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**1<sup>st</sup> June**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 3 pm

My dearest sweetheart,

Thank you again for your lovely letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> and for the books. I am glad that these days are over because I know how and what you feel. I hope that in other respects you are feeling a rich glow of virtue after your people's visit. I am absolutely sure that you were right about the weekend. I have very grave doubts about Madge and Dickie.

I am so glad that you respond to my irritations. I have only just got over a minor, irrational and indeed idiotic one at the moment. I came out of court at one and went down to lunch. John Barrington was there and begun to discuss the cross-examination on Austria and when I could see the Austrian public prosecutor. He having pinned me down to 9.30 on Monday, Miss Kentish came tripping up to say General Rudenko wanted to see me. It was then 1.45. This was changed into his wanting me to read and sign an application. Then Harry barged in about the final speech until 2.30. I had vaguely thought of a film but the prospect of going with John and probably Miss Kentish tagging on was wather tew much. I gave that up but John returned with me and is now sitting three yards away with I am sure he has a charmingly-hesitant-and-nearly-making-you-scream remark about Guido Schmidt or Glaise-Horstenau or some other Viennese who ought to have been born in Bulgaria trembling on his lips.

Having written all that nonsense, I don't care now if he mentions Rainer and Buerkel and every other piece of xxxxx in Austria. See what a long range help you can be!

I am extremely sorry about the savings bank. I sent you a cheque for £100 with the intent that it would not only meet the bills which you mentioned but let you buy something for yourself pending the cashing of the bank-account. Khaki has gone to Garmisch so I cannot get him to sign the form but I shall try and achieve this to-morrow.

It is amazing to think of Gilbert being so impressed and so happy about his visit. I am very glad, I think he had some feeling about wanting to see how it worked, and also to enable him to talk among his fellow clerks. Also it was a wonderful holiday which cost him nothing.

It is pleasant about the cheque for £7000 odd (in fact £7794). After providing for tax of £4700 and chamber expenses of £1150 (including Gilbert's 10%) there will still be little in the stocking for ourselves. Did Gilbert tell you that he did not want to send in anymore until October in order that, if I did after all get a judicial appointment, I should get it tax free. He thought that was a wonderful piece of cunning!

Professor Lauterpacht has departed. I spoke to him and have written to Hartley with, I hope, great restraint about the facts being dealt with (by) someone who has heard two days of the trial, and has never, as far as I know, conducted a case in Court. However it is Hartley's funeral and will probably turn out all right. The Poles incidentally came and said how much they hoped to see me at Warsaw but Hartley had to my relief fixed on Elwyn only and I expressed my deep regret. I really do not want to go round foreign capitals playing second fiddle although I am quite content to do so here.

I do not think that there is any more news but I may add a line to-morrow. John is still sitting ominously behind me - I am sure he thinks what a cad he would be if he were to leave me alone - so I shall write Pam's letter now instead of to-morrow morning. God bless until, I hope, I speak to you to-morrow morning.

I enclose a list of books including the new PG Wodehouse.

It is now 4.40 and having achieved a complete katharsis of my irritation I now feel rather a cad. 'Tis ever so. In fact John wanted to speak to me about his future. I am a cad but he has done so and I have given up my bath. Not such a cad?

Sunday 11.45 I did so love our talk this morning and I hope that you had a successful day at Ascot.

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I am overwhelmed with joy that you are coming out on the 12<sup>th</sup>. You will have the VIP and Lady Lawrence is much improved by Nuremberg.

There will be no difficulty at this end.

I shall be so well on with von Papen's preparation that it will not in any way sit on our chests - I know that you had a momentary spasm about that. It would be a great joy to me if you could hear a cross-examination. After all von Papen has been one of the cleverest men in Europe for a generation and it will be rather fun to share the memory of my attempt on him whether the latter goes well or not.

With regard to clothes the weather although showery is warm and some of the days is magnificent. Could you buy one or two summer dresses with my £50 & for eventualities beg, borrow or steal one or cardigans, an old mac if you have one and wear a warm coat in the plane in case you fly high. Also as I mentioned some fairly flat-heeled shoes for walking. I hope that this is not merely intensely irritating in the present state of inability to get anything you need, but I thought it might just be helpful.

Again oceans of love

D

I enclose an invitation to the Fraser-Goldshaws houseparty.

