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Dear mum and dad,

Just a few lines in answer to your letter of the 28th/44.

Hope you're back at work alright dad and your leg is much better.

There's been no damp down here at all since we arrived, the weather has been really grand, though it looks like we might get a drop of rain before morning.

The crew are coming along fine though were a mixed crowd alright.

The pilot Fl. Gumbley comes from New Zealand, the engineer and wireless operator hail from London, the bombaimer from Derby and the gunners from Hull

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and Preston so you see we're quite a cosmopolitan crew. Unfortunately none of my old crew are with me but we'll manage alright I reckon.

I'm glad to hear Don has received his shirt alright, it's a bit of a do when they can't get stores out there we've held Italy long enough now.

I don't know really what to think of the war except that it's a nuisance, Jerry seems to be patching up his armies again and it may last ages yet or maybe it's his last stand we don't know.

All I'm bothered about is getting my tour done quickly and then

taking things easy while some of the others have a go.

Well hello again it's Thursday now, I didn't have time to finish before.

As you say we'll have to watch Derek he's a real treat to watch too, Vera says she had him in the trancar and he was laughing at everybody, one lady said his smile was like the sun breaking through the clouds I think it is too.

You were talking about Arnhem well I've seen and spoken to several of them, infact some of them were brought back to our drome, they were tired alright and a lot were wounded but they weren't licked they'd have gone back there and then if they'd been allowed to and they all knew what they had been sent to do and

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they did it too. If the weather had been better we could have done more for them but as it is now they did their job and anyone who says Arnhem was a failure should come down here and talk to the lads who were there.

Well I can't think of anymore to say just now except we haven't done anything yet except some "stooge-flying".

That's all for now, keep well and look after yourselves.

Your Loving Son

Ken.

David.

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