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Dear Rall,

Don’t get too big a shock on receiving this, it is about time I write to you, but I am such a lazy bugger at writing, and most things in general. I’m sure you will understand and forgive. I hope this finds you in good health and spirits, we are all O.K. at home. I’ve been home for 4 week with am affected thumb, but hope to be at work next week. We had a letter yesterday from John, he is O.K. Football seems to be his main topic, also had a letter from Olive, says she is a lady of leisure, hopes to be able to come over here soon. That little plan, Rall, of both earning and and saving **money** seems to of gone flat, well happiness is everything, money is only a necessity but I think John is a bit hard on all. Am expecting Olive to stay here till he has his next leave. Garth was down here in Hospital for a while, but has gone back to Barmera again. Stan was in Hospital too, for a fortnight,and home on leave a fortnight, we feed him and his girlfriend here a lot, but he went back to Bordertown last week. Winnie just came in to visit, She looks very well, didn’t bring Alan down as his cold is not quite over so the visit will only be a half hour or so, Rall. Clive Harvey and his cobber Alf Bornholm came down from Mildura by plane and are staying here for a fortnight or as long as their cash lasts, I guess they’ll have a good time. He said Bill and Betty were home for the fruit picking. Betty has 3 months leave, their lucky. The fruit crop at Mildura was very light this year. Basil hasn’t been too well lately, he’s been carting clover, rubbish & that’s no good for his complaint. We might go to the block on Sunday, the boys want to go rabbit shooting, that if we can muster enough petrol for Garth’s car.

Well Rall, not much to write about from here, We still have horses in stables here but so far have not won anything and don’t seem likely too. They have got the Electric light on the stable now shows the old place up too much.

Well boy I must close this scribble & not weary you too much, trying to read it, With love from all at home

From Dad

PS Have put in to get Garth released from the Army. But don’t know what to do about Stan, he is a problem, don’t seem to want to do anything, no ambition at all, Dad