

Thank heaven the "Independence Day"  
Celebrations (of "God's Own Country"  
(men))

"The Allasse"  
5-7-5-8

is over!  
It was at Memorial Club - last  
night. With a N.W. wind blowing  
this way!!!!

Dear Sir Palahad Hungari.

How very kind of you to have sent those cuttings (of Elphinstone's) that must have been telepathy? (Did a "Willy Wagtail" tell you I wanted them? "They are the tribal gossip-mongers!")

My letter to Constance Robertson - social editor of ("S.M.H. Sun") must have crossed yours, en route, E. + W., as I had asked her could she get them for me. (And then yours arrived!)

But, like the dear she is, she did. (So now I can mark one, & send it to "Welfare"! - if I want to!)

But as I have just sent them about 6 pages of "blitz" - ("An old battle-axe" is mild to what I am. - In regard to "Welfare" - its personnel: & its "assimilation") I want send an underlined "Impger-idee" - AT PRESENT, ANYWAY.

<sup>Yes</sup> The "Home-Hut" is moderately "rain-  
proof" now. But not at all "thief proof"  
(I should think) if determined to rob. (Just  
take out <sup>one</sup> nail <sup>if come in!</sup>)  
But in spite of it looking like a  
junk-shed - it IS "HOME" (to me)  
"INDEPENDENCE"

AND a memorial to the viciousness of "Welfare"  
(+ Admin-in-Alice.) personnel!

However!

I have: about 2 doz violets in a jar from my  
garden + some narcissi in front of me now!

I have: lots of (bulk) "treasures" coming up

I have: (quite soon, I hope) the probability  
of a "silent" number, = "not in telephone book"  
- if you don't know, - "doctor"!

telephone! (But few will be  
told of that.) (in night)

(So, when I hear strange noise, - I want  
have (to continue) to call out! "I have a  
loaded gun here! And will use it" !!!!!  
- as at present - I do! Occasionally.)

\*Only don't repeat that - please\*

I can <sup>then</sup>  
need <sup>run</sup>  
Police: First station  
or Hospital

naomi has been to Melbourne + Tamworth  
+ Canberra - recently (in spite of a horribly sprained  
tendon in left foot.) + seems to have enjoyed the  
motor trips (with her sister - a widow too) very much.

I must stop! And write to Constance  
Robertson. Best wishes. Do do what you can to  
get detached wards for

as a vital exponent of  
I am yours sincerely  
Alice  
Hospital Wards  
Or I'll  
naomi

2 I have detested him ever since he ruined  
"London Punch" (when its Editor). Reading  
"London Punch" was like going to visit one's  
Grandmother (+ her contemporaries).  
Mygeridge - made it like meeting a old  
prostitute <sup>+ one</sup> - trying to be like a modern  
one. Loathesome. (But I see it is becoming  
(almost) "Grandmotherly" again)

But, some of his criticisms in those  
articles are, unfortunately, TRUE (whether Mygeridge  
is not)

I wrote a letter to the Min. for Health  
when here about 3 weeks ago - (with Dr.  
Humphry). Unfortunately I gave it to a  
(fool) clerk at Hospital "to give to Dr. Humphry  
himself; + no one else." (for the Minister).

Instead he gave it to the Minister's Sec.  
(or so he said! Probably a typist!!!)  
And I have had no acknowledgment.

I wrote about bad water (town supply) +  
horses straying all over town - (as secondary  
matters + in a separate letter).

But my chief one was about the  
urgency of ~~a~~ new wards for abortions +  
asked him to have the wards planned  
by doctors, NOT by the Govt architect!  
(who would chiefly consider (a) cutting down  
costs" (+) the comfort of the nursing staff -

Antidote - in Sept. (Be extra "battle-axe"!)

But Don't you dare by-pass Alice - as you return. I am extremely disappointed that Elizabeth Turner (M.D.) will not be coming - "after all". She went to the medical conference in Hobart so I suppose cannot leave her practice again. So soon. (Children's are her specialization) I think <sup>ailments</sup> you both met at Alice Hospital?

She is a dear. And I am disappointed. Horribly. So don't ~~you~~ you too. Instead,

Share my "funeral" lunch - if you care to. Or if that scares you - no café & biscuits "before or after it".

But not too rushed a visit.

I want to hear your future plans, etc. By the way! You want "putting across my knee" - for calling Dame Mary Edmore a "battle-axe"! When you are over go you will be worse! (like a naughty child was - before the days of "no punishment")

As for me - At 74 I am a "double-headed battle-axe"! - (In looks to be ~~nothing~~ like a <sup>awful</sup> dingy.) As Ted Evans (of "Welfare") is no doubt agreeing - at the moment!

