

Rotorua.

5/1/44.

Dear Albert,

Well believe me, I don't know who got the biggest surprise; you when you wrote to me or me when I received your letter. But it was a grand surprise and a lovely New Year present, for I received it on New Years Eve. It seems strange to me that you are the only one of the family whom I hardly know. However I have that pleasure coming to me.

Yes, Lin and I are progressing. In fact we've

bought most of our furniture  
and the great day isn't  
far off, believe me. Shall  
I give you a list of  
what we've got? Are you  
interested? Anyway here goes.

We've actually bought  
a stove (no camp ovens for  
me) and though it isn't  
high pressure a stoves a  
stove these days. They're  
very scarce, in fact  
everything else. we asked  
for, couldn't be supplied  
and we had to take  
substitutes. We can't get  
a bed nor blankets nor  
linoleum. But you can  
bet we'll keep trying till  
we do. Jiddy has lent us

their table and settle. I'll want those back when Roy comes home again and we'll be able to get our own. by then. We've got two easy chairs, and believe me they are easy. Little beauty. A combination dressing table, a mattress, two pillows and two kitchen chairs. You know we're taking a two roomed place in the meantime and later on when things are going better we're building on our section. This means that it will be half the expense and brings our day nearer. It can't come close enough for me.

We've already put our vegetable garden in and have some flowers too. So you see things are moving. Lin is hoping for a good month this month. So am I.

Potorua has been very quiet this year as far as revelry is concerned. People have lost the Kmas spirit and for some of us it will never be the same again. We've been swamped with tourists though and the shops are busy. We have a hectic time in the tearoom. I though I suppose the brutes have to be fed. What sort of weather did you have?

We've had glorious days.  
and man I've had three  
swims this season. I expect  
you've had hundreds.

One of these fine Sundays  
Lin and I are taking  
the outboard and hiring  
a boat on Lake Okataina.

I believe he has a  
wonderful outboard and I'm  
looking forward to it.

You know more about it  
than I do.

Well Albert the family  
is just the same as  
when you left it. Except  
for the two new editions  
and "Abby Don". They're all  
lovely kids and I id's looking  
very well and quite happy.

Mum and Dad are the same though getting a bit older and the rheumatism not much better. But we're all looking forward, as much as you are, to the day you land amongst us again. Cheerio and all the best for the New Year

From  
Dulcie.