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Dear Dad

I sent you a cable conveying birthday greetings today and no doubt you will get it before the 5th. This place is just as good for us as ever although of course we have settled down considerably after our first fling after being couped up considerably on the boat.

It is quite apparent that it is not going to last long like this for us. We will shortly be sent elsewhere to get our noses back to the grindstone & get stuck

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into work with a vengeance.

However I'm very pleased to say that firstly we are getting a week's leave. Lady Ryder very kindly arranges billets according to our own wishes and specifications.

Since my arrival I've been told continually that the S.W. counties are by far the most pretty and consequently we have applied for a country place in Devon or Cornwall. Much of this part is cut out by the Easter travel ban, however, and we may be sent elsewhere.

We should know particulars within a few days as we are supposed to be going at the week end.

The only mails which have arrived so far are a few odd air grapes - but I presume you know nothing

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of them first up. The difference
between the two is that air graphs
take approximately 3-4 weeks &
surface may take 3-4 months.

I'll mix mine to you up. Incidentally
surface mail costs me nothing.

I'll enclose a certificate that
I crossed the equator - An
obvious fact of course, but you
may find it of interest.

I had the day out yesterday
in the country a short way from
here and it was a big, believe
me, to have the city behind
for a while. It was a beautiful
day - about their best this spring
& the sun was out for some time
and the "downs" were very green &
verdant and made a very
pretty picture. My invitation
came from an A.T.S. girl stationed

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in town here & whom I've taken
out a few times. Nothing serious
of course but he's not bad company
& a damnide better than the
thousands of rats ^{chewers.} come
your surbers who drag this town.

The only questions I can think
of asking are the same olds until
I hear from you. But here's hoping
you are all well and that you
all have a happy and a holy
Easter.

Love & best wishes to you all
Pat.