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Sergeants' Mess,
RAF Bottesford,
Notts.

15/12/41.

Marie Darling,

I have been here several days now, and have got more or less acclimatised to the mud etc. It is extremely difficult to get out of here as there is no transport and it is four miles from the mess to Bottesford. It took me an hour and a quarter to walk from the station on Thursday.

Apparently Joan met the other boys in the Flying Fox last night and told them I had gone

to the Palais. Consequently, they all trooped to the Palais, and finished up by staying at the Flying Horse. They did not turn up until midday on Friday.

We seem to spend most of our time walking down to flights and back, which takes a considerable time. The dispersal site where we live is about 1½ miles to the Gt. North road, which is the nearest way to civilization. One can then get into Grantham with a lift.

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I think that I shall borrow Donald's bicycle, now he has an auto. cycle, as it is the only method of getting anywhere.

There seems to be the general impression that we shall get two days off at Xmas, but it has not been confirmed yet. I shall let you know further developments when they come to light.

I hope to come over to Nottingham one of the days when

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I can get away early enough,
although I am not sure whether
I'll be able to
as we have to report
in at 9.30 the next morning