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S/207198 Sgt. B. E. Tagg.
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Wednesday 9 May 1945.

My dearest Joan,

Well my darling, it's
over at long last. Thank God.
Today is VE Day for the troops
out here and a holiday. Actually
the first we knew of the total
capitulation of Germany was the
unconfirmed report at three o'clock
Monday afternoon but of course
the official announcement was
awaited before declaring V.E. Day.

It's surprising darling
how quietly this marvellous
news has been taken by the
troops out here on the whole.

Everyone is naturally very thankful and very elated but there have been no wild mass celebrations. Celebrations have been very quiet, and though there has been plenty of wine and beer flowing there has not been the number of "drunks" as one might expect. For five years now whenever peace was spoken of, practically everyone would say, "I shall be as drunk as a lord that day" or words to that effect. and it's surprising to see how few actually are, now that that day is here.

I haven't been into Athens since Monday evening so I don't know how the news was celebrated there. At six o'clock in the morning

yesterday, Tuesday, the Greeks went mad. Hookers, air raid sirens, ships' sirens were sounded, guns were fired. The din was terrific and went on for three quarters of an hour. It sounded more like the start of a war than the finish.

I bet London went mad, didn't it darling? I wish I could have been there. How drunk did you get darling?

This morning all troops attended Thanksgiving services here. Tonight all cafes & restaurants are open until one o'clock in the morning and the curfew has been lifted. I expect there will be some wild celebrations in Athens tonight.

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Now that it is all over
darling we can look forward
to the day when we shall
together again, with more
certainty. Providing that the
War Ministry get cracking with
their promised plans for
demobilisation and reduction of
length of service overseas, I think
that there is every possibility
that we shall be able to
spend the summer holidays
together. If I am not home
for good (and I don't think that

is possible) I ² should be home
~~be home~~ on leave. I hope.

That is the day I am
waiting for darling. The day
when I can once again hold
you in my arms and tell
you how much I love you.

I wonder how quick or how
slow demobilisation will be.
darling. Quite honestly darling,
and without wishing to dishearten
you, I think it will be between
9-12 months before my group
is released (my group being 25).
This time next year I should
be back in civies or at least
expecting to be very soon.

From now onwards I intend
to spend as much time as
possible studying, so that when

I do return to civvy life
 I shall be able to hold my own.
 I have already applied for a
 course in Accountancy. I am
 awaiting a reply to my letter
 to my old firm also. I wrote
 and asked them for particulars
 of their plans for reinstatement
 of pre-war employees

I must say goodbye for
 today my dearest, hoping that
 before very long I shall be
 saying "Hullo."

God bless you my darling and
 keep you safe and in good health.

With ALL my love,

Forever yours,

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