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My Dear Albert.

Well here we are again
the morning after the night before, the
tin canners arrived last night about 20
Harry Woollett was a box of tricks & had
the party going full swing they started
up at Lindseys & you never heard such
a clatter it sounded like a strong wind
in the bush, they all managed to get
inside alright & had some beer & then
they all came down to our house & talk
about fun two school teachers (lady)
were with them from Rotorua & one of
them could play every modern song
under the sun & they could both sing
one is engaged to Boy Gunncliffe Ron Gunn
was here to & he helped to wash up
all Wallace's old fork got so tight he
had to retire to his car & was sick all
inside it, Crichton had to get some eyes
fluid & wash it out, old Colman arrived
from Auckland by the express & didn't
he enjoy himself, we had 2 day large

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A few extra's & a dozen Lemonade & Orange
the supper was lovely. Lindsay bought 3 doz
cakes & I baked some & they the party
brought a box full & we had Tomatoes &
cheese sandwiches, altogether it was a
wonderful party. Bill Watts was here &
he & Cecil sneaked up to Lins & filled
the Bed with thistles. Lindsay told us
he sat on the bed to put his pyjamas on
& he sat right down on them. In the
morning Dulcie hopped out to light the
stove & the smoke just poured out into
the room, nearly smoked them out & so
they went out to have a look & discovered
a Perosene tin stuck on the top of the
chimney, last Saturday night the
Manawhee lady's put on a kitchen evening
& it was a wonderful success, & the
presents they got, everything you could
possibly imagine, they are very cosy
in their two rooms, they have every
convenience, copper & tubs, sink & a
plate rack for the stove, they got £10 in
notes beside the presents. Dulcie is
a wonderful little kid & a perfect

house keeper they are very happy. I
sent you another parcel of Tobacco & also
a cake I will give you the number of
the parcel with the Tobacco in, when I
get it from Wellington. Meat is now
rationed 1/9 worth a week per person
this won't affect us much as Lindsay has
got his gun back, & last night they shot
a spiker up near Sam Emerys fence.
I have also one Domestic pig to two wild
ones so we will be set. Albert I don't
know when this beastly War will be over,
we don't seem to be doing to flash in Italy
but the Russians are making up for everything
By Joe Albert these Yanks are stirring up
some homes in Rotana which is Yankee
land they are terrible, & the Navy fubs are
sure making money, they go through the
streets with their arms around one another
its disgusting. The mill is still going
good & so is the truck, Dulcie & I
went in with it on Tuesday & it is
just lovely we go in with the first
load & come back on the second trip,
it gives us a good long day & Dulcie

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had a lot to get, she had saved up £10 of her own money & then with Tom's wages & wedding present money they could buy ~~everything~~ everything themselves she got most of them from Thomas's she paid £14 cash & she had Mr Thomas himself dancing after her. They are sending you a piece of Wedding cake. I wish you had been here last night, never mind now we are going to put on a beaut when you come home! We are having beautiful weather & quite nice rain enough to make the Valley start to get green again, we have seen & had quite a lot of mushrooms. We have had another letter from you Albert written while you were in Hospital with your knee I hope it is strong again, sometimes they take quite a long time to strengthen. Dad had an attack of Swamps but it only lasted three days, I have made a belt for him & it supports his back. Well old son I think I had better stop now as I cannot think of any more to write about so heaps of love & kisses from us all
Freddie Drummond got married last Saturday

Mum