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Photo of Lin & Dulcie Home

outside the church April 20th 1944

My Dear Albert, church to Dulcie & her Dad

To-night I have made up mind to spend writing to you, it is longer than I meant to since I wrote. We have had no letters from you since you went to Italy, but we & Evelyn had an airgraph when you arrived I suppose it will take some time before we set the chain going, I sent you 3 parcels Tobacco Chocolate & Cake I hope you get them all. The appraising of the bush is definitely starting on Monday, the head ranger was out on Monday & put some of the lines ready to start off on Monday, there are 2 coming & we have to board them for 3 weeks they will sleep in for the back Billy McSpacc had a tucker with us, the State Forestry have decided to appraise the lot we were hoping to only have about a million & a half done but they said it was better to do the lot at once, this meant a bigger lot of money to find however we can do it

so to² morrow we hand a cheque over
for £200 this is for all expences will
appraising, pretty heavy eh however it
has to be done so they wouldn't start
until this was deposited, after that
of course we have to put a deposit on
the royalty, we can start on the bush
~~has~~ as soon as a fair bit has been
marked, thank god it is secured, as
bush is getting mighty scarce the bush
that we had already taken (king & queen)
there is no trouble about that they just
get our talies & add it on to the royalty.
The angle doper, is coming out on Saturday
Joan & Lin are bringing it out on the
Bedford ~~at~~ some excitement. We had a
letter from John Brown to-day he wants
us to apply for him & he would like
a house built of course we will apply
for him. The Bedford truck is wonderful
since it was re bored. & Joan has taken
2 loads every day this week. By the
way Albert Hittels our friendship for
Claude Fleming is finished, he is what
we always thought he was!

Ivan as you know was invited to go on a fishing trip last Easter they left on the Thursday night, a kid about 12 yrs was with Claude, Ivan said he jolly nearly turned back when he saw the boy, he smells a rat in fact well Thursday went off all right but Friday night didn't & Ivan never was so disgusted in all his life, he let Claude commit himself properly, you know Albert after your experience just never had proof but this time Ivan gave him such a punch that he wended him fancy to try it on with a well developed strong chap like Ivan & at that Ivan told him off properly & said if he ever interfered with any of his relations or friends he would put him up sky high, & he said if it wasn't that he was a friend of the family he would report him there & then he also said that we always suspected him but didn't want to believe it, but now we know what & why he runs around with the likes of what he does & if hurt Ivan more to think that he took him for the same, he had Claude robbing in the

finish, don't it seems a shame such a
decent chap but still we don't want to
see him again, he is a criminal when all
is said & done. I van was terribly upset
he caught the service car at Alpoliki
& came back to Apungo & they all came
around on the Sunday, let Claude come
near them & Rose so it will be just too
bad. We are all well here Albert & still
keeping the old firm going Roy Rendalls
wife has arrived in N.Z. Roy is down
meeting her now. We are having a lot of
rain again, my washing was out for
four days, but to-day it all got half dry
so I brought it all in & aired it off
inside. Rita is home for her holiday, she
made me such a nice dress by fire
she can sew, quite a professional, Ben
Fraser & Mrs are coming out on Sunday.
I have just bought 60 lbs of Honey from
honey Jack for the winter. By the way
old Mat Henderson died with cancer
& Percy Brewen died suddenly last week.
Well Albert there isn't any more to write about
so I had better finish for this time love to all
from
Mum x x x a write after