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Letters

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Dear Suey.

8/2/16

Dearest

It is just 7 o'clock and we expect to reach Suey at 11 tonight. I do not think I can give you much news as I have told the boys all. The Ship's Adjutant has just told me that I have done my work well and he is going to forward a report to Head Quarters, Freetown and hopes it will give me a push up the ladder. Did you get my letter posted on board this ship containing 2 sovereigns & 2 half sovereigns. I know it was a risky thing to do, but I thought it would be a little surprise. Dearie I have not & will not forget our marriage anniversary & the children's birthdays or your birthday and I am thinking of you chum and wondering, but I know you are here & will bear it all as a soldier's wife should.

this is about the last few hours I will have to myself for a fortnight but I will write to you every opportunity and if letters do not come regular you will not worry. how I am longing for your first letter to hear how you are all.

If I have the chance I will write a few lines in the morning. this letter is going back with the ship (Privates) also a parcel contains a brush & my safety razor. also a Stick & Ceylon Soap. use the soap.

I send you all my love dear kisses from your Loving Husband & Barry Norton.

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I have wanted you for years & I am I Locusts in bottle of Spirits. They came on board by hundreds as we came up the Red Sea. They flew from Egypt. you have read in the Bible of Locusts & Wild Honey.

10:30 PM Suez lights are a head & we are just dropping anchor. X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X

get Uncle. George to seal up. Bottle of locusts. and they will keep.

Near Suez
8/2/16

Dearest

It is just 7 o'clock & we expect to reach Suez at 11 tonight. I do not think I can give you much news as I have told the bairns all.

The ships Adjutant has just told me that I have done my work well and he is going to forward a report to Head Quarters Zeetoun and hopes it will give me a push up the ladder.

Did you get my letter posted on board this ship containing 2 sovereigns & 2 ½ sovereigns. I know it was a risky thing to do but I thought it would be a little surprise.

Dearie I have not & will not forget our marriage anniversary & the children's birthdays, or your birthday and I am thinking of you chum, and wondering but I know you are brave & will bear it all as a soldier's wife should.

This is about the last few hours I will have to myself for a fortnight, but I will write to you every opportunity and if letters do not come regular you will not worry.

Know I am longing for your first letter to hear how you are all. If I have the chance I will write a few lines in the morning. This letter is going back with the ship (privately)

Also a parcel containing a brush & my safety razor, also a stick scented soap. Use the soap.

I send you all my love dear & kisses from your Loving Husband.

Harry Norton

X X X X X

I have posted you for Jean & Leonard 2 Locusts in bottle of spirits. They came on board in hundreds as we came up the Red Sea. They flew from Egypt. You have read in the bible of Locusts & Wild Honey.

10 p.m.

Suez lights are ahead & we are just dropping anchor.

X X X X X

Get Uncle George to seal up bottle of locusts & they will keep.