

95

P.C. 90.

9533

P.C. 90.

9533

P.C. 90.



DOWNPATRICK
CO. DOWN
4 30 PM
4 MAY 44



Miss J. Welland,
7. Queens Drive
Surbiton

3-5-44

Surrey.

England



P/O. J. Darby. 154676.
Officers Mess,
R.A.F. Station
Bishops Court,
60 Down
N. Ireland

3.5.44.

Dear Jean,

Many thanks for your letter which I received just before I was posted here. It was certainly a surprise but I haven't been here before so its some new fields to explore.

Am glad to hear the socks may have progressed by this time, keep going full speed. As the black paint I put on my legs is beginning to come off.

The journey here was very tedious we had a lot of changes and hanging about for connections, especially at

barrels, we left in the morning and travelled all night, arriving here from Scotland after several more changes at about the same time next day.

I'm glad to say that your photo is now nicely fitted in my wallet, hasn't had to turn much off and if you're ~~as~~ a good girl I'll take you flying soon, the censorship is very strict out here so I shan't be able to mention any more than that, we have to censor our own letters of course we are responsible for what we put in them and if they are opened and contain information it is a serious offence.

The quarters here are not so bad, of course proper huts but are fairly comfortable, we have a fine

3
every night, as its still pretty
fresh, we get such strong winds here.
I shall be glad to see the
'feather' effort when it arrives, am
trying to get another camera, but
they seem to be pretty expensive, I
could use a camera over here as the
country is quite pretty, have written
to Bill asking him if he sees a
camera to buy it for me.

The railways would amuse you
over here, they're mostly single track
and run up and down hills, quite
a Fred Karno affair, you rather expect
the engine driver to stop and go and
collect some wood for the engine, any
how it's an event for the local train
to come steaming in on time.

berth, we left in the morning and
travelled all night, arriving here from
Scotland after several hours change at
about the same time next day.

Am glad to say that your
photo is not really jilted in my
wallet, had it had to turn round off
and if genuine ~~on~~ a good job I'll
take you flying over, the country is
very strict out here so I shall be
able to mention very more than that,
we have to censor our own letters
of course we are responsible for what
we put in them and if they
are spread and contain information
it is a serious offence.

The quarters here are not so
bad of course better huts but are
fairly comfortable we have a few

I have remembered to put that ticket
on the time, perhaps I may get back
in time to collect them myself but
it's doubtful, from here it will be
straight on to further training I expect
but then you can know what the
R. A. F. will do.

Have you started things yet?
am afraid the only sport here is walking
and we get plenty of that each day,
even the nearest local is an hours
walk and all they seem to sell here
is ginners, however the mess is very
comfortable, food good etc, so we can't
grumble, also you will be pleased to
know there are no girls at all round
here, shall be all excited seeing you
again, will be a changed man.
Well, must pack up now, see

5,

one and only post goes first thing
in the morning, we even get the
English papers two days late.

Beatie for now, take care of
yourself, don't run too many Yanks
down as they want a few for the
second front.

all the best;

Yours
Jack

J. Darby