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St. Gueens Bay
Saturday 5th p.m.

My dear Arthur

I wish you were here
we actually hurried through our shopping
& have had our tea here chiefly at Leshe's
instigation, as she did not have the Whisker
holiday -

People ask me what you think about
about the state of things, & I reply that I do
not dwell on it in my letters & I never do for
as Wilfred remarked you are 'not young
to write things that would trouble one, ^{unwisely} one
can pretend that they are not feeling the strain -
If it is in any way possible try not to upset
them with your fears - I hope & pray for peace

We took Mr. Ambler home last Sunday
he lives opposite St. Andrew's Hospital & I
has an ^{at the back of} intriguing garden terrace with
50 steps up, with flat places to sun bathe
& actuals to meditate wild & garden
flowers mixed in glorious confusion; he

has been a lay Missionary in Ghana his
wife has been a worker too) they married late
in life I have one daughter¹⁷ who hopes to
train for medical research - his wife is
very sweet.

I called to see Jessie proor soul I
kissed her & talked a bit when she
suddenly 'got up' to see me again she
said 'you know! you are the only one
left of my various relatives -'

Barbara still has "Guitar" & snuffles &
snuffles about the house & when she tries
to smell a sweet perfume (or otherwise)
her snuffles are most alarming in their
intensity.

Wilfred has just invited Les to come
& see a spider the colour of the sand
Papa has been doing a spot of sand hopping
& has now returned we must pack up
our traps (like the Arabs) & head away
home Les wants to play tennis this
evening Maryone & Margaret
Lucene belong to the same club -

Maison de Haut

Wed

My dear Arthur

Glad to get your letter
I altho I have not looked forward to your
holidays. I know it is better ^{for you} not to cross
for the 'present. I can't pretend that
~~that~~ it is not a heavy disappointment to
one especially as it is not possible ^{to} plan
anything just now.

Lovely weather to day but we have
had a lot of rain we are not
digging yet. let us know if you want
any tons of potatoes. I thought I could
send some if you go to Invercarnbe —

Les took some tons to school (last
day before hols) one of the masters has
joined up — some work for the others —

Did I tell you that Margaret Bellot
has a brother in St. Albans (not the Doc)

We took Auntie Bess to the bus on
Sunday evening we went over

Mount Bingham. It was a perfect evening. The French boat was coming in. The Pier was black with people expecting their men on leave. Alice is now at the front. Fred is now working for us again.

We have not heard from Moucambé nor do not know if Liddie has accepted the Kenya job, I somehow think he will -

Much love

As my own dear boy
from
Mother

C. end May 1940

MAISON DE HAUT,
LONGUEVILLE,
JERSEY, C. I.
Tel. 544 3000

Sunday
after dinner

I am enclosing cutting re. air service
will it make any difference to your
plans? (Les is writing to you about it I think
I know I must leave the arrangements
to you & altho (needless to say) I am
~~am~~ longing to see you, we both
wondered if it would be necessary to
change your plans (we realize it might
be necessary) & our 'des appointment
must not count; if it seems best
to defer your visit. I try not to think
how far away you are -
May God be with you
much love

to my own dear boy
from
Mother

Maison de Haut
Sunday
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My dear Arthur

a glorious Sunday
morning the house is a picture of creepers
& rampant roses -

Glad to get your letter, had one
from Aunty Lillie but she does not
mention Kenya -

Just had a note to say that the
partnership between J. J. W. & Lewis
was dissolved

Did I tell you that Dorothy's husband
has joined up & left Jersey -

Our two diggers arrived at nearly
midnight last night, one of the trucks
was brought home last evening dead drunk

I am writing this under the holly tree
there is not a sound to be heard. W & L
are off to chapel & all the men are
gone towards

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It would have been lovely if your Jersey holiday had been possible. Try not to dwell on the disappointment to all of us. I long for the time when you can come it does not help you to continue to write about it; you know without being told ~~whether we would~~ how we yearn for you.

My letters lately seem very bald nothing much of interest to relate, we hope to get out a bit during Leslie's holidays, but will probably have to go by bus, Les had thought of getting a small car, she can afford it but under present conditions it would not be worth while.

I did not get a chance to talk to Mrs. B. Le Luesne at Seaton Place she is speaking at Gorey shortly, I may get a chance there.

