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Dear Lew

Once again I find myself writing a few more lines to you as I am at A.R.P for a couple of hours in case "Jerry" decided to pay us a visit, you see I have been doing ARP work ever since the outbreak of war.

I do hope you will get my first letter it is a problem wondering whether the letters will get through but I always hope for the best. I am sorry I couldn't send along the snaps in my other letter but I promise to send them when possible but please

don't forget your photograph as I
am very anxious to receive some.

I hope you are keeping
in good trim out there I bet it
is cold isn't it? Tonight it is
trying to snow I like snow as
long as it remains nice & white
& soft but as soon as it
freezes everything goes wrong
and travelling for everyone is
very bad, also for "flights" I
expect.

Well Lew I must stop
writing for tonight at this stage
I shall start for Rome the time
being 9.p.m. + I have to walk
a mile. I am afraid this
letter will be written in stages
as I shall carry on again
when I think of more news

11th January

Well Lew it is a week since

I started this ³ letter during that time we have had one fall of snow but all has gone now.

The photographs are not ready yet, if I hang out this letter a few more days, I hope I may enclose one (to go on with) in this. I think a snap ~~will~~ ^{will} give you quite a good idea of what I look like & also some idea who you are writing to.

Yesterday (Sunday) I went cycling nearly to where Les lives you might mention to him that everything is still about the same also please tell him (that is if he doesn't already know) I have met his mother & sister Betty too I think Queenie said it was his auntie I believe her name is Steph, all this happened last summer |

expect she is ^{the} still the same.

I wish it was possible for you to be here. I happen to be smoking Turkish cigarettes & the girls on duty with me (as I expect you have gathered I am on ARP again) threaten to throw me out personally my favourite cigarette's being "Du-Maurier" but they are terribly hard to get so I have to take the next best, "Turkish". By the way do you smoke?

You didn't say what you did in private life or whether you have been to this part of England I am very interested to know all about ^{you} regarding your past-times & things in general.

Will you please forgive mistakes as the writers us on with a dance band playing all

the latest tunes^s & trying to sing
& write to you is a bit difficult.

How is work going with
you OK I hope with me every-
thing goes wrong sometimes I
can type & work without any
mistakes but since our Manager
resigned a week ago I can't
do a damn thing right. I use
to wear long-sleeved to work
& now being under new & better
management I am not allowed to,
& believe me I nearly freeze
now when it is rather cold maybe
that's why things all go wrong.

Is this a question I should
not ask, well anyway I'll chance
it, do you think you will be
coming home 12 months in Canada
must make you Rome-sick. Les
thought he might be Rome shortly

I bet he will be glad to get back.

my brother registered for the RAF. but he is a farmer & doing a good job of national importance. I only have one brother & no sisters just mum & Dad & thats the family. I must close now once more love & I hope you won't get bored when reading this.

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Another Monday has come round & will bring this letter to a close because I have now some photographs to send & I do hope ^{you} like them.

I can't possibly think about anything else love so I had better dry up so until next time, and take care of yourself when up in "the blue"
Happy Landings love
Yours - Marion

P.S. The very small snap was taken
at work with one of the
girls I can't think why we
stood by the "Ambulance".

I expect you have seen the
one taken with Les' girl friend
Queenie. He probably remembers
the place.

Unfortunately the large snap
was taken when I was
talking it looks as if I
am just about to scream.
