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Room 46, Alfred Litch Hotel,
Tongay,
Devonshire,
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Mum darling,

We have had a terrific day
to-day. Till 1.30 we were unloading stores
lockers etc. at the end of it we were
hoop dead. In the afternoon we had
P.I. and then a swim, some poor devils
have just got lugged in for more
unloading. I am free now thank heavens.

Still we had some fun in the Lorry
on the way to the Railway station.

Ryan, Griffith & I went for a swim
last evening. We then had a meal.

On our way home we met Cecil
who was with Eunice - a girl friend
from London - who is living here at the
moment. We had a chat.

It is awfully amusing to see
the people watching our march to

meals & doing parade. It was quite amusing after our swim to-day.

I saw in the papers that London had a very long warning. I suppose you & some must have been up all night. God knows how this war is going to end. I don't see how we can take the initiative now. Perhaps an opportunity will present itself later.

I am going to buy a pair of bathing shorts soon from the R.A.F. You got a lovely pair for 8/6. I may get it after pay day.

There are masses of girls here.

So far I should think they are very disappointed with the R.A.F. as being short of cash we have all been very quiet. After Friday when we really get going they may be really disappointed.

We did a lot of cheering and hand waving in the train on our way

here. The people at Hastings were genuinely sorry that the R.A.F. were leaving. Incidentally, it takes $5\frac{1}{2}$ hrs from here to Paddington. That isn't so bad really. I understand however, that we will not get leave till the end of this course. That is another six weeks. But one never knows. One may get week-end leave some time.

Only a couple of weeks left for me to get my L.A.C. If they don't start paying then I shall get all my back money - from the time I become an L.A.C. in a lump sum.

The countryside here is quite pretty. It is hilly. Our rooms faces the bay. It is a beautiful to view. The bathing in the bay is not so good however. You have to walk out a good distance first. I prefer a plunge. I hear that there are some lovely bathing spots nearby.

I tried to phone through last evening to have a chat but could not even get the operator. I may try again to-night. Scottie (another friend of ours) and I are going out for a stroll shortly, we are going to study some Morse code, I hope! Some of our lot, Joan, Charles, Catherine Kelly, Samely are in the same room and four of our crowd in another, as that is quite good.

I haven't seen a daily newspaper since I came here. I tried to phone last night as I know you would not have had a letter for a few days. You ought to have got the one or two in one I posted last night. No more to-day. God bless you both.

Love Dave.