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MACHINE ROOM.
WATERLOW AND SONS, LTD.
TWYFORD ABBEY ROAD.
PARK ROYAL, N.W. 10.
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Sgt. LAMPREY.
Sgt's Mess.
R.A.F. STATION.
CHURCH BROUGHTON.
MR. DERBY.

DEAR UNK AND OTHERS.

ONCE BEFORE I WROTE TO YOU MY FRIENDS, AND SAID I WAS CHEESED, BRASSED AND GENERALLY BROWNSED OFF. BELIEVE YOU ME, THAT WAS IN ALL TRUTH A GROSS UNDERSTATEMENT OF FACTS. NOW, I AM DEFINITELY AT THE LOWEST EBB OF MANS' MORTAL FEELINGS. OF ALL THE DAFT JOBS THEY HAVE IN THIS BLASTED OUTFIT I HAVE JUST ABOUT GOT THE GILDED TOPPER. TALK ABOUT DOING A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR EVERY WEEK. WE DO ONE EVERY BLOODY TWELVE HOURS AND NO TIME OFF. SOMEONE MUST HAVE BEEN FIDDLEING AROUND WITH THE BLASTED ROTA. THEY DO NOT SEEM TO KNOW JUST WHAT THEY REALLY WANT IN THIS BLESSED HOME OF REST. WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE WAITING FOR A CONVERSION COURSE TO FOUR-ENGINED STUFF. THE PERIOD WE HAVE TO WAIT

SEEMS TO BE ANOTHER OF THOSE MYSTERIES THAT NEVER GET ANY NEARER SOLVING. FOR HALF A PINT I'D GO BACK ON THE GROUND WHERE AT LEAST THEY DON'T SOD YOU GROUND FOR WEEKS ON END. IN ANY CASE THERE IS NO FUTURE IN THIS FLYING THE WAY THEY DO IT HERE. FOUR SMACK-UPS A WEEK SEEMS TO BE THEIR USUAL QUOTA. IF THEY ^{KEEP} IT UP JERRY CAN BREAK HIS NIGHT FIGHTERS UP - HE'LL NEVER NEED THEM.

THERE IS AS USUAL A DEARTH OF ANY REAL INSIDE INFORMATION EXCEPT THAT I HAVE ALREADY WRITTEN. WE HAVE ONLY HAD ONE NIGHT OFF SINCE ARRIVING HERE SO I CANNOT GIVE YOU THE PUPILS GEN. ON THE LOCAL HOSTILITIES. MOST OF THE FAIR SEX ON THE CAMP SEEM DUMB OR JUST PLAIN CAREFUL. AT ANY RATE, ALL ATTEMPTS AT ORGANISATION HAVE MET WITH A SIGNAL LACK OF SUCCESS. I SUPPOSE WHEN I DO GO BY THEY WILL DECIDE IT WAS TIME WE WERE SHIFTED ELSEWHERE.

I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE OLD MOB ARE STILL PULLING THEIR WEIGHT AND REFUSING TO DO ANYTHING TO HELP THE WAR EFFORT BY MANUFACTURING. BY THE

TIME ARCHIE GETS HIS FINAL PAPERS HE WILL JUST
ABOUT BE ENTITLED TO THE HOME GUARD LONG SERVICE
MEDAL AND SHOULD MAKE OUT AS A MAJOR-GENERAL AT
LEAST. I SUPPOSE HE GETS ALL HIS INSIDE INFORMATION
ON TACTICS ETC. FROM BROTHAW. U. I HOPE THERE HAS
NOT BEEN ANY SQUANDERING OF CHAPEL FUNDS ON THOSE
RIBALD EVENINGS OUT THAT WERE AT ONE TIME A
FEATURE OF THE SOCIAL LIFE OF PARK ROYAL. EVEN THOUGH
MR. HUNT SHOULD PROPOSE A CHAPEL DINNER AND TWENTY
POUNDS OUT OF CHAPEL FUNDS I THINK HE SHOULD BE
STOPPED FROM HIS USUAL HABIT OF BROADCASTING HIS HARD
EARNED MONEY. STILL I SHOULD THINK HE HAS ENOUGH TO
DO THESE DAYS ORGANISING THE SALE OF HIS GARDEN PRODUCTS,
WHICH, I TAKE IT, WILL BE HIS SIDELINE NOW THAT THE HUNT'
TRACTION AND PASSENGER COMPANY HAS FOLDED UP OWEING TO
LACK OF PETROL. WHAT HE WILL DO WHEN ARCHIE GOES AND
THERE IS NOBODY TO DIL HIS PAYMENT FOR HIM MUST
BE ANOTHER SOURCE OF WORRY.

THIS LETTER HAS LUNG AROUND FOR ABOUT A
WEEK SO I HAD BETTER WRAP IT UP AND POST

WHAT THERE IS OF IT.

REMEMBER ME TO ALL THE BOYS AND I
HOPE EVERYTHING STAYS PUT. LOOK AFTER YOURSELF,
FOR A CHANGE.

AND THE BEST.

Pete.