Much love

To my own dear boy
from
Mother —

It seems a pity to see your names deleted

Sunday

My dear Arthur

Only time for a few lines as I have been delayed. We have to go up to Green Baks to tea, (instead of on 29th)

We do not yet know the date of your arrival. Wilfred had forgotten to tell me must ask again -

Did W. tell you that they have to cross on the 28th instead of 30th (no plane on that day (or perhaps no vacancies))

Will write a long letter
next week to make up for
this very scraggy one

Much love

to my own dear boy
from
Mother

Maison de Haut.

Sunday

My dear Arthur

A terrific storm
last night both back & front
Avenue blocked with fallen
trees a very high tide
some of the town would be
flooded now at 3 p. m.
on Sunday except for a
breeze the weather is
beautiful.

You will be busy
preparing for your journey -
I could say quite a lot but
you who can read me like a
book, probably know all I

would like to say, but I will
refrain from comments
except, take care of yourself

We had another letter
from Wilfred (descriptive
Margaret's to her Mother
tells of nice lodgings, &
an abundance of very
good food —

Their return will coincide
with Papa's birthday (14th)

No very special news, we
have spent a very quiet week
the Eddys came to tea & we went
for a drive (I told you this in previous
letter), they ~~to~~ went to Eric's
& met Auntie Ethel who is
charming, charming &

are going there to sea &
Bridge to-morrow -

they are departing on Thursday
much love

to my dear one
from
Mother

Friday

My dear Arthur

I am afraid
I have been rather slack,
in not writing to you as frequently
as I used to, but Les & I are
kept so busy, even Sophie
has creaked 'up', so we have
no help at all in the house,
so you will understand that we
are kept busy, & of course very
tired. It is strange that we
can never get satisfactory
service at although we ^{are fully} pay
the highest wages demanded.
One hoped after the war that
things would be easier, but
it was a vain hope.

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I wonder if Roy is with you
he has persuaded (as I expect you
know) his mother to spend a
holiday with him (they will make
an arrangement for them
in April) & he is taking another
holiday with Wall. They can
afford it, as they have made
a lot of money.

I will write a longer
letter at week-end
hope your cold has quite
departed. Take care of yourself
all our love
Mother

~~9~~ ~~bruv~~ ~~we~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~at~~ ~~tho~~ ~~it~~
usually come on foggy days at night

~~De jour~~

Maison de Haut
Wed.

My dear Arthur

We are all very
joyful at the prospect of your
return.

First of all after our excursions
& alarms the way seems
quite clear for you to come
on date arranged.

Wilfred just had to put dates
for the length of your stay which
is ridiculous as the de'commande
is always available for you
I told them at the office that
to say "All restrictions removed"
was most misleading. You were
I came Tuesday while Wilfred

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was in Town at the
Aliens Office. ^{lost bagged in}
Luckily for us the man ^{on Wed. morn.}
who spoke to us at the Office
let us see Mr. Grange as
otherwise we hardly knew
where we were. with the
multitude of instructions
as to what you could &
could not do.

Mr. Grange was very
nice & told us that
your Certificate, had been
forwarded.

So at long last, things seem
to have sorted themselves out

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Your wire was phoned
up on Tuesday, I as I
felt a bit flustered at the
news Les asked for a repeat
& now to-day we have the
confirmatory copy, we all
missed the word 'stay for
stay' & were pluming ourselves
that you were having a 6 weeks
holiday which was of course
unduly optimistic.

Much love,

I long & long
to see our dear one
Mother & Co

Saturday eve

My dear Arthur

Delighted to get
your letter to day, we are on
top. We looking forward to seeing
our dear one at long last -

all the red tape has been very
bewildering, as almost every night
there was some fresh notice, most
of them very involved; however
the great thing is that the ban
is lifted.

The weather is much colder
- not suitable for pic nics

You did not refer to our wire
sent off after seeing George
(it does not matter) I suppose you
received it -

There are lots of things I could
write about but how lovely
to be able to talk instead of
writing.

By the way, I don't suppose
you could buy a Thermos flask
& even if you could perhaps
it is not allowable to buy one
we cannot buy one, Leski's has
gone West & a big one I had
I sold for "a" piece of postage" I
mean cake of soap -

Hot water bottles only on a
D^r's certificate no linen
unless newly married so I do
not qualify our linen kitchen
has been most laboriously patched
all our love

to our dear boy
from Mother

Sunday morn

My dear Arthur

How lovely to hear
your voice again & so clear it is
not always so as Auntie Ethel & Olive
have had calls that were quite a
frost you must have had the wire
very quickly. we did not expect the
call until Sunday night a few
minutes earlier Les was having a
bath & I was in bed as you imagine
us rushing from the east to the west -

No time for a long letter
as one of the men is posting
this for me at 4 P.

