

No. 17.

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My Darling,

I'm afraid that this will have to be a much shorter letter than I had intended. Our programme has been drastically altered for this afternoon - it is just starting now now.

First of all let me thank you for your Wed. letter (No. 23). I don't think I have received a No. 22 which would be your Tues. letter. I will verify that later when I go down to the billets. Thanks also for enclosing the Aero Spotter. You may cancel it now as I can see it in the intelligence library.

I was very glad to hear that you had decided to go to Dr. Henneiman. I shall be most interested to hear the result of the X ray. As you say, I sincerely hope that it will get to the bottom of the trouble. Of course, if it is really rheumatism there will no sign of that in an X ray. How nice that Olive will do the X ray.

III Our eleventh op. was notable, not

for any particular trouble encountered but for its length. We took off in day light flew all through the night and we were the first to get back to base. We received permission to land but could not do so as there was a very low bank of cloud over the drone whose bottom appeared to reach down to the deck. We reported that it was impossible to land so we were all diverted to other drones, about half a dozen miles to a drone. Wife tells me that we covered 1950 air miles and took just over 9 hrs. to do it. Gee, were we tired when we eventually did get back to base about 9.15 am! We did well out of it though first we got an ops. meal (bacon & egg) both at our diversion and also less than two hours later when we landed back at base.

Yes thanks, we quite enjoyed our outing to Scumscope. We saw the old film "Discovery of Zenda" with quite a galaxy of stars: Ronald Coleman, Madeline Carroll, Long, Fairbanks, Jr., Mary Astor, Raymond Macey, C. Aubrey Smith, (Miss Sir

Aubrey!) and David Niven. A jolly good show all round. I was the only one of our party that went back to camp on the 10.30 pm train. The others decided to sleep in Scum. and come back on the early morning train as it was pouring down so heavily. I did get a bit damp especially getting the two miles odd from Barnetly station to camp.

I will say this for you, my jet, although you are going through a pretty rotten time just now you still write your usual cheerful letters. I give you tops, old girl!

Make the time fly till the 34th and then you can make it stand still, for as long as you like.

I dreamed quite vividly of you last night and as it was quite a loving and sexual dream I think it was quite a compliment to you for it was another of nature's overflows and I might have dreamed of any woman. In fact that is more usual with most

chaps at such times - they dream of being intimate with all sort of women they know but are not married to. But I am even faithful in my dream! Real dreams, not just day dreams.

Bye, bye for now dearest.
 God bless and keep you. All my
 love, kisses and cuddles,
 Yours absolutely,
 Bertie

P.S. Your Nos. 24 & 25 have just arrived - many thanks indeed. I will answer them as soon as ever I can. Just imagine, two letters from the sweetest girl in the world in one envelope - and both addressed to me!

B.