**2<sup>nd</sup> June**

15 North Court  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>

*My own sweet*

*This is written as I go to bed & will be added to to-morrow. I had just begun a letter when you rang this morning but I have started again.*

*It was lovely when the telephone rang - you are so prompt that I had almost given up that it was a broken line. I realise that one has to be more cagey on the Frankfurt line but just to hear your voice is the main thing.*

*Ascot went well & Mo enjoyed herself - since returning we have had 'the Zinkisovs' - Michael & Valerie Ford (a nebulous girl whom Melford knows & you may remember!) to supper. A real flow of soul - I can't tell you!! I am getting intolerant.*

*Apparently that 'exceptionally able man' Gerald Thesxxx is coming out to Nuremberg - laid on by Airey Nieve - & thinks of coming out on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyway I assume he will not affect us.*

*I am dining with Harry McGough on Tuesday. It is nice of them to ask me.*

*George Richards rang to-night & I have asked him in for a drink to-morrow. He says the divisional council is fixed for June 12<sup>th</sup> & he would like a message. If you send it to me I can get it off.*

*Good night, my darling & God bless you.*

Sylvia

**3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Monday

*There is no more to say. I have done little - in fact nothing - but work. Mrs W is away for a weeks holiday which adds a bit of cleaning to my life.*

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*I am just going to watch Mo's dancing class.*

*Pam has fixed her new tutor - a woman friend of Miss Eldridge - she will write you all particulars herself I have not got your letters yet but I hope for to-morrow.*

*I bought the new Wodehouse & am sending it to you*

*All my thoughts all the time*

*Sylvia*

**5<sup>th</sup> June**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 1946

My dearest Darling,

Only 1 week - 7 days - 168 hours until I shall be in heaven. You cannot imagine how I am looking forward to a week from to-day. In the meantime thank you tremendously for your sweet letter which I got yesterday and the PG Wodehouse which has just arrived.

I am having a really exciting week! On Monday I went to Jackson to meet the American minister in Prague. Last night to the Falcos - Donnedieu de Varlves for a farewell party to Khaki who left the dinner at 9pm. To-night I am going to the Birkett's to meet your old pal the Swedish Minister Prytly. Tomorrow I am giving dinner to Lord Maugham Dubost and Middle Chalufort. On Friday I hope to dine alone and say "Bugger."

Do you remember buying the last Wodehouse and then reading it to me in hospital: "Quick service" If you had done nothing else instead of giving me so many years of happiness, your care and literal saving of my reason at that time would make me eternally grateful and always feeling that I am unworthy to black your boots. Fortunately you don't wear boots that want blacking so you won't have to give me the job to prove my worth!

I have been trying to walk for a mile to a mile and a half in the mornings. I have breakfast soon after eight. John does not get down until 8.28 and Miss Kentish arrives about 8.38. I try to leave about 8.15 and save nearly half-an hour before they with my guard and driver catch me up. Perhaps you will join me after you have had a bit of a rest.

Will you make profound apologies to Mo for this weeks poem being (a)rather grown up (b)rather serious (c)couched in a very difficult rhyme form? Please tell her that I should so much like to get back that I got some comfort in thinking of her wanting me back. It is rather an impertinence anyone attempting a ballade after Maitre Francois Villon wrote the "Ballade des belles dames de temps xxxx" with the refrain " Mais on sont les regnes d'autan" but it is rather fun finding the rhymes even though one was driven to have a smack at Harry Willark. In fact the second verse is decidedly connected. Pam used to like "Will ye no come back again"

However the main thing is that you are going to be with me soon, and I do not care if it snows pink.

Khaki as waiting to cross-examine Johl. I must say I feel very sorry for him. He is as nervous as a cat on hot bricks. Having gone through it all myself I sympathise enormously. I hope it goes well.

Once more a million messages of love

It is now only 153 hours

I adore you

Your very loving

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David

P.S. I shall try and send the message for George Richards to-morrow  
Love D

**6<sup>th</sup> June**

Thursday 6.6.46

My sweetest heart,

I have just had your letter of yesterday and am terribly sorry that there has been this hold-up in the mail. (i) I wrote to you on Sunday with the bank book so that you would get the £50 (ii) I also wrote to Pam (iii) I wrote to you yesterday a letter which went to-day including some photographs of myself performing, which might be fun in Chambers or in our bedroom when frames are obtainable (iv) I sent off the PX to Mo to-day (v) Finally I am sending this letter. Apart from the above I sent on Friday 31/5/46 a letter with a cheque for £100 and 2 library books. I am only setting out the above so that you will know what ought to have reached you. I have been getting your letters the next day, otherwise I should probably be balmy. I shall make enquiries about the mail. Thank you a million times for all your letters. I shall try and get a telephone message thro' to see if to-day has made any difference. In the last PX to Miranda sent off on 1/6/46 there was a verse beginning with 1 word a line and finishing with 16..