Longing & longing to see your
dear one

Love

from

Mother

Maison de Haut

Monday

My dear Arthur

Just rec. your
letter written on Friday —
Wife & I went to town Saturday
morning to enquire about the
forms, to be sent from Jersey,
saying that you had a home
to ^{come} to (nothing doing) Les
went in the afternoon I was
told that the forms had not
arrived, ran up again today
same reply. Probably arriving
to-morrow. It seems to me
a funny "removal of all restrictions"
if there is still all this red tape
& delay, we are enquiring

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& if available
again to. tomorrow, I will fill
in form & post it on to you
immediately, it is more than
disappointing, it is annoying
on all hands, one hears the
query why can some folks
travel & not others.

We heard of one case of a
Mr. L. C. who applied because
his parents were ill. The case
was investigated & a reply sent -
"We are glad to inform you
that your parents are in
perfect health & your application
is refused."

I expect with all this
delay, that Len will have
to put off her visit
Elsie arrived on Saturday

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Auntie Bee. is still away
Reggie is joining her with her
elder son, & they are returning
together.

We all have signed our
~~off~~ voting paper or rather application
for right to vote.

Lovely weather to-day
glorious sunset yesterday.
Cars are being advertised
as being on sale shortly
chiefly, Austin & Lenger -

John Colvel is finishing this
at 4 P. so I must conclude

all our love

to our dear one

from

Mother

this is the first I have heard
of 15/- fee which anyway I don't
suppose will apply, with new regulation

Wednesday

My dear Arthur

I have enjoyed his visit & appreciated all his kind visits -
we will repay what you have advanced
when you return. It is now 10 days & will
be soon. especially as the weather
has quite changed. colourously fine
Wilfred had no fog. but was on the
last of 5 planes. That arrived 1 hour late
so we had a very long wait. we found
it rather cold waiting so decided to
sit in the CAR after watching 3 arrive
with no Wilfred. when suddenly we
observed rather a stir so flew up the stairs
to find the 2 last planes landed. the wind
must have changed so they had landed just
over a very small bit of Jersey & out of sight
of where our car was parked.

Welfed brought 2 small torch batteries
but perhaps you don't remember that
I gave you 1 (if not 2) of the torches they
fit it was on your last journey when
you would have been in black oil I needed
them more than I did if you still have
them & they are not in use I would
be glad of one to put in handbag -

This is just a hurried
scrawl to enclose with Welfed's
much love

To our dear one
from
Mother

P. S. Glad to get letter yesterday

Wednesday

My dear Arthur

Glad to get your letter
we had a P.C. from Alice today thanking
us for the toms we sent & saying that
they were enjoying Welfed's coat,
I suppose that he is in Sheffield now.

Margaret Lucie fetched Les & I yesterday
& took us for a drive, we went as far
as Egypt. The three farms & all the
outbuildings are in ruins, they have
been used as targets, not a roof, a
window or a floor remaining in
any of them. It is a terrible sight
& very hard luck for the owners.

Thursday

I write so many letters that I cannot
remember if I told you that Roy had fallen
down & had slight concussion, he is better

One of our places has a branch in bud showing
colour & we have Echinums (is it spelled right.)
popping up all over the place in the bannocks
avenue, fruit house &c &c. I'm in bloom

We did enjoy our drive with the Lucie's
Margaret drives her brother's car (her nice
little one was commandeered) it was lovely
to see the places that we so frequently
visited when we had a car. I feel annoyed
with Kalle as he has had the Brown party
for more than a week & altho he promised
to come has not done so, so still I tudge

No very special news
we are hoping to see you soon, as we
hear that restrictions are to be lifted shortly
we hope it is true.

No need to assure you of the
welcome awaiting you after these
dreary years

All our love to our dear one

I have written 4 letters

to you & came, Auntie Bess Wilfred & you

Mother

Maison de Haut
Tuesday

My dear Arthur

You can imagine our joy at the possibility of your getting a permit to cross when I saw in the paper that things would ease up by Nov 1st. I had been feeling very hopeful.

The car looks quite respectable except for the roof, it has cleaned up quite well. The paint is surprisingly good & the upholstery perfect (almost).

I was afraid we had wasted our money on getting it done up, as despite the fact that it was bound up I ran down the Avenue, to get a start it would not get going, however Poppe managed to get it to 'talk' & he put it right.

It will be nice to meet you in it
it is not always easy to get a taxi.

Glenn is expecting Mrs. Nicolle (nee Hales) on a visit perhaps I told you I want us to meet her.

