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My Darling,

Many thanks for your Sat. letter
(No. 20) which I have just received.
I say, you do seem to be having a
rotten time just now feeling sick
so often. Do see a doctor soon yet
- it is possible that, if he can't stop
this sickness altogether, he may be
able to give you something that will
relieve it to some extent. It has
rather upset me to hear how rotten
you have been lately. Min and
Man have certainly been most
kind but I feel like you do
that we cannot depend on them
all the time. If my prayers
and good wishes can make you
better you should soon be well again
~~soon~~, my darling.

By now you will have had time

to digest of both the bad and the good news about leave. Just imagine if Salucky I shall be leaving here a fortnight this afternoon. At the latest - a fortnight tomorrow!!!

I have answered Geoff's letter now. I wrote to him the day before yesterday after writing to you.

I have very little news to add except to tell you that our crew is going to Southoaze this afternoon. It will be my second outing since my last leave - a matter of four weeks ago. Naturally we are all looking forward to the break. Pete suggested going to the baths but I told him my costume, although OK for RAF bathing, is rather too revealing for Army mixed bathing.

We did another day-light yesterday - our 10th op. We were very fortunate that the clouds just cleared over the target as we arrived and so we were able to bomb visually. Believe me it was a wizard prang. I feel sorry for any jerries that were in the target area. We bombed dead on zero hour and it was a really remarkable sight to see the huge company of Lancos behind us fly in, bomb and wheel round after us on the homeward course. We experienced no trouble of any kind. We have completed a good third of our tour as it is just possible that we shall be screened before 30. The skipper has now done 13½ ops of his second tour and 2nd tours are only 20 ops long but he has got permission

to do 30, i.e. another 17. That will give us 27. We may in the meantime do an odd trip or two with the Widge Commander as skipper and Van thinks we will then be screened at 28 or 29.

I forgot when I sent you the £4 on, that the car tax expires on 30th June - £2.8.2. However I can manage that out of my next pay - on second thoughts perhaps it would be better if you sent me a blank cheque on as it may take a few days to come through and it would be just too bad if it was not through in time. So will you do that, please, my darling.

My watch is worse than useless but that will have to wait until I come on leave now.

Best wishes for your speedy return to good health and all my love and kisses to you, my darling little woman.

Your Perke