Foulcham.
Wednesday
30th Dec 1914

Darling Gladdy,

I'm so repentant for being all to blazes with my letters and I promise to try and reform. Things here are in a muddy state and conditions are not conducive to comfort and ease. Either one stays in the mess for supper and keeps warm and gets smoked out, or one goes back to the billet and freezes and tries to write a letter. So you see how it is, Sweetheart.

There has been an additional excuse for the last 48 hours. I had

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a dirty big innoculation. It was the usual annual one and I had to have a double dose. It put me out of circulation with the shivers for a couple of days and I'm alright now, except for a slight ache in my left arm.
It's funny the way everyone walks about, very gingerly passing someone else in passages. Nearly everybody has had them, pound cries as well.

Thanks You dear, for my Xmas parcel. I did appreciate it so much. The chocolates were very acceptable, and the cufflinks very useful. Give my Wendy Anne a big kiss in token for her card.

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You have probably just received my letter enclosing the £4. I gave it to one of my pals to post and knowing him, I checked up several days later. He hadn't posted it. Phew! Did I let him know!

Some of your relations did remember our daughter in a sensible way and it's nice to know that they do think of her. As far as we are concerned I am not troubled. They need never bother over us, and I would be happy.

Yep. Dilly Leigh gave of his best and was duly applauded on both nights. We go to another station in a day or two to give a

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performance. Our Wing Commander was pleased with my efforts. In fact tomorrow morning I have to see him in co operation with F/Lt Randle to see about producing a "180" show on the same lines. The suggestion was put to me when I went in this morning to see him about my Comm. He said there is no doubt whatever that it will be along in a few days. It has definitely gone through and the back pay is simply piling up.

I played Rugger on Boxing Day just before my inoculations the following day, and my gosh! was I wrecked! I still feel the effects. But we beat "98" as usual, and

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the Co. was very pleased. We also beat them at Soccer the same day. Bill Edrich couldn't play as he has to go for an Operation on a knee ligament soon, worse luck. Had he played, it might well have been a cricket score. Really, Gladdy, there isn't a more modest person on the camp. He is very likeable.

I'm glad the chicken was tasty and I'll bet you did it justice. Did you pull the wishbone with Penny?

The clean laundry has not yet arrived although I should be on the "parcels list" tomorrow. I had to borrow a shirt from

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stones to do the carcert in.

Try for some slotted razor blades, dear Gladdy. I'm nearly out and its very difficult to get any here.

Send the fire insurance on to D & Sons with the renewal notice, please.

The clothing allowance will be £55 for me — £45 plus the extra £10 just granted.

I ought to get 7 or 8 days leave too, to get kitted up. So keep on hoping.

Thats all for now.

Love to you both

John

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