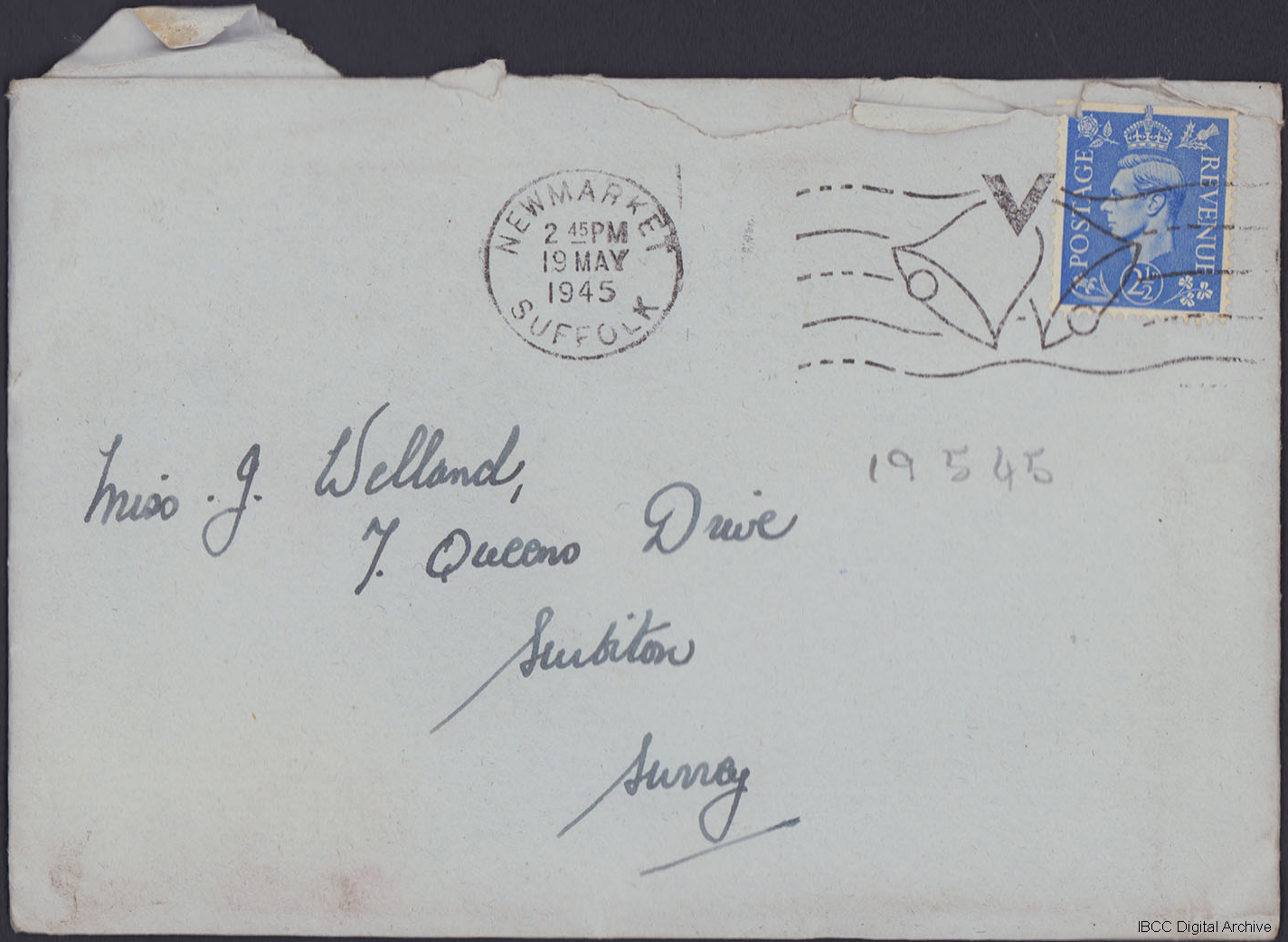

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Saturday.

My darling Jean.

Thanks so much for your letter received this morning, you have asked quite a few questions so I will answer these to start with.

Regarding the photo I took one, Jack the other and I believe Pete was somewhere around, thanks for the gen about the film. I received the cake O.K.

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on Thursday, has been half demolished by now, can tell you it goes down well last thing at night, I have to keep it well away from Jack otherwise he'd eat the lot.

There are quite big changes going on here at the moment, the P.O.W. trips are practically finished, they don't want so trips and we're not considered tour expired, so we are on the squadron awaiting future developments. The station is reverting to peace time and that means days of parades etc, the A.O.C. of the Group is visiting us

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on an official inspection and you have to be in the service to realize the panic that entails. Also we start a training programme tomorrow, lectures, organized games flying etc, like a sudden O.T.C. again, another thing there's bright ideas of altering the leave but I've ignored them, and booked up at Lynton with Rosy Tracy and Bideford as alternative choices as things are really booked up. I've given the dates as 26th to 31st as I shall have to be back at camp on 31st, later on

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I'll go and see the C/O and arrange things.

Am glad you are slowly collecting the bits and pieces for the kitchen. Hope the Bristols can get the others. As to the almost plan, well it will probably be some time before I get out, at least nine months as the scheme works slightly differently, we are highly trained personnel and release will probably be small from airmen as the war in the Pacific will be mainly sea & air, however we shall have to wait and see

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there has been a case of an officer here, age 35, married with wife expecting a baby being posted to India, so it shows you get no consideration from Air Ministry.

As you can see, if you can leave Eastwoods you could safely get another job for six or nine months if you wanted to. If you are pleased with the place you can walk out and even take a job at less money, you'll have the married allowance from the R.A.F. or even work part-time. Don't think I'm mean, but if you do work up

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6/ until the time I'm demobilised, we shall have that extra money saved for the home, what do you think of these ideas?

We seem to be getting no-where regarding a place to eat after the wedding, think we better have a picnic on the common. The Toby Jug is quite a nice spot, so long as we can get some cars we can transport the guests, it looks as though a very quiet wedding would solve a lot of difficulties though. It's the shortage of everything at the moment that causes all the trouble, better get married now and

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I love the reception in two years time, then the guests will be able to give us a better selection of presents! Perhaps you will be able to make some enquiries and we'll try and sort it out on leave.

Well darling I think I've answered all the odds and ends, am looking forward very much to seeing you a fortnight today.

All my love, dear, take care of yourself

Yours Jack

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