

No. 10
C. Herbert

P.S. are those other class of mail ready for when I come home?
168/265 Sgt. Stewart R. P.A.F. & Kellingthorpe Lincoln
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Dear Mum, Dad & Jean,

Very many thanks for letter received some days ago. I'm glad to hear you are all about B.K. again. As yet I haven't received my parcel of laundry, but maybe it will roll up to-morrow. I have had a small parcel of eats to-day from Mum, but sad to say the two tomatoes inside were beyond eating condition, but a lump of slab cake looks real good.

Glad to hear you are getting a bit of work all set up for me & all being well. I'll be home for it a week on Friday the 31st. I understood it was the 28th, but it is definitely the 31st so I guess I'll

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let the New Year in with
you. What I'm doing at Xmas
I can't really say. Of course
I have an invitation to
Davies Rd (very strong too) but
it all depends on Bomber Harris.

The weather as yet isn't
too bad, a little bird
tells me if it does turn
out good the old lad will
have us out there. Actually
I won't mind a great deal,
it would be one lesser
finishing, there has come
some good news out this last
day or so. The Wing Commander
has now the power to finish
any crew after twenty-five trips.
So I guess we'll be finishing
after another seven at the
most.

Went to Berlin again
last Thursday night which
brought the total up to
twenty-one, also out Berlin
with to six. As a matter of
fact I think we hold the
record on the Agdn for Berlin

cup. I suppose you've seen
in the paper we boast the
new V.C. "jock" Reid. He's a hell
of a nice bloke too is old jock.
Incidentally he came back on the
aquadron yesterday. Whether he'll
go back on "ops" I don't know, but
there's one lad here who would'n't.

If he'll work his cards
probably he's made for life,
judging by Lady MacRobert's £1000
in the paper yesterday. It was
certainly a good effort on his
part, but the paper did'n't give
his engineer "Taffy" Norris enough
praise. In fact on the sqdn here
a lot think he should have
had the ~~V.C.~~ V.C., but what
did the rest of the crew get
out of it. (b - all) maybe a D.F.M.
I'm expecting old Hanvey's

D. F. C. to come through soon.

We did a bit of an heroic effort over Berlin last Thursday, but we won't do it again.

Oh! had some good news last week, our crew has been picked to ~~stay~~ make a film.

It should take place any time now & will be of R.A.F. interrogation after an "op".

Be quite a lengthy affair & of course be shown to the general public in fact be the standard de-briefing film.

Of course it has ~~it~~ the usual tape attached to it.

The scenes will be "shot" after an actual "op," but we

are supposed to enter looking as fresh as daisies, clean-shaven not a hair out of place & a crease in our pants. I ask

you all that tape after probably a grueling eight hour trip. Also to address our skipper as "Sir" & to refer to each other

by his air-crew trade i.e.
 "navigator" engineers etc. All this
 of course is the A.O.C's idea as
 he wants to show the Army &
 Navy there is a little discipline
 in air-crew. I can see the
 general public thinking "ops" are
 like going to a tea-party &
 also old fingers & causing them
 a few retakes. The next time old
 George gets called "Six" will be
 the first.

Did you have a good time
 at Arthington last Friday night?
 Or wasn't it such a good do.
 By the way what have you
 decided for Xmas dinner, I can
 see old Sam licking his chops.
 I'll bet there's no holding him
 down at Boots this last day or
 so with the thoughts of seeing

in Rene this week-end. To tell
 you the truth have'nt been to
 see him yet to get my towel
 & I don't suppose I shall manage
 it now. Have'nt been to Nat's
 quite so much of late its rather
 expensive, but I am still going
 staying at Davis Rd, I shall
 certainly try to spend Xmas there.
 I've found out she's still the
 nicest girl I know as yet, so I'll
 see what the New Year brings.

Well! I guess I'll say cheerio
 so for now & here's to seeing
 you next week. Have some good
 grub I'm looking forward to
 some home meats Mum. Enjoy
 yourselves this Xmas I'll be

thinking of you & don't let the
 animal eat up everything for me.
 Oh! I've had my date off Mrs
 Dumbley. Very nice too.

Anyhow here's to I next Friday
 & tell old Joe to buck up. & get
 out of bed, hope he's keeping
 improving.

Cheerio,
 Lots of Love
 Dick