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Dear Joe,

I was pleased to receive your last letter dated Feb 10, and to learn that you are still alive and well. What has come over you writing two letters so close together? Are your piles spoiling your sleep? I expect you will be experiencing all the joys of life on an operational squadron by now. You can't imagine how much I envy you. I had a letter from Ted a few days ago.

He is still at Witchford
but has got his commission
and is already 7/0. I would
like to see you both again
if you would condescend
to meet a mere w/o.

Ken Briggs, an 7/0 man,
who came down from Shipby
with us, met Bob Grant
the other day up at
Brancote near Coventry. He
was doing a Transport O.V.U.
course & Speedy Swift &
French were with him. I
don't know whether you
know that Johnny Riley
got the D.F.M for what
he did when he had to
bale out over Germany.
Jolly good effort.

I am still doing sweet
F.A. and am pretty cheered
off. All I do is to
go over to H.Q. once a
week to see if they have
any gen for me, and draw
my pay once a fortnight.
Oh yes, I have also been
on three sick paradises at
weekly intervals at
which I have had eight jabs
& a vaccination so I must
be a walking germ factory.

By the way, Joe, if
you can get leave in the
near future, and if Scotie
can spare you for a few
hours, I might be able
to meet you in London.
Perhaps we could get Red

to come down & then
we could have a real
boozy re-union.

What do you mean by
the P.S. in your letter -
"why burn the Mers at
Edgell?" I think it is.
Please explain.

Please give Scottie my
kind regards.

Well, Joe, I'll say cheers
for the time being and all
the best.

Yours old pal,
Dave.