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Dear Vic,

Well, I've decided to answer your letter straight away, while I've got plenty of time on my hands. For the last four days this place has been fog-bound & naturally we can't take off. By the way one of our Flight Commander shot an 88 down last Thursday night. Of course much excitement & drinking ensued. The station commander stood us 2 bottles

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2 of champagne, he's a decent sort.

You know, Vic, the news about hofty has shaken me rotten, by Christ, I'll have one for him, if its the last thing I do. There's one thing I'll never forget hofty as long as I live, a jolly good pal, one of the best. If you ever write to his wife, send my deepest sympathy will you. I'm damned sorry for her & his people.

So you're on Halifax's, well I must say I don't envy you at all. You can have all the heavy stuff.

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you like, I'll take Spits any time. It must be a hell of a thrill flying such a bloody great thing along. By the way, I know you will be shot (almost) if anything gets out, so I'm burning that piece of paper you never know who is knocking about, thanks for telling me anyway. Are you an 'ops' yet? its good to think that someone has a real chance of hitting back almost every night.

Since I last wrote dawn has got slightly earlier and, of course dusk is a little later, so much so if fact now, we rise at 5.45 am. & finish at 8.15.

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+ Of course we have plenty of time to sleep at dispersal but bed is much better. We get 1 afternoon off in 5, in fact its a bloody awful existence at present, but sooner or later the tide will turn again. What chance of leave pretty soon, write and let me know will you. Meanwhile I'll try and get the Maggie and come down and see you. Thats a promise, if I can get the Maggie.

Well, I hope you are still getting on OK & all the very best of luck.

Yours,

P.S. Remember me to your Ted. folks & Dot. We are all very fit. Alan Leasey asked to be remembered to you