

3

you get the same awful feeling just when you take off & fall through nothing. I made two good shops and felt like a million dollars after it was over!

We are jumping from an aircraft tomorrow if the weather is alright.

Well, we are all full of talk about our experiences. Some lads got a bit tied up in their rigging lines & others did a few somersaults before their chutes opened but there were no accidents & no one refused to jump although when we get aircraft jumping it takes more nerve than ever to shove off. That is the only rotten part about it but you must agree that it is a very unusual thing to do to step off of a nice safe aircraft into space, with the chance of hitting a tree or crashing heavily on the deck. Even the most experienced men

2084050 Bch. A.G. Towler,
"B" Camp
Attached R.A.F.

Ringway
Manchester.

Saturday. 24th Oct.

Dear Irene,

Thanks for your letter. It was sent on to me from Chestfield & arrived yesterday evening. We are at the aerodrome now with the R.A.F. as I said in my letter to Mother and are having a wonderful time. I made two parachute jumps this morning and we are all lying on our backs ^{now} as there is nothing on until 5.30 parade & we feel pretty tired having been up very early.

We dropped from a balloon. It was the most marvellous thrill of a life-time but it takes all the strength & nerve you've got to take off. It's alright watching