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Dear Cousin Rose,

You will be pleased to hear that I was married on 31st May, & was allowed special leave to have a week's honeymoon in Devon. The weather was wonderful & Cis & I had a great time.

The wedding was very quiet, and although I was not certain of the date until 2 days beforehand many friends & most relatives turned up; & the 2 families had a small dinner to celebrate the occasion.

I have practically finished my training and after a few weeks up here in Scotland, I expect to be stationed at a squadron nearer London. I shall be on the big 4 engine bombers making those big raids on Germany. I like the life and at the moment am a Sergeant Observer, specialising in Bombing.

All my family are well & conditions here are very good in spite of rationing & we have been free from air-raids for a long time - & now it is Germany's turn. We are very optimistic & it won't be long before we gain victory & peace.

My friend Simon Clayton is now in the U.S. Army & likes the life. My cousin Mickey is going to be trained abroad as an Observer, & it might possibly be in America. I will let you know if he does, & will send you a photograph of the wedding group - if the snaps turn out OK.

I hope that you are well and all my cousins in Philadelphia, & should like to hear from you one day.

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My wife has left the Red Cross & is waiting to be called up as an Air Force nurse (a W.A.A.F.). She did this in order to have her leave at the same time as mine, which is allowed, when husband & wife are in the same Service.

At the moment we have no home of our own but intend to have at least a couple of rooms or small flat, where we can go when we have leave.

I still remember the happy time I had in America & your hospitality. Perhaps you will come over here after the War & I hope I shall be in a position to give you as warm a welcome.

I hope that Phil's leg is quite normal now and that business is good. I don't know whether I shall ever go back to insurance again. It depends on how far I progress in the Air Force, as I like flying and an airman's life. There is a big future in the air, & I should have a good chance in the re-organisation of regular services.

Please give my best regards to your sisters & their families & to your mother. My parents were pleased to hear that she was well.

Goodbye for the present. My wife joins me in wishing you the best success in future, & thanks you for making me at home when I visited you

Your cousin Archie