No. I have never met (or wanted to!) Dame Mary. I am (except for rare moments) not a feminist <sup>(+)</sup> nor interested in politics <sup>(e)</sup> nor poetry. (I think those were her chief interests?) Art (without an "s") was my first love. "Abos" my second. (I have no others. Except flowers!

old (Interpreter) & local old man - all  
(Aranda & Gimadaya) the Aranda man very sophisticated  
agreed that he "should not"  
"It burn him (himself) up inside" - (if the  
Sputum were spat into the fire (they said).  
(It was part of himself!)

(I suppose that is why they swallow lice ???  
(which have fed on their (host's) blood !!)

"I do wish I had got you to  
pull strings <sup>with</sup> <sup>D. Humphry</sup> <sup>before-hand</sup>  
for a number of isolated  
(fenced-in) wards. They will probably?  
just have one - again.  
Especially for the Tubercular & the  
Surgical (& Maternity) wards.

I see in today's (or rather Thursday)  
(Darwin) "news" that they propose having  
a universal test for Tuberculosis in (N.T.  
(X-Ray). (I shall refuse!). But that is  
no good for Aborigines - if they are allowed  
(afterwards) to mix with <sup>their</sup> wives children  
& friends (spit & swap) "Aborigine" are  
especially included  
So do get busy on that - Humphry!

N.B. You are as vain as all men!  
I did not want that snap because  
you were "photogenic" (Or a narcissus!!!!)  
But because you looked so in earnest  
(with your "black" patient) & unconscious of being snapped.  
So I hope you feel squashed!  
don't doubt Sydney girls are spoiling  
you. I shall have to prescribe the

3 & Sister-in-charge (m<sup>r</sup>? O'Keefe!)  
essential whereas quite detached wards were  
necessary for (a) surgical cases (b) tubercular  
cases (& other infectious diseases) (c) maternity ward  
(d) medical cases. (heart? & other organs etc).

(I am not quoting my letter <sup>perhaps</sup> here)

I explained however that ("if he did not  
already know it"?) sharing food (& clothing too,  
after white contact) was part of 'tribal  
custom' & mandatory on all full-bloods.

So that a surgical case could come into  
hospital with that but otherwise very healthy -  
and return home with tubercular germ! Got  
from "swapping" - clothes: cigarette: "chewing  
tobacco": bits of (this & that) - with the tubercular  
patients - WHO ARE ALLOWED TO MOVE -  
ABOUT OUTSIDE THEIR WARD. & in town.

(I had to stop them coming on the Reserve.  
- because they would spit! Surely they should  
have been told not ~~to~~ to do that! By doctors  
& nurses.

(But one would not expect m<sup>r</sup>? O'Keefe  
to do that!!!!) (I know her <sup>ways</sup>!)  
~~ways~~

I (also) said: "That they would not believe  
about <sup>(to the min. for health)</sup> ~~infection~~ germ (even if told). That I had told a  
(dying) tubercular (young) man to "spit into  
the camp fire" (at a camp of mine in Wairarapa  
country - in 1934.) He would not. And the

P.S. → Shouldn't you be going to Science Congress  
in Adelaide? Medical Section & Guttraps  
(I see a woman (named Waboh) - going  
to read a paper on "Aboriginal Hair" (Gen. Aus.)  
That is like a red rag to a bull (to me)! If it is  
Prof Abbie's old "yarn"!

That it is not (fair hair of aborigine) "done  
to" (to camouflage its nastiness) "miscegenation"  
(of old "Huns" - with native women, 3 generations  
ago.) = Prof. Abbie got quite "cross" when  
I wrote that they were like (Scientific) striches!!  
(padding) If he would look at Murray Keck's (Snowy  
white-headed son - in Alice Springs) & then  
remember that that boy's great-grandfather  
was at Haast Bluff (alone) in the earliest days so  
that THAT (German) at the mission  
at Hermannsburg) most probably "provided" the  
light hair (and I still think it does)  
"NORDIC" great-grandfather + "Stone Age" great grandmother!!

I read ~~an~~ an article (in "Blackwood's")  
recently by an Army man. He was describing the <sup>utter</sup> stupidity  
of some Army orders & doings. (World War II)  
In Africa somewhere (near Tunis) his men got  
severe malaria. So some drug was sent out <sup>from England</sup> but there  
was something wrong with it & he asked for it to  
be discontinued. They refused.  
(as it made them worse.)  
So he wired (England)  
Army Headquarters: "Do you want us to take M anyway (Metabosine??)  
(You would know what  
- begin with M.)  
Or Tunis? "!!!"  
is it  
Mepriazine?  
perhaps

You will never become  
a famous doctor - if  
you continue to write  
so that it can be so  
easily read!