

1384535. A.C.2. HAMPREY.

SIGNALS SECTION.

H.Q. 114 GROUP. RAF.

INVERNESS.

SCOTLAND.

MONDAY - 27<sup>th</sup>.

DEAR BILL, ONE AND ALL.

SINCE LAST I WROTE A LINE TO YOU - THE LAST THAT YOU RECEIVED,  
A MOST PECULIAR THING TOOK PLACE - AND KIND OF - LEFT ME PERVED,  
I DREAMT ONE NIGHT, WHILE IN MY COT - IT SOUNDS A TRIPLE DUMB  
THAT YOU HAD GOT A PARTY ON - AND I'D BEEN ASKED TO COME.

I PACKED MY KIT - AND GRABBED A PASS AND CAUGHT THE SOUTHBOUND TRAIN  
AND VERY SOON THE LOVELY SIGHT OF LONDON SHOWED AGAIN.

WHEN I ARRIVED, I FOUND THE SHOW, HAD STARTED ON ITS WAY  
THE BOYS WERE DOING REALLY WELL AND MAKING IT A DAY.

OUT THE FRONT WAS BROTHER GEORGE - UPON A TABLE STUCK  
GIVING IMITATIONS OF - WALT DISNEY'S DONALD DUCK.

WHEN HE'D FINISHED - NONE TOO SOON - SOME HALF WIT SHOUTED - CORE  
AND THEN THE BLIGHTER STARTED NOW - HE'D WON THE OTHER WAR.

THE BOYS ALL BOOED AND HOWLED HIM DOWN - WITHOUT A BIT OF TACT,

THEN EDDIE HUNT STEPPED FORWARD WITH - HIS VENTRILLOQUAL ACT.

THE ONLY DIFFERENCE I COULD SEE / AS THROUGH HIS ACT HE WENT

THE DUMMY'S FACE SHOWED - HE BY FAR - WAS MORE INTELLIGENT.

R.T. 0

2.

THEN THERE WAS A SMASHING TURN - WHEN COLLY WARREN SAID -

"I'LL READ THE MIND OF ANYONE - AND WHAT IS IN THEIR HEAD".

HE STARTED OFF WITH BERTIE WALK AND SAID "NOW BE QUITE FAIR -  
YOU'RE WONDERING IF HARRY STRAIN HIS GOLD WITH YOU WILL SHARE".

HE LOOKED AT JACK MOLONEY NEXT - AND NOT A SOUND WAS HEARD  
FOR FULLY FIFTEEN MINUTES HE JUST NEVER SPOKE A WORD.

AND THEN HE SAID "I GIVE IT UP - WITH YOU ITS RATHER TALL  
TO GET ONE SENTENCE ON THAT MIND - THEY'VE GOT TO WRITE IT SMALL".

HARRY STAPLES STEPPED UP NEXT AND SAID "FROM THIS POSITION -  
I'LL GIVE YOU ALL A SPECIAL TREAT - A BOXING EXHIBITION".

AND ON MY WORD - THE THINGS HE DID - WERE HARD TO BETTER EVER,  
ESPECIALLY WHEN HE SHOWED US ALL - THE ART OF BOXING CLEVER.

NEXT THERE CAME A DOUBLE TURN - HARRY R. AND DAVE  
ASORT OF SUPER SPECIAL PAPER TEARING ACT THEY GAVE

THEY TOOK A SHEET OF PAPER - AND THEY SLASHED IT LEFT AND RIGHT  
AND WHEN THEY'D DONE - A SPECIAL "LONDON CALLING" CAME TO LIGHT.

A BROTHER TURN - THE NEXT ONE ON - WITH FRED AND STRONG MAN JACK,  
WHO DEMONSTRATES - JUST HOW TO CARRY - PEOPLE ON HIS BACK.

THEN SOMEONE SAID - LET HARRY BRACHAM - GIVE HIS LITTLE SHOW  
BUT OTHERS KNEW HIM BETTER AND THEY SAID - YOU OUGHT TO KNOW  
THAT MR BRACHAM HASN'T GIVEN ANYTHING FOR YEARS

EXCEPT WHEN SOMEONE BUYS THE BEER - HE GIVES THREE HEARTY CHEERS.

CONT ON P. 3.

3.

