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my Dear Cuff

I suppose there must be some people who write letters within a decent time we never met them however, delighted to get your letter, Oh hell your poor dear, we know all about this wide awake business & cups of tea at unearthly times, you woke feeling Grace near - well no wonder it was the day she left this life but to be 60 years, a long time, you can be sure she would be among the music, tho' she was a very good cook & plenty intelligence if a good brain was needed. Dick & I have not yet had visits from ^{those} the other side. The pram sent for you from Auckland bought with the last money left & we couldn't afford the freight so made it freight free. Well I know, of these evil deeds done

when one is unsuspecting, no doubt the Pentons were poor & must have had need for the baby. It is very difficult in life to adjust to these "foul practises" which can cut one in half & the unlucky "one" has to take it. Beryl does have visits from presences I must ask her if she still has. Have been talking on phone. Yes she still has, she went to Whitianga for week end and on passing the 2 Kauri trees en route, where Trevor sleeps she felt another presence in the car. Also she ~~has~~ has other presences still. So let's hope for more. Your ramble to.

Otaki sounds very interesting. Cuppa in hardware shop does really tickle my ~~would~~ would tousils-etc. Yes our Thomas is a demander at present

peacefully³ occupying the back of
my easy chair. I have $1\frac{1}{2}$ " to
perch on. Your Mrs Alexander
sounds a very nice person. I
did not know of the small cemetery
in Wainui, but I only visited
Wainui 2 or 3 times. I believe the
first child of Rich & Tina, must
have lived even for a short time.
What of the 2nd son, 11th ~~th~~ or 6th
March I believe. Also when was
Eunice born, & when did she die?
My knowledge of family history
is very poor. My visits to Wainui
would have been around 1906
& 1912? - 1910? - 2 stays of
2 weeks each time, I went to the
wedding of Willie Prouse & Jean?
Beatrice's parents (adopted). So
very sorry to hear of Northbrook
being demolished, they had a very
beautiful staircase. Oh buggar
the vandals, even we are not-

allowed the pleasure of our
treasured memories, always
some. B.B. buggars everything up
then I went to Wainui to the family
reunion, about 30-35 years ago
& you took there for a ride
around one afternoon & that is
the sum total of my trips there
Thomas is definitely unable to
acknowledge love & thrums from
Tammie, he is unconscious with
sleep. My love to you & John
& Tammie - Phil

Please overlook all bad language
contained herein,

P.S. Have just had a P.C. and
almanac from Philip & Nellie
Switzerland or Austria etc, lovely
nature flowers - both well. P.