Jim's wife came up this afternoon they have a nice little girl 1 1/2 Mrs. G. is dark, fat etc. (I don't know her age.)

How nice that your friends seem to have accepted Wilfred, he has filled in all right seemingly, it is kind of the Le Sueur's to ask him back.

We have budgets & budgets to tell you - I keep thinking I must tell Arthur this -

All our love

To our dear one

from
Mother

Of course I know that would be
necessary for an unknown make
but Ford & Austin etc would be a
safe buy. & the chance of
getting a car (without getting
an order) seems to me to be
very remote. & none of us are
getting any younger. I am glad
I have had the strength to walk all these
many years. but it would be a relief not to have to

walk such long distances

Val has ordered an Austin
car do you know anything
about a new Citroen car?
Pops has some idea about one
I wonder if you have seen any
I have any idea of the price.
~~Perhaps~~ Pops will not order
so we still dither on getting
no forwarder, he wants them
to be on sale in Texas first

Maison de Haut-
Saturday

Welfred

My dear Welfred

I had to get your letter to-day with Sel's (she seems to have enjoyed having you there) also one from Arthur. I think it is a pity that when he is in London he does not try to arrange about a permit it is better than writing. I saw Pat to-day & she told me that Elsie got permit & date of return fixed up with no trouble of course as I told you, she applied personally, as soon as she got to London. The honeymoon couple on your boat returned in about 10 days, it is all very unfair

Had you any hungry crows as they
like about enclosed? I had thought of
asking you to buy 'one some,

Auntie Ethel is joyful. Mother is
being released from her work I will
be here shortly (it is a case of the
unfortunate widow-) I am glad for Auntie E.

The Porter is being returned
next week with a Make do Battery
the roof is not mended.

When I started writing to you & Arthur
I was not thinking that the two letters
would go in one envelope so
I have repeated myself:
as a matter of fact I had 3 letters started
1 to you 1 to Arthur & 1 to Auntie Lillie
perhaps it is a silly plan.

Much love

to my dear one
from Mother

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Maison de Haut
Friday

My dear Arthur

Glad to get your letter to-day, glad also that you have been able to get out a bit after your busy time.

We would be ^{like} glad to hear if there is any (the family pen has run dry) possibility of your returning with Wilfred, he has not spoken of his plans for returning (not yet of course) we do so long to see you. excuse repetition

I had written another letter (which I have torn up) as I know that you do not need my advice about permits & I don't want to be a busy mother

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even if I am a living one.

Lovely weather to day
the sea is quite calm again

Sunday

Very stormy weather to day Les was
preaching, she had to shelter.

I was sorting out & descending
the old clothes, including the shirt with
13 patches, & came across my best
& worst hat of last winter. I laughed
when I showed it to Les, it was
an old one of Elsie's worn
back to front. I noted in one
of the reviews, a letter from Jersey
saying, "The very best dressed among us look
like peace craves Mullerney styles are fantastic".

~~without mentioning any names there are exceptions~~

It is possible to get a person. Philip
Paynet's daughter has come & gone

she has no mother to come to, so there must be some way
to be seen there

Margaret Billst, still seems to be in retirement. Mervyn came this afternoon to fetch some oars, Edmund is using the old dingy. Mervyn is huge, but has not changed much otherwise.

Mr. Halle has got the necessary parts to repair Prover, we now lack a battery ^{when we get it} ~~to~~ you can imagine us rattling along, in a very plebeian way, in contrast to our pork Ford. The announcement that people would be notified if their cars were in the Island seems to hang fire, as I have only heard of two notifications. I also some Radios were supposed to be brought back from France. I must go to Jayland. I have another look _{in our}

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Wal has an old ^{car} - an Alvis I have
not seen it, Olive does not drive it,
Wal & Edwin are making money
on farms, they have grown a
lot more than we have, we do
not rent Proun field now, the
men have plenty to do with the
ground we own.

Did you like the photos? we
wondered if you had received them.
Les & Pops was taken specially for you.

