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CHRISTMAS



GREETINGS

FROM: F/O F.M. BENITZ, R.C.A.F.
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Dear Margaret:

It was grand hearing from you today. I'm sorry to hear that your train was late. Jake & I went down to London again last Friday night & came back on Sunday. I spent most of Saturday chasing around trying to get my passport fixed up & ended up by not getting it! I hope that it will arrive in Larnamba! I hope that it will arrive in Canada O.K. — This — pen is definitely up/s — but having no other I'm forced to struggle with it!

The trip to Buckingham Palace was grand; the King was in very good form, & asked me several questions — They gave us the gen in the ante. Room before hand & I damn nearly collapsed after the guy had gone through the procedure & ended up by saying — don't worry as you will see what the fellow ahead of you does, & then he called my name to go first! However it turned out

Merry
Christmas

Washington, D.C.

Dear Margaret

It was grand having you
here today. I'm trying to see that you
have a good time. I went down to
London again last Friday night & came
back on Saturday. I spent most of Saturday
trying to get my baggage
fixed up & packed up by 10 o'clock.
I hope that it will be all right.
The train was packed to
London. OK. — but having no other
choice with it. I'm going to
the trip to Washington. I'm
very glad to see you in
London. — I'm glad to
see you in the new room before hand &
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to be much quicker & easier than I'd expected. We waited for the rest of the decorations after we had gone up for ours & it took nearly 2 1/2 hours. The thing must have been a bit done in after doing about 350 or 400. Moll & Margory came to support me - I wish you could have come too - We found Algy, Bibby & George Daly outside when we came away. Both Algy & Bibby exactly the same as before. They went down to the Trials for three days & I saw them again on Sunday.

On Sunday I met an amazing amount of Argentinos at the Club - Tom Williams from 'La Estrella' near us now a pilot in ATA, Eric Buckley, Algy Bibby, Ken Charney & two other Norwegians. Also Gerald Schiele, ~~the~~ Ray Cameron & a crowd of others - George Daly is joining the F. Air Arm as a Flight Control Officer. I should think he'll do damn well at it.

Binks & Bill brought Michael Martin up to town for four days - The poor brat has got to put up with me as godfather! The first time I saw him I had just got out of bed with a godawful hangover & breathed alcohol fumes over him - so I'm afraid I've started him on the downward track already - or else he'll probably be a confirmed T.T.!

I hate these pools but luckily
haven't stayed long - Several of our
gang from Italy are here & we had
a mild celebration last night.

Bags of forms to fill in &
parades - Panamba!

Well Margaret - it was colossal
seeing you again after so long, & its
grand seeing you looking so fit, I'm
looking forward to our next encounter
& may it not be very far off! It's
a pity about this Christmas but I
feel this opportunity of going home is
one to make the most of as it will
probably be the only one going for me
for a while.

All the very best & a very
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to
you - I'll be thinking of you. I
wonder whether your ears are burning these
days?!

Best love & a big hug

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Malcolm.