Darling there is no other news except that Khaki is in the middle of his cross-examination, and, thank God, it is going very well.

A million thanks for your letter again.

I enclose a couple of odd letters about a night club. I do not know if you are responsible but I have signed the form in case.

Once again much love

Your very loving

David.

P.S. I have just done a message for the Annual Meeting of the Divisional Council on the 12<sup>th</sup>. In view of the trouble in the mail I have sent three copies (1) enclosed herein to you (2) direct to George Richards (3) to Tommy. What with Whitsuntide and the anniversary celebration on Saturday they will be lucky to get to Liverpool on Wednesday

Once again my love

D

**7<sup>th</sup> June**

15 North Court  
June 7<sup>th</sup>

*My own sweet*

*I feel that my letters are getting scrappy & boring but with Mrs Wilson away & preparing for this magnificent victory (?) weekend (there were bread queues at empty shops from 9.30!) I cannot get through the daily round to do anything.*

*If it was possible it makes my holiday with you even nearer heaven than before.*

*I was mad that I missed you last night. It really does quite alarm me (& I realise how bogus it sounds!) but I do know when you are going to ring up.*

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*Melford had found some second hand golf clubs & we had gone to Roehampton to try them. I feel quite inspired to play. I do hope you will have enough time for us to do a few things together in the future.*

*Oh! One rather gay thing. I backed the winner of the Derby. Melford rang up at tea time the day before & asked me what I fancied. I was bit bad tempered as I was busy, said I had no idea. And then for the sake of sounding more pleasant said put 10/- each way on Airbourne, it ought to be a tip!! I made £31!*

*I have just given lunch to Bert White & his wife & child at the Savoy Grill. Very layed on I must say - I feel slightly thwarted as I did not either drink or smoke out of respect for their feelings. Probably exaggerated!*

*Dearest, I have a million things to thank you for & to say but they must wait for Wednesday afternoon. What a beautiful thought.*

*All my love, darling*

*Sylvia*

*I enclose a letter from Duncan Sandys*

### **SMF in Nuremberg**

**22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Saturday 22.6.46 ; 10.15pm

My dearest Angel

It was a wonderful relief to know that the journey had gone reasonably well and that you had arrived back safe and sound. I hope that by this time you have got to Liverpool without being too tired and have made good personal discoveries about Mo. It seems difficult to believe that this time last week we were just leaving the Berchtesgarden Hof for the Villa. Pam seemed in good form and I could feel her delight at having you back over 500 miles.

I had an idea about Monica's article this evening. I might do 1500 words or so on "The Inefficiency of the Nazis". I think one could do quite an interesting piece on how their own records in the Nuremberg trials have shown that Hitler's totalitarian system produced bog after bog on important points. Would you ask Monica if it has any interest?

Strangely enough there is not very much news as I have reading "With a Bare Budha" with also much amusement.

Sweetheart it was absolutely marvellous to have you here and it has been miserable without you to-day. Still you will come again soon or I shall come back for a week end and the trial has only two more months. I pray.

With all the love in the world and a little more for Pam & Mo. With all good wishes for the disappearance of the mumps.

Your very loving

David

**24<sup>th</sup> June**

Monday 9 am

P.S This is just to let you know that it has rained continually since you left. It absolutely poured all yesterday so I was quite content to remain in all day and work on von Neurath.

I hope that darling Mo is better and that you will get back to-day not too tired after your dash to her.

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Once again all my love & good wishes for your journey Pam's dance & Mo's recovery.

