

11002372. Cpl. Sutter. &

In Transit.

Saturday Mar 16.

No 92.

Stello Darling.

At last I can give you  
some definite news. This morning  
we were given our draft and  
ship no. The ship is supposed  
to be the "Orion" that's the one  
I came over on from Liverpool to  
Durban. The boat is sailing on  
the 21st so I should be home  
just about the 10th of April -  
I'm sorry I couldn't make it  
by the end of this month Darling  
I'm afraid it is going to be

rather awkward as it is, we shall probably be going away right on the Easter weekend.

I'm sorry I can't give you any definite date of arrival, I only wish I could as I know how much easier it would be for you if you knew, I think you can take the 10th as the latest date tho' that allows for twenty days sailing and the Orion is a pretty fast boat, she did the trip in 14 days once.

We are expecting to move from here on the 19th or 20th so

in the next day or so we may  
get to know more about the  
trip, any way I will write again  
before we leave here whether  
there is any more news or not.

In an guard tomorrow night so  
I shall have time to write then  
I expect. Till then,

Goodnight Darling  
Keep smiling, it won't be long  
now.

All my love, Your own Lesa.  
xxx xxx





1100272 of Sutton.  
H.M.T. ORION.  
Bangkok.  
March 20.

Hallo Darling

We got on board just  
after tea this evening and  
since then we have been getting  
and bit straightened out.

Since we came on board  
I have spoken to several chaps  
who have been on here some  
days coming up from Colombo  
and they ~~also~~ say that  
we are not expected in at

Liverpool until the 10 of April  
so please don't be disappointed  
if I don't arrive by the 6th  
as I said last night.

We are supposed to pull  
out from here about midday  
tomorrow - I shan't be at all  
sorry when we do either.

I'm sorry about all these  
little short notes Darling but  
there just isn't time for more  
now, this by the way, will be  
the last.

Goodnight my Darling  
I'll be with you soon.

Your Own Lissa xxx nxx. nxx





Uanya  
(Boat Boy).

Brooks.

(Anybody's Boy)

Me. Mulla. Babaji  
(my "Boy") (Cook)





Surname SUTTON  
Initials L. G.  
Army No. 11002372

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# SOLDIER'S RELEASE BOOK

## CLASS "A"

### CLOTHING COUPONS & RATION BOOK

These are NOT issued by the  
Dispersal Unit. They may be  
obtained by presenting your  
Release Book at the Local  
Food Office.

Any person finding this Book is  
requested to hand it in to any  
Barracks, Post Office, or Police  
Station, for transmission to the  
Under Secretary of State, The  
War Office, London, S.W.1.

This book must be presented at the Post Office whenever  
you cash a postal draft or one of the drafts in your  
payment book, to enable the Post Office official to record the  
date of payment on the inside page of the front cover.

PART I  
INSTRUCTIONS TO RELEASED PERSON  
MEDICAL TREATMENT AFTER LEAVING MILITARY DISPERSAL UNIT

You are now entitled to medical benefit under the National Health Insurance Act, and a medical card telling you how to get treatment will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Medical benefit includes free treatment from an insurance doctor at his surgery, and if your condition requires it, at your home, and free medicine.

If you go back to live in your old district and had an insurance doctor before you joined up you will be restored to his list if he is still in practice himself or by deputy.

If you fall ill before the medical card comes, fill in the application below and hand this book to your previous insurance doctor (or, if absent, his deputy). If you did not have an insurance doctor before you joined up or if you go to live in another part of the country, apply to any insurance doctor. You can see a list of insurance doctors at the local Post Office.

Do not detach the form from the book. The doctor will do this.

PART II—TO BE COMPLETED IN UNIT

Form Med. 50A.

Rank W/COL. Number 11002372  
Initials A. G. Surname (Block Letters) SUTTON  
Date of Birth 1 Jan 1921 Sex MALE (If a married woman, state maiden name)



The above-named individual left this Military Dispersal Unit on the date in the stamp opposite.

PART III

Available for three months from date of leaving Military Dispersal Unit.

To be completed by released person ONLY if needing medical treatment before a medical card is received.

I have NOT received a medical card since leaving the Military Dispersal Unit and I hereby apply for a medical card to be issued to me.

Delete as may be necessary ( I was on the list of Dr. .... immediately before I was mobilised or called up for service.  
I was not on the list of a doctor in the district where I am now, and I desire to be placed on the list of. ....  
(Insert name of doctor or approved institution.)

My present address is .....

