

O/S for Bailey
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M.I.S.

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c/o G.P.O.

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Dear Mother,

I am afraid that it has been nearly a week since I wrote to you. I ~~have~~ received a letter from Dad yesterday and believe I have had one from you since I wrote last. Just lately I don't know whether I am standing on my head or my feet most of the time. I have very little time to write letters and there is very little to put in them anyway. One item of interest is that the Prime Minister has been up here. He made a speech saying that the destroyers were doing all the dirty work in the war and all his audience agreed with him.

I have been here nearly 3 weeks

now but so used have I become to
changing my habitat that it seems
like 30 years. There has come out a
list of wards for an action in which
the "Harris" took part. The Captain gets
the D.S.O. 2 Officers the D.S.C. and
two others mentioned in despatches. 5
ratings get the D.S.M. and 4 have
mentioned in despatches.

I have just received a copy
of the ship's magazine entitled "The Buzz".
This is quite good as such things go.
They are very talented people on the
ship. For example we have an ex
University student who fought for
the International Brigade in Spain, two
professional actors, and the usual
collection of men with degrees.

I have just had another
letter from Ben Hooker in which he

seems to be settling down to Army
life. He has got past the initial
period of exasperation and now
just sits back and allows himself
to be amused by the games which
they play. I reached the second stage
many hours ago and have even
begun to operate in the great
as game of Middle.

Yours
Frank.