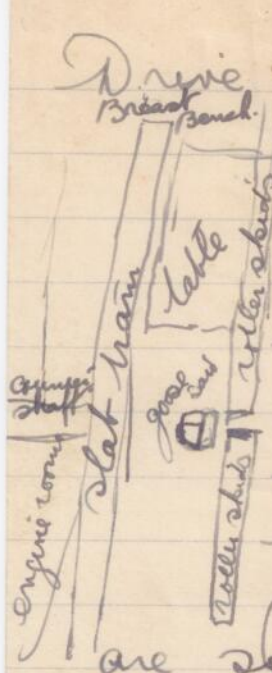


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My Dear Son.

We have received four letters from you recently 3 came together the last was 24th something you forgot to put the month, however in it you had just thank Luis & Dubois, wait well they are getting married on the 29th of this month I wish you were here, they have fixed up or I should say the finish has a nice little home it is almost impossible to buy any thing & what you do get is a frightful price. The mill is undergoing renovations, they have put a new (from Sunnys mill) drive pulley in you remember the one Dad made well it has been giving a lot of trouble & in the finish it fell to pieces, They have just completed the goose saw I will try & explain, they have built a big table were the old stocking table was & put a floor down covering the lot the goose saw itself is of course opposite to were you go in to put the



Drive belt on here is the plan, can you make it out. Lin is dying to try it out they have a lean to over all & weather boarded the side so if it rains they are quite dry. Dad made all the pulleys & has made a great job, the welding out fit is the best thing they ever bought. Just now they are pulling off Sam & merys burn, they are simply scratching for logs the appraising hasn't been done yet! The bull dayer is to be ready by the end of this month. You asked about the chains albert well the chains that were on the tractor when we got it were worn out & we were promised a new chain assembly as soon as they arrived in N.Z. & we got them after much delay, the new chains are good for many years, the other day Ivan took the tractor up half way the hill were you shot the deer in the heeb when he got half up he turned & ~~followed~~ followed the gully that runs between the two hills right up & got up to the burn that way. I was too scared to watch

him he came ³ down the same way it is a
wonderful machine. The Bedford is going
as well as ever. I know Albert you will
be rearing to help here & we long for you
to come back. Joan is very lonely as Joan
Liu has always been a bit of a stick in the
mud, & Joan would like some one to go
about with he's lonely. Ted & Kiddie's are
down at Evelyn's for a week they will be
home next Sunday, I miss them badly,
she has some wonderful kiddie's, last
Sunday Evelyn Cecil & family were here &
Ted & Kiddie's & Evelyn & Shirley & Albert
went in Ted's car going round the
bends towards Okavina, Shirley must
have opened the door because she fell
out on to the road (when the car was
just picking up speed) & bumped her head
made her nose bleed & grazed her elbow she
is quite alright now, but it could have
been very serious, she is a very pretty
little girl & her hair is snowy & a slight
curl in it, & of course a little bit
spoiled, but she is so very doll like, young
Albert has a voice like a bull & is

just about as strong, he is ⁴ very different
to little Roy, he is a quiet little boy but
full of mischief, his latest is to climb up
on the table, we have a cat here I don't know
where it came from but he is little Roy's mate
where ever you see Roy the cat is there
to & he can lift him up by the skin on his
back & old puss doesn't mind he sits on him
& will hang on to his tail & he never gets a
scratch, now that Roy is away the cat
walks from room to room meowing, you
would never believe it unless you saw it.
I hope you get my two parcels through Albert.
'Lot' & an assorted one, I tried to get Nestle's
Coffee & milk in Rotorua, but they told me
it has been off the market for two years,
so far all I could get in Rotorua was bully
beef & I just wouldn't take it, I'll keep
trying though. Pet isn't in yet but she
is very close & is making a great show.
I have another pig, I hope you will be home
when we kill it, last night Ivan & Dad saw
13 wild pigs down the end of the Valley,
big ones & little ones, & of course we haven't
a gun. I am glad you heard from Roy

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he gets very home sick & I don't blame him,
little Lanke is a beautiful baby he
has such big blue eyes, we call him
"Donald Duck" he is always smiling, Roy's eyes
are dark brown & he has Ted's dark skin,
by the way, Ted is now 9 st 10 lbs. I have
never seen her looking so well, Pell son
I cannot think of any more to write about
just now. only this I cannot see how
the Germans will last much longer
ain't the Russians wonderful. I wish
we had a few of their generals.

Pell Albert we are all very well
& we hope you are the same
fondest love I know you will
write often Albert,

Mum.

Thanks for the promised new hat &
Dad certainly needs a overcoat but
so will you when you come back.

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