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DATE: 7/May/44

SENDER'S ADDRESS: Lieut A.D. Martin
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My dearest Betty,

Very many thanks for your extremely welcome Airgraph of 17/April which arrived yesterday.

I was frightfully sorry to hear that you had had the misfortune to have a serious fire in your lovely new Home but was very relieved to hear that none of you got hurt. Do hope you & K did not lose too many of your treasures?

Glad to hear you approved of the idea of the parcel of linen for Colette - I do hope it arrives safely and that Colette likes the colour.

I have been bothered lately with bad prickly heat & foot trouble so expect to leave in a week's time for a short spell in the hills - best cure of all.

When I was down in Durban on my last leave with Dad I renewed acquaintance with a charming girl I'd met in the old days in Beira - Sheila Sutton by name - and fell in love with her but would not say anything until I saw whether it would last - well it has and we are now un-officially engaged but if all goes well will get married immediately after this damned war's over - Dad has met her recently and thinks her charming, and very sensible & good looking - I will send you a snapshot and you can judge for yourself - I have asked Dad to let her know should I fail to come through this next show. Sheila is South African born of English & Swedish parents age 28 - both her parents have died but she has one married brother living in Capetown - She has been working for some years with an old commercial firm in Durban. Yes Betty I think that at last I have met the ideal partner - she really is lovely in all ways and I know you will like her if ever we come home after the war. Should you find time to write her a few lines the address is as follows:-
Sheila Sutton, P.O. Box 964 Durban. S. Africa.

Very busy these days as I am sure you all are at Home - Heaps of Love and Good Wishes to you all at Home - Affectionately,

Alan
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