D

PPS I return "With a bare budha" "High Barbarice" & xxxxxx

*Darling heart, I am writing in the train returning to London & find I must write to you & have no paper - so forgive this! You are not meant to read it again! I have dealt with it.*

*Mo is really not too bad. The swelling has almost entirely gone & her temperature has been down for 2 days & she was up yesterday.*

*What I really want to say is how wonderful the last 10 days have been. If it were possible it makes me more impatient than ever for a real life - however odd - which we share. I am so awfully glad I heard von Papen - I shall never forget your performance, but even, more impressive than that is the undying affection, love & respect which you have inspired in such an odd assortment of people. I have returned with a real urge to try to show the patience you do - I shall not succeed I know but I shall try.*

*I got onto the 5.25 on Friday with the firm intention of having a read - or even a snooze - & had bought the Dornford Yates book 'Red in the Morning' (which I will send you) in aid of both of these things! However, fate was against it as I ran slap into xx Earnest Atkinson & a socialist war correspondent from the Daily Herald who never drew breadth until we reached Lime Street. I enclose the profit from this doubtful blessing in the form of a slight write up in Ernests article in the Post to-day. He is very anxious to get sent out to do an article in the trial for the Post, but so far can get no interest. I told him to plug his request. I think an article in a Liverpool newspaper would be a good thing for you, as well as the trial.*

*Mo made my return very worth while by a wild welcome, having stayed up until 10pm when I got in. She said, most touchingly 'I love just looking at your face - it makes me feel comfortable inside.' A wonderful graphic remark. I wrote to you at her dictation yesterday & will enclose it in this odd letter*

*If I wait till I get home I will not get this to Lansdown House this afternoon as I mean to do. I might get Thursday's mail.*

*I hope your bad weather is over although it will not have made much difference to this weekend of work.*

*I wish I could go quietly to sleep until the end of August.*

*Darling, again thank you for my lovely visit*

*With all my love*

*Sylvia*

**25<sup>th</sup> June**

*15 North Court  
June 25<sup>th</sup>*

*My own darling*

*After all this will only be a short note as there has been a lot of washing & tidying & John Senter rang & said Freddy was away & he had had flu with nobody to cook for him & I felt bound to ask him to lunch. I have told him your tax position - I forgot to bring the letter - & he will be thinking of ways & means before it arrives*

*Pam greatly enjoyed the Caledonian Ball. She looked very lovely & obviously had a grand party.*

*Mo is really better & can get back by Friday.*

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*I think of you all day cross examining von Neurath. I wish I was there. My happy time seems like a dream.*

*I hope you had a good weekend with the L.C. Anyway the party at Biddles should be good in its way.*

*All my most especial love, darling*

*Sylvia*

**26<sup>th</sup> June**

26.6.46

My dearest and most divine darling,

Thank you again and again for your lovely letter written on the journey from Liverpool. I hope that you really did enjoy yourself half as much as you are sweet enough to say. I wish that I could have had more laid on for you but the visit to the Berchtesgarden will be one more unforgettable shared experience of our lives.

I was extremely glad to hear that Mo's swelling has almost entirely gone and the temperature was remaining down. I did appreciate her sweet letter through you. I do so know the feeling after a temperary illness of not wanting to make an effort. The remarkable thing is that she was so full of sweet thoughts.

I hope that Pam enjoyed the Caledonian Ball. I saw some pictures which looked fun but rather stately.

Well I have finished my cross-examination of defendants. I don't suppose Neurath will arouse much interest, but I got him violently angry and put one of the worst documents of the trial which he admitted that he had sent in to Hitler so I feel I have done my stuff.

How chaps do talk! Still you could not have done Ernest's article more skilfully if you had written it yourself. (Perhaps you did?)

Did I tell you that Winston sent me a plague or plark or placque anyway a sort of medal thing.

On one side

Winston Churchill  
to  
David Maxwell Fyfe

On the other

Salute the glorious coalition  
1940 - 1945

I suppose he sent it to all his ministers. As it is nearest approach to a medal which I have got since I got them in English and Scripture at school it is all to the good.

Darling I am being violently interrupted so I shall bring this letter to a temporary close and send it off with once again oceans of love

Your devoted

David

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26.6.46 ; 9.45 pm

My sweetest heart,

It was wonderful talking to you to-night and excellent to hear that your news was good of Mo.

I am sorry to hear that John Senter has flu but glad that you were able to give him a helping hand. It is tremendously kind of him doing a profile for the Observer. That always has great distinction.

You were very understanding about Neurath. It might easily have been a flop because he is not a personality of very great interest, but it seems to have gone well enough. Goering let out rather a good crack to the psychiatrist, I'm told by the press. He said "Of course I know Sir David's technique now, I can see the way he works up to his point. It was very bad luck on me coming first and being cross-examined before I had a chance to observe."

