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My Dear Albert.

Well here I am again  
the day after the Wedding. Lin & Dulcie  
were married in the Presbyterian Church  
at Marata yesterday, Ivan was best man  
& Iris (one of the twins) was bridesmaid,  
there was quite a crowd at the church.  
& it all went off beautifully, Dulcie  
was married in a travelling frock  
it was beautiful & a very stylish little  
hat, her bouquet was gladiolus & the  
greenery was ~~a~~ young rimmie it was  
beautiful, she really looked beautiful,  
Ivan & Lin had their blue serge suits  
dry cleaned (the self same suits) & they  
looked like new suits, the reception  
was held at Mikkelsen's house, a  
beautiful wedding cake, standing on  
silver legs a two deck, with the  
bouquet on the top, the wedding  
breakfast was set on two long  
tables on the veranda & they had  
everything, jelly's, trifles, sausage rolls



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sandwiches cream puffs & all kinds  
of cakes Beer Wine & soft drinks, &  
Plums & Peaches for the kids, & Dick  
Theobald proposed the health of absent  
friends & Cecil proposed the health  
of Dads mother as it was her Birthday  
I think she is 86, afterwards Lin & Duffie  
went off in the Ford 10 for their honeymoon  
the people hung on to the back of the  
car & Lin couldn't take off & when they  
did an old boot put on to two wheels  
was tied on to the back it did look  
funny this thing ran behind &  
kept upright, however Lin discovered  
it after a while & took it off, but  
he didn't see a lot of tents that  
were wired on right under the bar,  
they are coming back on Tuesday, &  
on Wednesday night all Punnys Mill  
& Bill Watts are coming up here to  
tin can them & next Saturday night  
Manawhae is putting on a kitchen party  
for them in the hall, they got a nice  
lot of presents, Colman sent them 2 &  
Tiddy a set of carvers, Rita 1/2 doz forks,



Antikensens a Bed spread, us a pair  
 of Blankets Youngs a beautiful Vase  
~~Other~~ other presents  $\frac{1}{2}$  doz table knives  
 pair of Vases Salad dish Saltogherfs, &  
 guineas in money & quite a lot of other things  
 Ivan & Lin are on wages now, they get  
 £20 a month each Dad & I are not on  
 wages yet but we are going to be as  
 soon as the big bush is started, Ivan  
 pays me £. 1. 10 a week board. The goose  
 saw is a wonderful improvement &  
 Lindsay certainly deserves it he doesn't  
 get so tired now. This has been a very  
 good month they expect to take in £600,  
 we are still waiting for the appraiser  
 but Morrison has promised to send one  
 out very soon. By jove Albert things  
 are getting tough in N.Y. meat is going to be  
 rationed shortly, I have three pigs now  
 besides the pig I bought Cecil caught  
 two wild ones I now have a lammy  
 a black one & a white one with black spots  
 all the colours of the rainbow. Pet is  
 milking very well, although she would be  
 better if we had some rain, the grass



on the hills & on the valley is all yellow,  
 we have only had 2 days rain since I was  
 the country is crying out for rain. I make  
 a bit of Butter from Pet & it is pretty  
 good. Old Dittmer died last Friday night  
 90 years old. Mrs Bill Watts had another  
 daughter, Bill was terribly disappointed.

Well Albert I have never seen so many  
 Americans as there is in Rotorua now  
 Hundreds of them & they go around  
 arm in arm or holding hands with the  
 Maori girls, disgusting, the Maoris  
 are certainly making money these days,  
 I always thought the colour line was  
 very strong in America but some Americans  
 seem to prefer the black ones, of course  
 the white girls & women are just as mad  
 after them, Keith Lunni cabled home  
 that he was now in Italy, we  
 wonder if you are there to, I will have  
 to send this to your old address, until  
 I hear from Base records the parcel I  
 sent you (Tobacco) is number 91967  
 Ivan is longing for you to come home, he  
 is the one & only in the Back now,



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Lindsay's appeal was heard again last Wednesday, & the decision was reserved until of an interview with the Timber controller, I think he is safe. Roy Tomsetto's appeal was heard to & that decision was reserved to. The young family were ~~had~~ here last Sunday & Jimmy Theobald & his family to. Cecil & Jimmy went pig hunting & they got two little pigs. I got the one & Jimmy Theobald took the other one home. I believe Tunnis have cut out in about 4 months at Pongo Kawa. I believe Rendalls got the bush that they had banked on, I don't know what they are going to do, well Albert I cannot find any more to write about. I will write again next Sunday & tell you all about the tin canning etc. So with fondest love from us all keep well back son where ever you are & we don't mind if you don't get V.C. etc, but come back with a whole skin  
from Mumm

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