Do you intend to leave this district within three months from the date hereof? If so when? .....

Name of Approved Society\* (if any) .....  
(If a deposit contributor write "D.C.")  
Name of Branch (if any) of Society .....  
Membership number .....

(Signature of released individual.)

Date ..... if seen, insured, an Approved Society during service, your

11002372. Bdr Sutter. L.S.  
15<sup>th</sup> Indian Coast Bty. I.A.M.  
India Command.

Wednesday 16. May.

My Darling      It's a week now since the  
surrender of Germany was announced and  
although, at the time, I wanted to write to  
you, and there was so much I wanted to  
say, this is the first chance I have had.

Since last Sunday week,  
when it was announced on the radio  
that, the surrender of Germany could  
be expected any day now, things have  
been very unsettled here. When we  
heard that first announcement we  
were all a little bit excited and we  
hardly missed hearing one news

broadcast and as the hours and days went on we got more excited, not in a boisterous way but inwardly excited, until at last the news came over and then a few hours later we heard Churchill's speech. I was on guard that night but I got permission to go down to our mess tent to hear the Prime Minister speak. When he had finished and we, at last, knew that the war with Germany was all over, we just looked round at each other as if to say 'Well, that's all over, and I stood up and said "Goodnight" and went back to the guard. Since then there has been no great show of excitement but a peculiar sense of unrest as tho'

we are all waiting for something, knowing not what it is but everyone of us has a feeling that we are awaiting something. I don't know what it is, you'll probably think the sun has got me when you read this but there is something which I can't define, something I can't describe in mere word in ink on paper. Perhaps it's because we have been waiting for this <sup>for</sup> nearly six years and now it has come at a time when actually it means very little to each of us, personally, at the moment. It may have been totally different if we had been in England or even with an English unit. and here

where there would have been an extra  
beer ration and half the unit would  
have been not a little unsteady and  
the whole would have been really  
gay, probably singing and dancing most  
of the night, we should have had  
two gloriously gay days holidays and  
then gone back to work after, feeling  
quite pleased with the world in  
general. You will ~~with~~ probably wonder  
how I can talk like this, after such a  
wonderful thing as peace has come  
to our country, and think that we  
should be very, very, thankful that  
peace has at last come, but we  
are thankful everyone of us is I am

sure very thankful in the knowledge  
that at last our people at home  
and every one else concerned in the  
brutal war in Europe can at last  
sleep peacefully at night safe from  
the fear, no not fear, the threat that  
has been hanging over their heads  
for nearly six years. Oh! it's no  
good going on like this, I'm sorry  
Darling that I can't describe better  
what the surrender of Germany has  
meant to us out here. I just can't  
get it right in my own head  
so it's useless to try and put it  
on paper. Although I can't even

write a couple of pages to you on  
the peace celebrations here I am very  
anxious Darling to hear from you to  
see what it was like at home. Two  
days ago I had your letter written on  
the seventh so perhaps I shall hear  
from you tomorrow. I have had  
quite a lot of letters from you  
lately, within the last week or so,  
and I now have a pile of them to  
answer, I'm hopelessly behind with  
all my mail. I've lost all  
count of the number of my letters  
to you, I can't even remember when  
exactly I wrote the last one. I'm  
so sorry it has been like this Darling

I know ~~so~~<sup>how</sup> much you look forward to these letters. I must try and make more time for letter writing.

Before I close I must just answer two or three questions I know you have asked me several times.

There is one question you have asked and your Mother also asked me in that letter of yours in which she wrote a page some weeks ago, 'if by did Lon, when he was on leave, tell Mum & Dad that they could expect me home any time before next August?' I'm afraid I've got no proper answer to that.

I've asked Tom but he can't remember  
ever telling them that or even  
think why he should tell them. In the  
excitement of having leave at home it  
is quite easy to understand that he  
should forget it tho'.

I'm sorry you haven't received the  
letter in which I told you that I received  
the pipe, thank you ever so much for  
it Darling, it is a very nice one, I never  
thought that such pipes were obtainable  
in England now, I only hope I didn't  
give you too much trouble in asking  
for it. There was something else I'd

meant to answer but it has  
gone clean out of my head.

I am on guard again tomorrow  
night and I'll try and write again  
then. For now Goodnight Dearest,  
God bless you and keep you safe for  
me, I love you so much Darling.

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Your love Lester. xxx. xxx.

P.s. Because it is so long since I last wrote  
here is one more - x. Goodnight.

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