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Announcement of new programme of Sundays, 19.30 BST - Forces/Sunday Letter Box.

Just to give you an idea of what surprises may be waiting for you in the Forces Sunday Letter Box, there is a recording made today with one of the British airmen shot down during Tuesday night's raid on Berlin.

(Recording begins: somewhat indistinct throughout).

Hullo, sit down. (Sound of chair being drawn up, presumably). Suppose you're quite glad to be alive....

Yes.

Anything happened, any wounds or any (two words)?

No.

You came down quite safely? Didn't even sprain your ankle?

No.

Fine, well you were lucky, (They didn't all get out). Were the crew of your plane saved or were....

(Airman interrupts with indistinct reply, referring to "one of them")

I see. (Few indistinct words exchanged, including name of pilot, Parsons. I see you're the gunner of Parson's aircraft. Were you one of the rear gunners?)

Yes.

(one word). And you got out well. That's fine. And your name and your service number.

Sgt. Humphreys. (spelt and repeated by interlocutor), 1622145 (repeated). Care to give your home address?

Yes.

Yes, and what is it?

Bronant, Eden Avenue. (Names spelt)

Like Anthony Eden.

Yes, Eden Avenue, Prestatyn.

How do you spell that? (Spelt and repeated. Interlocutor finds it difficult to spell.) Where is that?

North Wales.

I thought it was. All these names are Welsh that are hard to spell.

It is a Welsh name I suppose.

Yes, it is a Welsh name, Prestatyn.

...English name.

English name?

Oh well, just the same as Preston.

Yes Preston. But Prestatyn seems to me to be very un-English. But of course I'm no judge I'm afraid. I was born in Scotland.

/(M.N. Interlocutor's