fine as we can get up high and may have a good exercise.

Hope you arrived home in good time the other night, we

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had two alerts apparently, Mother called me but I would have preferred to sleep on. I suppose now you are thinking of your first weeks holiday, hope you have a nice time, don't do anything I wouldn't do (this gives you bags of scope), perhaps the weather will improve a little. By the way, what shall we do on our holiday in August? Have you any ideas? or are there any places you would like to visit. I expect this doodle bug effort will affect things a bit.

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I expect you have noticed that my promotion has come through. I saw it in the London Gazette yesterday, shall have to get some ribbon to sew on my uniform.

Well, not much more to write about, will say cheerio for the moment, take care of yourself.

Yours

Jack

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