



Cambridge  
Tue. night.

Dear Father & Mother,

I am sorry  
I have been so long writing  
but have been enquiring  
at all the hotels and other  
likely places, to try and  
get a room for you next  
weekend, but with no success,  
I'm afraid everywhere seems  
to be booked up.

I am on guard tonight  
so am writing. this in the  
guard room.

I've just thought of a small  
C.T.C. place near Jesus Green  
that I havent tried yet. I  
think I have seen a bed and

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breakfast notice in the window,  
so I will enquire there  
tomorrow, if they have room  
I will send you a telegram,  
in which case I will meet  
you at the station at 4-O'clock  
unless I hear anything to the  
contrary; as far as I know  
at present I shall be free  
next weekend.

Wed. night.

To continue the letter from which  
I was disturbed last night.

I called at the C.T.C. place  
today but had no luck, I  
cant understand why so  
many people are staying in  
Cambridge, it seems hopeless  
to try and get a room this  
weekend though.

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I think the best plan would be to book now for some future weekend in the hope that I shall be free. I can almost definitely say now that I shall be here for another four weeks, in which case I shall almost certainly get seven days leave starting from about the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April.

We are not having the easy time we all expected when we had passed the first course here, in fact we seem to be working

harder now than we did before.

I go to bed at night feeling dead tired; we are having bags of ground defence training, shooting, both range and clay pigeon, swimming and P.T. besides all the other usual subjects such as navigation, met. and signals etc.

We have in Cambridge this week Canon Swan one of the leading ministers of the Church of England who like Provost Jones is touring R.A.F. stations in different parts of the country

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lecturing on "practical  
Christianity" I'm afraid  
he came a little unstuck  
like the rest of the clergy  
when questioned about the  
unity amongst the priests  
of the Christian church.  
He tried to side-step it by  
talking about the things  
that are above ~~above~~ the diversity  
of denominations, so that  
the different forms of  
service and various opinions  
of the clergy were simply  
not worth bothering about;  
and yet a few minutes  
previously he had been

trying to convince us that  
 you could not be a true  
 Christian unless you  
 attended public worship.  
 He will be at another  
 discussion that we are  
 having on Friday night  
 when I hope to try and  
 prove to him the import-  
 ance, from the point of view  
 of a congregation, of the  
 different forms of service;  
 which in my opinion is a detail  
 of very great importance if  
 we are to see a renewed interest  
 in Christianity in this country  
 after the war.

Kind regards and best wishes,  
 Ever your loving son,  
 Alan.