I must say I take my hat off to the old brigand. He keeps his interest up.

I am rather dreading this weekend with old Bill out here throwing his weight about. I don't want anything from the old bag of bogosity, but I have just a sneaking sort of an idea that I should like to be offered it! However I think that all I am likely to be offered is the privilege of putting up a member of his staff.

Talking of privileges I was rather amused about the Czecho-Slovaks. A week after General Eco had told me that Praha (Czech for Prague) was all blaha in waiting for Sir Hartley Shawcross, he came up to congratulate me on my cross-examination of Neurath, and to tell me that he had written me an official letter of thanks and that the Czech journalists in the Press Room had all gone wild with delight. As you may gather they do not like Neurath. It struck me as a good illustration of the difference between ambition and efficient achievement - and then I realised that I am getting the most dangerous form of conceit which laughs in a kindly way at the vagaries of human nature! The only fortunate fact that remains is that I have honestly not the slightest desire to eat ham in Prague even if the marvellous alternative had not been to be at Berchtesgarden with you

I do wish that you were out here now. It was such tremendous fun being able to exchange thoughts again for a few days. Still the trial is getting into the straight and we shall be able to live normally again.

I could not be more grateful than I am to you for taking so much trouble about the Hornblower and the Dornford Yates.

Again my dearest love, my love

David

P.S I return your enclosure which was of surprising interest!!! D

*15 North Court  
June 26<sup>th</sup>*

*My darling*

*I got a letter from this morning which was a lovely surprise as I was afraid the weather might prevent planes flying to you. It is not as bad here though so I suppose that helps.*

*I think Monica's article sounds inspired. I rang her up & she is delighted. It will not be wanted until August so you will not need to hurry until 'Hartley's' speech is ready. It seems most necessary to get some anti Nazi propaganda about. Everyone seems to have forgotten & coming fresh from all its surroundings as I have done I cannot believe people can forget so fast. We must never look the other way again.*

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*It is obvious that you have done another terrific job in your last cross examination. You are a marvel. I know you must be truly thankful to be through without any sort of anti climax. Now you can rest a little, can't you?*

*Pam has gone to Crofton for an old girls reunion & I have been working domestically - & hating it!*

*I cannot wait long now as I want to catch the bank by 3 o'clock.*

*I am going to have a drink with Pam Harmsworth at 6.30. I do pray you will not pick to-day to ring.*

*I am sorry I could not get the cubricula to go with the other things. I will send it to-day.*

*As you say time is passing & soon we shall see some daylight at the end of this apparently endless year*

*All my love till then*

*Sylvia*

**28<sup>th</sup> June**

15 North Court  
June 28<sup>th</sup>

*My darling*

*I had two 'gorgeous' letters from you to-day. You are sweet & I do wish I was with you, or even better that you were with me.*

*Mo is home & in great spirits. It is heavenly to have her & Ra home. Make a huge difference to the flat.*

*I gave your letter about the tax position to John & he rang to-night to say he thinks the choice of period is alright. He says would you like Barton Mayhews to have a talk with him if they want to as a friend of yours who has seen the letter. It seems a good idea to me.*

*I enclose a most irritating letter from Marcella to which you can give an 'evasive answer' & also one from Moll which is quite sweet & harmless*

*I had to pay 36 to Moons for garage & car repairs, 20 to the Electric Lights Co & 16 - 10 - 0 to Duffin for flat cleaning. I do not mean I want money yet but I like to keep you informed of big things. There is also a gentlemanly reminder of 108.0.0 for the rent from Benson Greenall. There should be no hurry for this I should think.*

*I am lunching with 'Sink' on Monday. He said the L.C. had put off his visit. I wonder if he had got it right, as it is a really astonishing performance after so much flap. I can't believe it, in fact.*

*I am thinking of you tonight dining at Biddles. I would give a lot to be in that unreal but stimulating atmosphere with you. Battling with my boredom here is my greatest difficulty.*

*I am taking Mary & Beatrice Gilpin to a theatre with Pam on Tuesday. They were so good that I feel I must do some slight return.!, Another thing - about the Garden Party. Gilbert has sent me a copy of his letter to you in which he says 'her ladyship wants to go.' This, as you have guessed - is a slight overstatement! What her ladyship said was 'if it is a command I will go alone, but could you find out!' Slightly different I feel! However I will bravely buy a hat & make the grade in my own if needs be.*

*I hope Susan Phillimore got your books to you. She seemed a bit worried by the thought of the journey, but was looking most attractive I thought & is doubtless loving herself now.*

*I shall look forward to getting a letter through John & shall write another to come back with him.*

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*All my love, dear heart & may the last lap go quickly*

*Sylvia*

*Have you got your civilian identity card? I want it for your new ration book.*

**29<sup>th</sup> June**

Saturday(29/6/46)

My dearest Darling,

This is just a note to thank you most tremendously for the two books the Hornblower and the Dornford Yates. I began the Hornblower last night with intense pleasure.

