

150, Kensington Park Rd,

London N.W.11.

My dear Mother and Dad, Friday night & Sat. morning.

I am not very sure what I have told you and what I haven't - in my hurried notes, but I will attempt to give you a fairly coherent idea of what has been happening.

Immediately on arriving at Custon, I cloak-roomed my bag and toolled off for South Ken.

Arriving there, I went to see Sir Richard Glazebrook, and my programme for the evening session was tentatively arranged.

I lunched at the 'Kingsley' with Auntie Edith, got my bag up to Uncle Loo's, met Auntie at the Strand Palace, and we came up to see this house.

I arranged to come in on the following (Thursday) night, and slept at Uncle Loo's after supping (+ Worthington) on my own.

On Thursday, I interviewed Dr A.S. Sutton Pippard. He's a very bright young spark and advised me to think about a D.I.C and a F.D (of which more anon)

Both these degrees, he said, would however, require $\frac{1}{2}$ years work, while I must register immediately.

He sent me to Mr Roebuck (Ass't Registrar) who in turn sent me to a

Mr Watson (a University of London official).
This man gave me a registration form for
Ph.D which has to be dealt with by
Sir Dick.

I saw the letter again to-day, and he
is quite keen that I should do as I
want, so that I am ~~now~~ eligible, when
June 1924 arrives, if I can do the
necessary work (I do it well enough) for

① a D.I.C. — Diploma of the Imp. Coll.

② a Ph.D — Doctor of Philosophy.

So your hopeful son and heir might be
Dr. H. Roebell Cox in less than two calendar
years hence.

Incidentally, one of my fellow-students
is a Doctor of Science. He's about 35 yrs old
and is one of a ~~unit~~ of Royal Air
Force men, the rest of whom (I believe)
have Cambridge B.A.'s (not a very hot degree).

There are in addition, two Brazilian
naval aviators, and the average age of
the whole bundle is about 27 yrs, ranging
as it does from 20 (that's me, one more the Gate)
to 35 (that's Bailey, the D.Sc.)

So you see that yours truly is
up against a hot lot.

There are two Egyptians in their second
year here; doing beach, you know, like
I shall have to do next year. They are
after the Ph.D. Decent fellows, too; I

was at the Royal Aero. Soc. lecture last night with them (on Thursday, that is). Our Aerodynamics Professor, L. Bairdow, was the lecturer.

Bairdow I shall have little to do with until next year. I have to do some advanced maths. before I can take his course of Aerodynamics. He is very advanced and very mathematical.

I am doing this maths under Professor Levy at the Royal College of Science.

This house is jolly comfortable, and Mr. Bull ~~gives me~~ has just given me a huge dinner cooked top-hole. Had bacon & fried egg this morning. O.K.

At time of writing, I don't know whether anything apart from the Mac. parcel has been sent, but you might send all the books sooner or later, in batches, if you like.

What must I do about washing?

I look like being frightfully busy, at any rate to begin with.

The Aeronautics Dept. is extremely comfortable and all the Profs. and Lecturers are extremely nice men.

Give my love to Grandma & Grandpa and Grandma stem & Auntie Edith if and when you see them and to any other members of the family

you may drop across.

I don't think I have omitted anything of importance, but it's not easy to remember every thing at once.

Anyway, write and tell me, both of you, how you are keeping.

Hope you are better than you were.

Bags of Love

Your son

Harold



Still smiling

Sat.

Have just received your letter dated Oct. 6th. As you say, it would be foolish for you to come to Town yet. I'm not than alright here. M^{rs} B does me very well.

When the initial expenses such as the Registration Fee I spoke of, College Fee, Books etc have been dealt with, I shall be able to live very economically.

You wouldn't think it, but the biggest item next to luncheons, is Bus fares. Compared with Bham tram fares they're exorbitant.

I can lunch at about 13/- per week.

It's all according to where I go and what I do, but Bus fares can easily be 6/- a week.

When settled, if I have any time left I might earn a bit.

Yrs Harold