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Newark etc.

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My darling Sweetheart,

I do hope you had a happy birthday. I suppose you think I'm crackers. I suppose it's with being on night duty ---- but I made certain the 23rd was on thursday. Do you mind waiting for your present, sweetheart? It'll probably be here the beginning of next month. Marjorie keeps going to the shop & stirring them up for me. It's been a lousy day hasn't it ---- I hope it clears up for Sat. it's been snowing & raining & making a mess of everything.

I went home yesterday morning. I hoped to see your mother ---- she came home on Tues I think ----- but she'd gone to Newark. She was going back last night so I shan't see her till next week I suppose.

Did I tell you Annie had an accident to her knee last week? She's off work I think she must have 'put it out' a bit but she says it's not really painful.

Mother thanks you for your letter but she'll write to you herself. She showed me the big envelope you had to send it in & when I laughed she said I ought to be ashamed of myself for expecting so many letters from you & using up all your envelopes. I'd much rather have you than your letters but they're good substitutes.

You are getting a cinema fan aren't you? Probably you're making up for all you missed while you were away. I love to go to the pictures with you ---- you know but I think I prefer to sit in the fire light alone with you. On the other hand, if we can't be alone i'd rather go to the pictures. I'll be absolutely delirious wit happiness when we're together for always & will be able to please ourselves what we do, when we do it & etc.

i'm sure i'm getting fatter. It must be the toffees etc that you keep sending me that's doing it. I'll certainly take some to Beat. I have to keep popping in to see her as we've had a bit of difficulty about a pattern.

Arthur & everyone send their regards to you. No end of people do & I never remember to tell you. I get a bigger dream every day.

Did I tell you I had an accident the other night & broke one of the soldiers watch. He lent it to me to take temperatures. Anyway he's taken it to be mended & it's costing 22/-. He says i'm not to pay for it as it was an accident. I shall insist on paying at least half of it ---- I feel ever so guilty.

I've nothing more to tell you except I've certified another death tonight. Another old dear of 81. I don't mind them dying so much when they're old & worn out. It's children & young folk that cause a bit of a pang.

Well sweetheart, I'll close. You know I love you.

Yours for ever,

Your loving Sweetheart,

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H.Q. Coy (Sgt's Mess Cook),

G.S.C. Depot,

Whittington Barracks,

Lichfield,

Staffs..

Note:

The 23rd (Henry's birthday) was on Wednesday.

"It has been a sacrifice I would most gladly make again sooner than any I love have to go and give their life and their blood, and to know that at least the ones we love so dear can enjoy life and freedom in a country that is so proud and just." October 6th 1945. J. H. Hallam



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