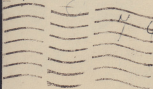


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My darling Jean,
Was so glad to receive your
letter of the nineteenth, I had three
from you, two forwarded from Scampton,
one of them must have been lost at
Teddington for some time, it was dated
19th July and of course addressed
to Hayford, it was posted at
Teddington on 5th September so some-
one must have posted. It makes
very interesting reading compared with
your last letter, it is very friendly

and gives no hint of your real feelings
for me, I'll think I'll keep it as
a souvenir.

So you've been doing your own
looking, well a little practice is better
than none at all, I suppose you've
got your two looking diplomas down
and dusted them, shall have to sample
some of your looking, or perhaps it's
not a good idea. I might want to
change my mind!

I'm pleased to hear you had
a nice weekend, it's a funny thing
Jack Hart was talking about Isobel
Mauderale's place the other day,
apparently they've been there several

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times, Les had rather bad news ^{Notts} at
home. Win has fallen downstairs and
broken her arm, its been put in
plaster which is frost aushard for
her. Am glad to say Jack and
the rest of the boys are O.K. We've
not done much flying, only 1 1/2 hours,
one trip in four days, the weather
has been appalling, the day we flew
visibility was about 4000 yards and
we had a job to get down, its
no fun floating about in such weather
with large number of aircraft about

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if you hit anything you've had it.

Have just been reading the Government
demob plan, according to the table
my group is 28; but some gen has
come through that services aren't
included as we rank as specialised
~~personal~~ personnel, this hasn't been
confirmed and I wouldn't pay
much attention to the papers, the
general opinion here seems to be that
all crew not on operations when the war
here finishes will be taking a trip
overseas. This is between you & I
so don't mention it at home, anyway
it's all undecided at the moment.

Mother seems to like my coloured
photo, am glad it turned out O.K.

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I think its a good idea you having
your taken, mind the camera I shouldnt
like you paying for damaged equipment.

So the picture is O.K, well thats fine,
hope it keeps that way, Give a lot of
kisses dont worry you wont have time for
those, darling I wish I could kiss you
now, I get more excited everytime I think
of it, shall be getting blood pressure soon,
young woman, you dont realise what you
are doing to me.

Well, must press on, I've a letter
to write to Mother & Dad, also

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Aunt Lill has written.

Shere for the time being please
remember me to Mother & Dad.

Take care of yourself darling, I'm
longing to see you

Yours
Jack