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10 JUNE  
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No 772473

L/Bar Enoch. J.

P/O Betheny

No 7 Subsection

1st. Regiment

R. A. A.

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British Expeditionary Force

THE DAY  
Address ~~Reported~~  
Prisoner of War

Wembley, 2724

~~The Dutch House,~~  
~~Empire Way,~~  
Wembley.

The Roebuck Hotel

Loych Cross Forest Row 7/6/40

My dear Joe

You will remember this place at the Forest Row  
End of Ashdown on the main road to Eastbourne.  
I often thought, in passing that it looked rather nice  
So came down to try it & am staying for a few  
days as the weather is good. Have been lying out  
in the heather, sunbathing, & the smell of the pines  
is very pleasant. Except for a good deal of military  
movement, passing now & then it is very quiet &  
peaceful. Have been watching a pair of butcher birds  
but did not manage to locate the nest - too cozy no  
doubt. The hotel is something like the Felbridge &  
was organised by the same man who is an architect.  
But the gardens here are really a wonder. The lawn  
folds away to the front from the front of the hotel to  
the back of a plot of about 10 acres & the gardens are

a delight. Well arranged with terraces <sup>pools</sup> & streams  
& then further back large vegetable gardens. The  
rocked terraces are just a blaze of flowers just now  
& many water lilies just coming out. I was on phone  
with Mr Popel at 1 Barnhill Rd & glad to know that mother  
was fairly. But she is feeling the strain of things, very  
freshly & in her last letter says she does not look at the  
morning paper now.

10/4/40 N. (at Parkes Eastbourne). Had to give Parkie  
& Taylor a hand in the arrangements for moving the  
works (airplane parts) from Eastbourne to East  
Grinstead where the Cantslope Rd Garage is now  
being equipped with Capstans, millers & roll that  
work of P.P. Co concentrated. Took a house in E.G.  
for the Staff of 18 to live in, as a kind of club. Spent  
the week end with the Parkies & may be going home  
today but shall see the letters first. Had a nice  
little meeting in the new meeting house in Wink Rd  
yesterday morning & many thoughts of you & our  
last meeting together in Cornwall. Best love my dear  
& all hoping for better times. Yours Dad

From A. G. Crook.

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