

Scampton

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My dear Jimmie

The letter you wrote on
the 7th and sent by Air
France arrived this

morning. 10 days is pretty
good going for a letter these
days, isn't it?

Vera is at The Firs, Beck Hole,
Goathland, Yorkshire, and

I am sending it on to her.

I think Harry has a house
or a flat at Parkstone and
Alpin is at the Ministry.

I don't know what to do
about Jimmie. A short
service commission is
absolutely no good to him,
he will be quite useless to
himself at the end of his

Service because there will be no job waiting for him in Civil Aviation — all the jobs will be taken by people who are done out now, but have been kept on on account of the war, and they will be far more experienced than Jimmie will be, because they will have had 4 years start over him.

When Cranwell opens again as a Cadet College, he will be too old.

He might like to risk a short service commission, hoping to specialise in Ordnance, Wireless, Navigation, Languages or some such subject, and hoping to be given a Permanent

commission on the strength of his brothers having them.

I am writing to Alpin who is more or less at the hub of things to see if he can discover what the Policy is with regard to commissions.

At the moment, a boy can get a permanent commission if he specialises, but if a lot of people are turned out at the end of the war, they may even turn out people who have specialised, and I don't know how one is to find out definitely what is to be the Policy at the end of another 2 or 3 years, if the war lasts that long!!

Jimmie could come over, do 4 years, & go back to his

accountancy job if there are
vacancies there.

I am so glad to hear Daddy is
playing golf again.

I remember Juan + Luciano
quite well — what is Justo
doing?

I go up to Yorkshire to see V
for 48 hours once a fortnight.

Our spirits were frightfully
damped last week end
because she thought she was
in for another spell of

nursing, but everything turned
out all right on the last day,
and the gloom was dispelled!!

That sort of thing would be an
awful problem to cope with just
now, when we are settling
straight financially.

With all my love to you
all.

Percy

shell of
anything horned
the last day.

was C. Q. M. U. was dishelled!!

San Juan - q would be an
cope with just

Buenos Air getting

South America.