

Full name - (to explain aims) Home - Hut
Australian Arid Regions Native Flora Reserve
But short name on address Alice Springs
2. 4. 5-8

Dear Sri Lalabhad Tumpara

How very nice to receive
a letter from you.

(But far too small a "dose"
I thought you might have "doctor"
gone to the Medical Conference
in Hobart last month) to
which my (rather-a-darling) "father's"
-step-sister's-son's-Cousin's daughter
(Elizabeth Turner M.D) went.

We call each other "Anthropo-
logical cousins" (It sounds better
than "classificatory-cousins").

But it may have been
only for Children's Specialists?
As (she is, I am told) that:

I loved your "Victoria Regina"
tone about the Anthro who
lectured to you people. "A "we"

were not amused" tone!
Poor Anthrogs! (when they are so "superior")

Probably, Elkin (Rev.) ex-curate,
Bapel? Dr Meppit? (THE new
"authority" on the Mailbird
(Canberra))

I like Stanner the best
of the lot. Did you meet him
in Darwin? He has been "6
months in a cave" - excavating
- in Port Keats vicinity - I think.

By the way have you (a spare)
snapshot - of that one of you
of the "Bindibood" (!) in the London
Illustrated News? I think
it is typical, & would like one
if you have an unwanted one.

Brian Baldwin (librarian
here & now in Darwin) mentioned
it on his Xmas card. And
later sent me a friend's copy (not
one I stole from library he added)
But it is stained with
coffee! (I wonder did he! As I
had told him "no Australian")

wanted to know, would have done what he did." (I was sorry, as I rather liked him: - the little 2 Rivers of him - while here.)

How about ^{those} addresses ^{with no children}

(1) Naomi Price (a widow of about a year. Her husband was a ^{gent} & an invalid. - almost ^{from} after honeymoon. Had a kidney removed (I think?))

I did not like him. (He broadcast for P. U. F.)

But Naomi loved him very much. And is very lonely - especially of an evening. She says. (Spends it with the television set!!!! &/or Sisters - chiefly)

Naomi is 6 or 8 years younger than my 7 & ^{son} St Patrick's of all ^{"Saints"!!} people!!

But we went ~~to~~ ^{the} same school ^{way} & she & my mother were ^{"Hobart"} great friends - (Before they were married the 3 Mitchell girls looked on my mother as their "Sydney mother".)

Kate is now a widow with a son in Canada. (Engineer?) lives in Sydney

Ruth, with one daughter & an "ailing" husband also lives in Sydney.

And so does their nephew (Dr) (!?) Mitchell - son of the former

Chief Medical Officer (Comth.) in
Greenland. (the late Paul Mitchell)
If your mother has "holidayed"
at the "East Coast" (as) she
may have seen where their old home
was (Liddillon). But sold to "I.X.L."
"Jam-gone" So probably old home
not palatial & modern (vulgar)?
(I liked it as it was.)

I'll write to Naomi by same mail
as this - & tell her you will ^{probably} be
ringing her up. (I suppose she is sure
to be on phone?) to know when you
may call - as a friend of mine.

Her address (if you would
prefer to write is:)

2 Ashdown Flats. (her own)
96 Elizabeth Bay Rd.
Elizabeth Bay

I think you're "a darling". But apart
from that I think you might
get to know pleasant people
through her (younger ones).
Anyway I hope you will
both be glad you met.

In regard to the ^{two} men - I leave it
entirely to you - whether you get
in touch with them or not.

I shall not feel "hurt" if
you don't. But, if you like talking
about business problems - (that I don't
know - as talking to me ^{about them} doesn't
count!) - both would be very
interested. However! (And I would like you
three to meet?)

I must warn you - that (although I
am far from it) ^{though often labelled that} one is a leading
Communist. (Mr. Tom Wright) And
Henry Wardlaw may be? But certainly
is very "left wing" (I don't really know)
Mr. Wright is Fed. Pres. & State
Sec. of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union
& his office is in the Trades Hall
(Room 5-5, 2nd Floor)

He is (or was) also a Sydney
Alderman & ^{is} "in" all kinds of
public things. I like ^(respect) him. But
it is like "riding a tiger" - to be
friendly with such a very leading
Communist. One always feels

one may come" back from the ride
with the lady inside - the smile on
the face of the driver "!!!". But not - so far

But he has been a dear
to me. And it is through him (&
Henry) ^{ONLY} that I am in the (re-roofed)
hut now! Otherwise I would have been
The Admin. (Archer) offered me
£60 - (to have it made so that the
floor was not flooded at S end &
like a shower-bath ^{from roof holes} - the remainder).

And refused more - even when
experienced builders said it would be
mere "throwing ^{that} money away". Only one
(pair) would even tender a price! £150.

The Admin. refused to consider it.
And I refused to go into the hut
(to be flooded out! My books & things ^{ruined}.)
So I wrote to Henry Wardlaw
& asked him to (also) discuss it
with Mr Wright (who has a cool brain)
He did. With the result that
Mr. Wright wrote to Admin. a letter dated
Jan 3rd (in Sydney!) He sent me a copy too.

And on Jan 10th I received a letter
from Admin (Archer) - ^{Dated JAN 7th Darwin!!} saying he would
approve the acceptance of £150 tender
But resented being forced to "!!"
or words similar to that.

