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My Dear Son

I am afraid I have been
also taking the easy way this last month.
I sent you two airographs as I thought
you would like a bit of news not quite
so old as when it goes by letter, We have
been getting quite a bit of news collecting
firstly the appraising was finished
last Thursday & I cannot say I am
sorry as it was a lot of extra work
I used to get up first every morning as
Fiddy couldn't get up at the time
would then get up too & it was too early
for them I used to get up at twenty
past five every morning & go flat out
cooking breakfast then out for luncheon
they would be here sharply at 6.30 am.
The bush is quite good & wonderful
Pine, etc famous Totara was hollow.

I believe there is a big basin behind
the trig about 300 to 400 sawn timber
or all flat country, a great surprise
to every body & there is good clumps
all over so don't worry boy any more
about Smith's bush because they all
say it is O.K. the cruisers reckon it
will take 8 years to cut it out & there
is a good patch of bush on the next
block it runs right to the shores of
Lake Garawana, & it isn't so far away
as it sounds & we can get it with
out any trouble it runs on ridges.
son god are coming back to a good
business just now we have paid
out £212 to the State for cruising &
we have deposited £200 on our first
royalty, also square all round &
sitting on £400 in the bank not too bad
eh. Gough Gough & Hamers three mechanics
are at present putting the Bull-dozer on

it looks pretty ² good Lindsay is
hanging on to a film to take photos for
us. Ivan is going in to Potrua to-morrow
with a load of timber & I am going in
with him I like going in the Bed Ford it
runs beautifully, about a fortnight ago
I sent you some Tobacco & last week
I sent you a cake I hope you get it all.
Roy is now working for us & of course
the Marshall & the old Luke (stink bomb)
are polished & shining & as for the engine
room well you have to wipe your feet
before you go into it, he is studying for
his ticket he takes a great interest in his
work, he had to return all his gear to
the military & he wasn't sorry to see the
last of it, Miserns house is going up
on the third section from us towards the
mill just past the pig sty or duck run
I should say the framework is up &
it looks jolly good. similar to young's house

at Lanni's Lid & Roy are very excited to
think they will have a house of their
own. I went down to Youngs with Iwan
last night the first time for two months
they are all very well I also went in to
see Mrs Wallace she has been very sick
an abscess on the appendix they cured
her with out an operation dried it up
or something, she looks awful her going
I am sure is killing her. Rita is still at
her frock shop job is getting on well.

We are quite concerned about your knee
Albert I hope the operation will be a
success, Gordon Cunningham is in the
hospital now he has I believe had the
~~cartilage~~ cartilage removed can you
understand what I mean. They say
it will be better than ever, he got it hurt
years ago at football & it used to go out of
joint often. We are having ~~very~~ cold
weather had frost at night & sunny.

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days, but a cold wind, our house is nice
& warm & cosy & plenty of fire wood, we
are expecting Uncle Ernie & Aunt Mary &
Allan down for a holiday, I am pleased you
have met Albert Dawson, he had a pretty
black name but I think it was only because
he could think for himself his wife is very
nice & I believe his son is a fine little
chap, Albert's mother wrote to me she had
just got an anagraph saying Albert had
met you. Well Albert I don't know what
next to write about excepting they are
still cutting & e good out, they have found
a good dumping place & so can pull
quite a lot of trees they thought that they
would have to leave. By the way Lee Bros
were out to-day they wanted to hire the
tractor & Bull dozer for \$2.10 per day, their
tractor had broken down of course I had to
say no it has to do plenty of work here.
With fond love from us all