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My dearest Jean.

Thanks so much for your two letters and Christmas card which arrived from Tuddenham on Christmas Eve.

Well, I'm writing this lunch time to catch the 13.45 post, it hasn't been a bad Christmas, we did a night trip on Christmas Eve but were back fairly early and had a few drinks on the mess. As usual according to tradition we all visited the sergeants mess Christmas

2. Morning, had quite a few beers, came
back for Christmas dinner, afterwards the
Officers sewed the mess staff then
dinner, of course I was there, took
charge of the range, picking up vegetables
custards etc. We had turkey and I
found a dish full of potatoes left over,
by odd I had a few of bones, with
your mother had been there, there was
plenty for a dozen others, afterwards
the mess staff had a dance and I
having eaten fully retired to bed for
a couple of hours, later the bar was
opened and the W.A.F. officers arrived

the atmosphere was pretty formal, but they did start to thaw a little when the Queen Bee left (W.A.A.F. C.O) she's equivalent to a Squadron Leader and is too to correct, a formidable looking battle ox, I believe she takes rather a dim view of the squadron boys, they visited the W.A.A.F. mess on Christmas eve, drank all this beer, rather turned the place up.

How did your Christmas go? was it as you said all sleeping, eating etc, I should have liked to have phoned you but we are cut off from communication at certain times, you know why. Tell mother her cake has finally gone, I nearly

had to keep it locked up once Jack & Ron had tasted it! Will you please thank her for her letter, was very nice of her to write.

I hope my other two letters have arrived by now, what a relief for the Seldington inhabitants that the fog descended, did you torture them the day after?

So glad to hear about my grey socks, I bet you have been quiet, made any mistakes yet?

I wouldn't pay too much attention to Jerry's new thrust, if we get fine weather like we have had the last three days, well he's had his time.

Well darling, just time to catch the post, take care of yourself, All my love Jack