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My dear Jean,

Well, now I have got more or less settled I can get down and write you a few lines. My mail has'nt caught up with me yet but Seampton will soon send it on, anyway I should be here for a few weeks!

We have just started the course, its quite extensive and we shall be pretty busy, its pretty

concentrated and we don't get any
time off at all, however we may
wangle an unofficial day, you see
we have a certain amount of flying
to do and if we finish to time
we may get a few days leave so
it may pay us to press on and
finish.

We don't start flying for a
week, it's just ground school day
after day, quite a lot of new stuff
to learn. Our flight engineer has
arrived, he's quite a good type, comes
from Birmingham, so we are in all

III English crew, his name is Fred
Leans, age 23 and seems a good
steady type that likes his glass of
beer. Talking of beer, I'll slightly
revise my opinion of Amieln, there is
some beer, we had a night out
last Saturday, think we had our fair
share of what was going.

By the way I've looked through
your letters and I can't find those
flints so I suppose they must have
dropped out, still I've got about
six months supply in hand with those
two you bought me and my one
in the lighter.

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Have you seen Mother & Dad lately?
I haven't heard from them but expect
they are O.K. How are you getting
on? still taking away at Eastwood
I suppose, one thing, fire watching should
close fairly soon.

I'm pretty fit, but miss you terribly,
I doubt if I shall get home for another
few weeks, but it won't be for want of
trying; still I'll make up for lost time
then.

Well, darling, will say cheerio for the
moment, take care of yourself, please remember
me to Mother & Dad.
all the best
Yours Jack.

P.S. If I tell you how much I love you I shall
run out of notepaper!