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Dear Jean,

Well, here's another stage of my
journey started, sorry I haven't written
before but we had several hectic
days at Manchester collecting additional
kit, exchanging old stuff etc.
and it wasn't any good writing
from there as letters get delayed.

I have no idea how long
we will be here but should think
it will be about another 7 days.

Glad to say my cold is
much better, must be the Blackpool
air, the weather seems to alternate
between one wet day and one fine

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day, it should be a wet Sunday but the system may break down at any moment.

I don't know whether you have been here but it's pretty good for spending money, mini's going at an incredible rate, still why worry she's be able to spend it for a long time. Thursday night we went to the Tower Ballroom, a wizard place for dancing, just a comfortable crowd, of course ~~is~~ this was taken over by the R.A.F. judging by the words of service chaps here, it's a change to see a man in civies, of course there are still plenty of girls here, should think they are under training as seaside landladies the way they

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try to part you and your money.
Talking of landladies, we're in
curry digs, ours is a typical specimen
talk about mean, I believe she would
like to ration the air we breath
in her house, have often heard
jokes about these persons but I
know now they really ~~exist~~ existed.

How are you getting on? still
causing Littlewoods lots of correspond-
ance. I suppose, what's the situation
now, believe me, the whole air force
will be severely shaken when you
roll up to report, some poor W.A.A.F.
drill corporal doesn't know what she's
in for, remember the air force only
have one left turn, so be a piece
of string round your wrist.

Last night we went to a
Dance and general wander round

~~The~~
at the Winter Gardens, really the
Empress Ballroom has to be seen to
realize the size of the floor, I bet
its nearly twice the size of
Woolworths in Kingston, when the
music stops and you are over
the other side of the room its
nearly far enough to take a 6^o
bus ride. Of course there are plenty
of other buildings nearly as large,
all the dances are 9^o for prices
and an evening goes vry
quickly.

Well, will finish now, will
write again before I leave, shall
be pleased to hear from you if
you can reply fairly quickly, (what
a hope still your improving)

all the best

Yours
Jack.