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My Darling,

Many thanks for your Mon. No. 3 letter which I have just received.

Yes, I was rather disappointed that there was no letter from you yesterday, particularly as we were on ops. both Sun. and Mon. (both "daylights"). That is also the reason I was unable to phone on Sun. However, I will try to do so either Wed. or Thurs. between 7 & 8 pm as you suggest.

It really is good news to hear how much better you have been since I came back off leave. Incidentally we are now a week

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nearer the next leave - we don't, of course, know the definite day as yet but I shall give you as much warning as possible. I'm hardly back from one leave before I'm looking forward to the next!

Sorry to hear that you got overtired entertaining the card crowd and could not sleep afterwards. You know, I think that I could have helped in that direction! Rotten luck, too, with your four kings - did you both draw 2's for bonus's or is it just the winning hand in such cases.

How is Phil getting on these days? You don't give me any news of him and surely Rita must have given you plenty of news. It is nice of you to promise

to write to ^{me} again "tomorrow",
 which is, of course, today.
 Anyway, I am looking forward
 to hearing from you again tomorrow.



Our original kite, "K-King,"
 was lost a few ops. ago when
 she was being flown by a crew
 who were doing their 30th op. (their
 last). Wasn't it rotten luck for
 them. As a result we had to
 do Sunday's trip to Normandy
 in a strange kite, "T-Tommy."
 Yesterday we got a brand new
 "K-King," air-tested her straight
 after lunch, landed, had a
 very quick meal, into briefing
 and so off on our 9th daylight
 and altogether our 15th op. Our
 first and very successful daylight
 was on Le Havre which was

also yesterday's target.

I believe we may go out tonight if we wish but I rather think I shall stay in and do some more swatting. I find it much more difficult to get down to swatting here on squadron than I used to. It is probably the result of our rather highly strung existence here. Anyway, I try to persuade myself that if I don't hurry up the war will be over and I shall then never get a commission. Not that I should mind but Firth's directors are particularly "commission conscious" as someone reminded me on my last visit.

God bless and keep you, my darling.
All my love and embrace
Yours as ever Bente.