I am so glad that Pam enjoyed the Caledonian Ball. I wish I could have seen her going to it. I hope the Crofton visit went well.

I have got Sir Henry Bodeley staying with me. He is only 72 but very sprightly. He is Clerk of the House of Lords. The Jowitts are so far behaving quite well. They went to Burkitts last night. I was at Biddles so I did not meet them. I am not heart-broken. He has not, thank heaven, said anything about the judiciary so that problem will not arise.

I am glad that Monica thinks that the idea of an article on the Inefficiency of Nazism would be of some use to her.

The Laurences and the Burketts are giving a supper and dance for the Jowetts tonight. I should give anything to side-step it. However I must take old Bodeley. I have also got to take the old charmer to Rotesbury this afternoon. Quelle vie!

I hope that Mo got the PX. There are all sorts of stories about the PX being impounded for purchase tax (?) - as if there was too much found in England!

With any luck we should start the formal speeches on Monday and at the latest Tuesday. It seems too wonderful to believe that we are getting into the straight. We are trying to get a first draft into the final speech to Hartley at the end of next week after discussing it with him on Monday.

Here's to normal life again. Once more all my love and a kiss to Pam and Mo

Your devoted

David

I gather Gilbert has left (you) in lurch about the Garden Party. I have accepted for you and I hope that you enjoy it.

Again my love

D

**30<sup>th</sup> June**

Sunday 4.10

My sweetest angel,

I have just had the nicest delightful surprise by getting your beautiful long letter of 28<sup>th</sup> June. Having had that lovely talk with you this morning I thought that I had had my niceness for the day and was correspondingly delighted to get your letter.

I am so glad that Mo is back and in good form, I know just how you must feel about her and Ra in the flat.

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I shall see what can be done about Marcella's Bugger. It is rather complicated getting foreigners in. I think that Jackson or his son received the Order of the Silver Halibut from the Queen of Holland so he might be prepared to do something.

I have not heard from Barton Mayhews. When I hear from them I shall send their letter to John, and they can have a word unless the matter is beyond doubt. It is awfully good of him being so ready to help.

Despite your kind assurance I think the time has come for another £100. I enclose a cheque for that amount and also a cheque for £108-5-0 for the rent.

As you may have gathered Bill did not put off his visit. He was very nice to me - quite the old friend. He did not make any offer so I think we can write off that particular difficulty - and most others that involve people offering us things. I gather however - which is far nicer - that everyone was very pleasant about me to him. Sir Henry ("Jack") Badeley was really charming. I took him to Rothenberg yesterday and he was delighted.

I shall think of you and Pam with the Gilps at the theatre on Tuesday and shall be interested to learn what you saw.

I was a trifle overpowered by your keenness for the Garden Party. I am afraid, however, that you ought to make the supine if not supreme sacrifice. It is a command. I think I told you I have sent a refusal for me and acceptance for you. I hope that you meet Jack Eldon or somebody nice. On second thoughts I have added £25 to the cheque in case you might like a new dress. This is not your birthday present although the dates are the same!

I enjoyed the Hornblower very much and shall begin the D Yates shortly.

I also enclose the civilian identity card.

My cold has practically gone. A violent treatment with aspirin, hot whisky, binerva, iron, vick drops together with a little Kruschen and a xxxxxxxx xxxxx xxxxx Jack Badeley gave me worked wonders. The old Fyfe trick of fighting it early with everything but the kitchen store!

Badeley went at 1.45 and I have had a marvellous solitary afternoon on the verandah in the sun.

Once again a million thanks for your letter which has made me feel a new man.

With love to Pam & Mo and oceans to yourself

Your very loving

David

P.S On third thoughts I have made the cheque for £150 so that you may buy something really nice for your birthday if possible a garden party dress which would be nice for the evenings also. I shall wish you many happy returns again but the love and thoughts are always the same. D