THE ONLY TURN I MISSED - AND ALL THE BOYS SAID IT WAS GRAND  
 WAS CHERRY RANSOM THROWING KNIVES - OR SO I UNDERSTAND  
 BUT THEN HIS TURN - AS USUAL - ALWAYS TAKES A BIT OF KNOWING  
 FOR HE HANDS THE KNIVES TO SOMEONE ELSE / AND LETS THEM DO THE  
 THROWING.  
 AN ACROBATIC TURN CAME ON - AND GAVE THE BOYS A FRIGHT  
 JACK HUTCHINGS SWUNG FROM LAMP TO LAMP / A MOST STUPENDOUS SIGHT  
 HE LEAPT FROM HERE - HE LEAPT FROM THERE / AND THEN LEAPT TO AND FRO  
 BUT MOVED SO FAST THAT HALF THE TIME - YOU NEVER SAW HIM GO.  
 AND THEN THE HUMAN HAIRPIN - GAVE A TURN THAT WAS UNIQUE  
 (I MEAN OLD ARCHIE SHIPPER / THAT IS ONLY HOW I SPEAK).

HE WAVED A MAGIC WAND ABOUT - FIRST LEFT AND THEN TO RIGHT -  
 TURNED SIDEWAYS AND - IN HALF A JIFF - HAD DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT.  
 NOW "THIS IS SOMETHING REALLY NICE" - I HEARD THE BOYS EXCLAIM,  
 AND ONE AND ALL THE GUV'NOR BEGGED - TO TRY AND DO THE SAME.  
 BUT SHOVING ON HIS GLASSES - HE JUST SAID - "THE NAME IS SHREEN -  
 FROM THE BLASTED WAY YOU'RE ACTING - YOU MUST THINK I SPELL IT GREEN.  
 SO GINGER HARBOUR HAD A GO - AND WHAT A FINE TO DO.  
 HE VANISHED LIKE A FLASH OF LIGHT - THE CHAPEL MONEY TOO.  
 AND THEN THE HOST GOT UP TO SING - HE'D LEFT IT RATHER LATE -  
 BUT GOT PRESENTED WITH A LOVELY RASPBERRY - ON A PLATE.  
 THEN SOMEONE'S VOICE - I DONT KNOW WHO - ITS VERY HARD TO TELL  
 SAID "BREAK IT UP - ITS GETTING LATE - THERE GOES THE BLOOMING BELL

RTO.

AND IN A FLASH - I TURNED AROUND - AND I WAS ALL ALONE  
UNTIL I HEARD ANOTHER VOICE "YOU'RE WANTED ON THE PHONE"  
I LISTENED TO THE CALL AND HEARD A VOICE BOTH HARSH AND COARSE  
SAY "HOP IT BACK TO SCOTLAND AND GET ON WITH YOUR MORSE"  
SO HERE I AM - BACK HERE AGAIN - AND THINGS ARE PRETTY SLOW  
BUT ANY RATE IT MADE A BREAK - A PROPER DECENT SHOW.  
THOUGH WHEN I COME TO TOWN AGAIN - I'LL TAKE A LITTLE BET  
THE ONLY SHOWS THAT I SHALL SEE - ARE THOSE THAT I'VE UPSET  
BUT IF NO ONE HAS GOT IT ON - THROUGH WHAT I WROTE IN RHYME  
THEN ALL THIS BLOODY WRITING HAS BEEN JUST A WASTE OF TIME  
SO ONCE AGAIN - I'LL CLOSE THE NOTE AND MAKE IT SHORT AND SWEET  
REMEMBER ME TO EVERYONE - THE BEST OF LUCK FROM  
PETE.

P.S. YOU MIGHT THANK MISS EVANS FOR THE SCARF SHE IS KINTING,  
IF IT KEEPS MY EARS AS WARM AS HER FATHERS HANDS HAVE ON  
OCCASIONS, IT WILL BE A SUPER ONE. I'LL TRY AND GET YOUR  
PHOTO NEXT TIME I GO TO TOWN BUT THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE  
MUCH DOING IN THAT LINE UP HERE.

P.P.S. IF EDDIE HUNT SPENT A DECENT EVENING IT WOULD  
BE THE FIRST THING HE'D SPENT FOR YEARS.