Weasenham
Norfolk

Thurs: 1st. October 1942

My Dearest Gladdy,

Your letter of Saturday last duly arrived yesterday. (what a time it takes for your mail to get here.) And I was greatly relieved to note a more cheerful tone due to the various trends in a happier direction. Thank goodness for that.

It was nice to hear that the lady next door at 57 has a decent disposition - what a change - but I expected to find a better outlook amongst Londoners. She seemed to me to be of a cheerful disposition when Horace and I first visited 55

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Poor old Wendy Anne. She must be getting fed up, too. She wants the peace and quiet of her own home, and not so many 'don'ts' and none of those nice little attentions she has been so used to. Do make a fuss of her during this waiting about period. She loves you very much and a wee bit of extra love will do her a world of good. As it would do me, too!

You shall have your £5 - perhaps in this letter. I'll hold it up, I think as we are going to be paid tomorrow. If it doesn't all come at once then the balance will be along in fourteen days' time. That disturbance allowance of £5 does definitely not apply to

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me as I'm not a regular and even Horace can't wangle anything. If he could - OK, but I "hae me doots." So I'll give you what I have over and we will close all right.

After your experiences in the last few months, perhaps it is remarkable that you are still the same old Gladdy, sane and normal. Not many people could have stood what you have had to put up with! But after all that I think you can get by anything. You need never worry again about whether you can get over any worries. No one has had more than your little lot to put up with.

And I'm very glad to note Horace's improvement in his ways. Most encouraging.

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and Bridget's remarks on the subject of his behaviour must have given you fresh hope. Good. I hope he keeps it up. I'll drop them a line tomorrow and the local parks and libraries too. Good again. I'm looking forward to my next leave.

I went to Aston Down this afternoon and happened to see an old friend of mine - the one who wants to send you some fruit - for 5 minutes, and I was surprised and pleased to hear him say that if at any time London was blitzed, you and Wendy could immediately go to their place in Shalford near Gloucester until all was well again. It does prove that there are some decent people about.

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The address, for reference, is Len Freeman Esq, COWCOMBE VIEW, CHALFORD HILL, CHALFORD ~~Nr. Gloucester~~. near STROUD, Gloucester. It would be perfectly safe there and you would be made to feel at home. It took a great load from my mind and I told him it would ease yours too. He is a nice fellow. Countryish and a Churchman. He works on the drome at Aston Down.

Well that's all except to find a few pounds for you. And to say that I love you as I always have and I do miss you. (I think I have turned woman-hater, bless it!) God bless you both. I hope to see you at St soon.

Your ever Constant

John

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P.S: Herewith £2.10/-
half of what you
require. The other
£2.10/- will be coming
in 14 days. This
ought to be satisfactory
to clean [illegible]
to do the job. Cheers.

John