Someone suggested they got in touch with
Haskluck! And he "forced" it being accepted?
So do you wonder those two are
"on pedestals"! In a matter what their
political views (We don't discuss those)
N.T. Aborigine OWN rights + OWN welfare
(Small W!) have been our "meeting ground."
Mr. Wright's Union has allowed
me £20 (for years) + (Fed. Section) (Sit)
1940. I think to use t. anyway I like
in interests of aborigines full-blood
They also sent me books of course.
etc for the (embryo) school under a
Short Bean Tree (in Thompson's Rockhole) +
paid £70 for trucking stores out there
But plan was sabotaged by Sweeney (for permanent)
Admin. Native Affairs (in three days)
Mr. Wright + I also collaborated in
writing a Booklet "A New Deal for
the Aborigines" in 1939 (from memory.)
He has been a staunch, good
tome. (And no doubt - "long-suffering"
& patient, too!)
So I leave it to you to decide
if you would like to ring him
up (as interested in N.T. aborigine
deal welfare, & "a friend of mine")
or not.
You will at least have been warned
of who he is.

In regard to Henry Wardlaw.
He is son (only ^{one} perhaps) of (I suppose
now retired?) Prof in the Sydney
Medical School. (By the way is Dr
(Prof) Harvey Sutton still alive? If so
if you meet him do give him
"VFRY kindest remembrances" In regard
to Dr. Wardlaw's forget if it is Prof. of Physiology
You would know! (To do with "Calorie
& things") Henry is Council Clerk &
Town Planner at Gosford (N.S.W.)
Is married to (former wife of a Psychiatrist.
Will have to get Doc for that!) & she & Henry
now have 3 young sons. They were
up here before they were married (about
1950??) & Henry has been "a dear"
to me ever since. Helped me with
"black fellow business", I mean. (To get
"Open letters" removed & distributed etc etc.
He & "Bid" are dears. I call her
"midjaburi" (which you probably know means
"short" in Warlbi. (You are Iivirri, —
"long fellow"). Perhaps you would care
to ask him ^{in a letter} is he likely to be in town
& if so could you meet?
That is again if YOU want
to. But remember I honestly don't
know if he is only left wing or more.

Naomi used to have two doctor
-relations in Hobart. Both
Piblin's (her mother was a Piblin).
(even if dead)
+ they probably have doctor sons
now. (We left Tasmania in 1911 -
+ I have not been back since 1938
- so am "out of date" now.)

N.B. "not up to" about your getting in
touch with them

I have not written to Mr. Wright
or Henry yet. in case you did not
want to meet them. I will. If you want me to

It is time I went to bed! And also
I gave your eyes a rest! (from my servant.)
By the way Mr. Wright
used to live at Hunter's Hill. And
if still there, it would be that
("Ward"?) he is Alderman for! ("Yours"!!)

This Hut is full of "warren holes"
(as a Scotsman described Scotland
Punnett trips.) But it IS "home".
(thousands!)

On Anzac Day I hope to have
your cobbler "Taz MIN" (+ Irene +
Garet) "Brinjia" (my "grand children"!!!
for lunch & afternoon N.B. full-bloods!
Tea. And perhaps their (tribal) father

too - "Brinjia Bot" ("Lame Bot" to some.)

(I can't bear Anzac Day service
(+ rubbish-talked) now. My great
friend was killed on Gallipoli. IN A
WAR TO END WAR"!!! (War I) (we
believed that!) And now men are aching for "W.W. III"
Especially those in U.S.A. ("God's Own Country"!!!)

Do wish you were here to help us grill
the chops (or steak) & baked potatoes, in ash.
I hope it will be October when you
go through the Centre. ^{BECAUSE} From then on, until
March (life is hardly worth living for me)
every year. (This one (summer) seemed
never ending.) May you have every thing you
most wish for. And write to me, again

if & when. You have visited some
part all of the three. Two ^{are} "real" friends
the third ^{is} "brother-in-the-aborigine" (like
the Bible says "brother-in-the-Lord"! to me
(He never writes personal things) And
I was "sat on" when I sent a message
to his typist as "Ewen" (which she tel-
tome. He thought I was being patronizing!!
So I write "Dear Ewen" to her &
put "Miss Zeelan" to him!!)
But I once ^{"sat on" first} returned the 6 he had
paid for my ice cream! - When I was
furious about his views on aborigines at
that time. (In Russia I'd have gone to
the Salt mine"!!!!)

Do not put more than 3 words to a
line next time. "Increase the dose".
And ^{send} more (acid remarks) about
Anthropology - please too! Again
best wishes & "Wee-air-bar"! (a ^{my!} ~~out~~
Wailbird friend says
"Can't spell it, in
International phonetic
(not the "air" sound?)
anyway. Can you?")

Was your mother
able to go to
Sydney to see you -
at Easter? Or too
expensive - for so short a time?

Oliver L. Tuck

N.B. This ~~may~~ look like the
manuscript for a three
vol. novel!!! ^{friendly}

But it is (chiefly) an endeavour -
(with a tired brain that won't be
concise - tired due to that 29 months
of strain) to not let you meet
my friends under any misconception
(with rai could only bore you).

But the two men you might feel
you were sorry you had met
them. (I don't think you would.)

But then I know you so slight
really. ^{I mean} your outlook on most things.
But I am attracted by
young men (with brains) because my
friend (killed on Gallipoli) was only 27
& very brainy. 1913 (Older men are so ^{importantly} ^{"Sett."})

He was in the Eort. Analysts
Lab. in Perth. (But previously was
in Hobart Eort. Analysts.) young

So, apart from your real interest
in aboriginals - (to your kindness)
that is why I feel you are a valued
friend. - Even when I am old enough
(almost) to be your grandmother!!! (Dear
Sir Palahad.)

AIR MAIL
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