

from
soldier -
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Leicester Hall
London, W. 2.

R.A.F.
St. Leonard's On Sea,
23rd June, 1940.

My darling Mum & Steve,

Just a line as I have a moment to spare. I have just come off duty from being flight orderly. One hour every three hours till 4 o'clock then I am free. We have sent off the last of our stuff including our beds. Only our kit bags remain. We shall have to sleep on the floorboards tonight and will probably leave some time tomorrow.

My date didn't come off last evening. Sylvia (her name is Sylvia) but we hint would not go out as they were having a family party. I think her father is not too keen on sending her with the speedy R.A.F. I may take her out this evening.

I went to the dance last evening with Cecil. He got hold of a good dancer, but that was all. He

had had a few and asked me
what I thought of her, so I laughed
like blazes she joined in. It was
a very good dance. I had a number
of dances with a blonde school teacher,
whose home is in Roumoult - the
latter was written or I should say
spoken all over her. Another dance I had
which was very amusing was with
a girl (fairly refined) who had
had a couple. She told me she
did not like dancing with English
people as they concentrated on the
dancing but liked dancing with
the French because they concentrated
on their partners. I promptly asked
her to come home a drink but
her escort to the dance was one of
the Argentis so she couldn't make it.

The dance was quite amusing on the
whole. Furthermore I lost Cecil.

The weather is not too good

to-day but I shall go in for a dip
a little later. When we went in
yesterday it was incredibly rough.

The waves were so enormous that we
could only do the breast stroke, but
there was no danger in anything like
that. It was great fun. After that
we amused ourselves by throwing
pebbles at some girls on the beach. I had
managed to get to know them. One of
them had a smashing figure.

Everybody is very sorry that
the RAF are leaving Hastings. The
army will probably take over. All
the girls said they prefer the boys
in blue. Someone said England is
very quiet but added the R.A.F.
will change that I am sure.

We had another undisturbed night
last night. I can't imagine what
the French are thinking about. How
can they expect us to save the means

to win if they succeed completely
that. In France etc. Anyway Hitler
will have a damn-tough job beating
us up. Red Tape is killing this country
somebody ought to clean up that
sort of thing.

If I had had my name down
for the interview a fortnight earlier I
should probably have been a pilot.
I have just seen some of those taken
in in the first few days of the war
It amazes me how some of them
were taken in at all. One completely
told my girls yesterday that pilots
were captain of the ship so I replied
equally complacently, quite but that
is going to be changed in the near future.
He was quite upset at the prospect.

We were so - dy. God bless you
best

Love Dave