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Dear all,

Sorry I have not written sooner, but there has been an awful lot to do here so far. I arrived in good time on Monday last on the same train as about 20 others on the same course. First impressions of the place were not good. After being kept waiting nearly an hour for the BBC bus which was supposed to meet us, we were shown to a long narrow hut which contained about 20 bedrooms. These are new, but very shoddy. The walls are fibre board and paper strips, and each room has two minute beds, two small tables with lamps, two wardrobes and a washbasin. These rooms are quite homely now we've put up pictures, etc. and are centrally heated.

The rest of the establishment is arranged in huts around an old mansion house, and is rather like an air base — altogether a bit of a hole!

One of the people on another course is John Barker who was at the Tech. when I was, so we have made arrangements to come home for weekends in his

car. (he lives in Guildford.) We were coming this weekend, but the snow was too thick here. If it improves soon we shall come next weekend. The school was almost cut off from Evesham (2½ miles away) this week, but the bus which they lay on for us was able to get through. Our B.B.C. Club is in Evesham, and is the only form of entertainment there is.

When we can't get away, there is no entertainment here at all except on Wednesdays when there is a film show. There is, however a hut called the T.V. Viewing room. This houses a T.V. set of about 20 years ago, which has a picture far inferior to any I have seen before (it's like the one Gran London used to watch!) B.B.C. only!

The locals are very friendly (if a bit peasantish) and have terrific admiration for B.B.C. staff. They seem to recognise us as such instantly, and the girls are all "easy." (that means they're easily picked up!)

So on the whole, the place is a dump, but the town is nice, and I can't think how I shall last for 10 weeks here. No wonder everyone is so glad to get back to the studios! Roll on March 8th!

Main radios, record players, tape recorders, etc are not allowed for fire reasons. No such facilities are provided, so I haven't heard a note of music, record or radio for a week.

Love from
Nicky.