I am afraid my letters are
very humdrum, I don't come in
contact with many people
so don't hear much gossip.

all our love

to our dear one

from

Mother

Monday

Mr. Mapus has arrived
she got her permit in about 20
minutes & a place in a plane
immediately of course she ~~is~~ was
returning to her home which
made a difference,

I told you that Elise was
getting her permit for return
as soon as she arrived in
London - & she did - & she
would -

Welford tells us that you
are applying for both permits

✓
yesterday
got from
yesterday

Maison de Haut.
Saturday
— —

My dear Arthur

I meant to
write before to thank you
for parcel, have had a
busy week thrashing Telly
making etc. I made a little
lot of jelly especially
for Wilfred with some of
the extra sugar & the tea.
was ~~extra~~ ^{very} specially nice,
but don't deprive yourself
of any more of either as
we & now have enough to
go on with, of sugar & tea
& a surplus of some things
more variety perhaps than you
have

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As I hoped that you took
the opportunity of being in London
to try for permits let us know
if there is any chance of your
coming with Wilfred. Some
folks manage it, with no
more reason than you have

It is a good thing that
I did not know how many
months after Dechou it would
be before we all met. I

am hungry to see my dear one
after all these years & I know
that you are longing to return still
we are thankful for letters in the
meanwhile.

Georg has an Alsatian & a big
black dog as well, the former
flew at my new maid & caught
her clothing on her hips she was terrified
(Phonix) but he has taken no notice.

has jumped at her before

the dog

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Maison de Haut
Tuesday

My dear Arthur

I had hoped for
a letter to day, but letters are
taking a while to come.

Welford seems to be having a
good time. He seems to think
that with the increased air
service, you will probably be
allowed to cross with him.

Barry he has been gone nearly
3 weeks already -

Preta's leg has healed
well, the scabs are not all
gone yet. I was surprised
that the Dr. did not cauterise
the bite.

~~2~~

Our Threshing to day, only
a small affair compared to
the amount the Germans ordered
us to grow, during the war years.

Our Harvest Sunday Les
sang beautifully "He shall feed
this flock". Mr. Gallichan &
I rec. the children's gifts.

The Emeretts have returned &
have not seen them yet.

I hear that Margaret Bellot has
returned but she has not
rung up. I find her strangely
silent about her experiences.

I believe she had a
nervous break down at some
time or another. Murray is
coming on leave, & I
suppose Gwyneth is here.

mother
frances
all our love

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Saturday

I expect you find the weather colder in England if you want vest socks or' belt on let me know I wish you would buy a sports coat I don't like it. I think that you are shabby.

I am all alone (except for Lucille) Pops is gone. So I went to see Margaret Longstreth, and I meant to go to the pictures to see "Jane Eyre" but Margaret said it was gruesome so we decided to see it a miss.

So glad to get your wire & to know that you had arrived at Cambridge & had met Arthur -

When she returns
but the car is first
to-day
I
The Lower Pen
to
no one open
to
everyone

Les thought you would
be expecting a letter but
she is at the school for
dinner & going to see Grandpa
to the Lower Mills, will write

Maison de Haut
Thursday

My dear Wilfred

~~At~~ I was so disappointed
that I could not get to the end
of the Pier, but when the barriers
got very steep I had to give
up, but I think I spotted you
on the boat through my glasses
I gave a last wave when the
boat rounded the breakwater
altho I know you could
not see me. We are missing
you, but so glad that you
have been able to get away
for the holiday, you so badly
needed, we are thinking of
you.

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W. Lloyd

You can't expect much news in my first letter. ~~No~~ You no doubt have more to tell us.

Tax fares seem to be on a sliding scale varying from 3/6 to 4/6 to 6/- to 11/- anyway I was glad not to have to walk home after standing on the Pier for an hour.

Much love to my own dear boy. Take care of yourself & God bless you
from
Father

Maison de Haut
Tuesday

My dear Arthur

You can imagine
our feelings when we read that
your permit had been refused.
I have tried "to put a cheerful
courage on" but have lived for
the day of 're union' it is hard for you
for all of us especially when one
sees the exceptions that are being
made. at the same time we all
agree that it is better to wait
until things are eased ^{to re apply} I am
enclosing a cutting & wonder why
the C.I.T's must be penalized
still the last sentence looks a
bit more hopeful, I wondered if

some Dr. friend or K. C. could call
attention to your valuable discovery.
I exceedingly hard work I still think
it is this end, that blocks the way
again & that's last announce
for Bobbie was in Donald Cabot.
I don't know the result.

We are having perfect weather
just ideal for your holiday (if
you had one)

I should not have thought that
Wilfred would have had any
trouble considering that Elsie
got her permit at the very start of her holiday
I'm, Maspen as I told you.

Only a short letter but I
want to get it posted.

Much love to my dear boy / 2
from Mother
— — — still Hopson

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Maison de Haut
Tuesday

My dear Arthur

We have been to the
Robinson's for tea this
afternoon accompanied
by ~~John~~ Whimsey
and ~~John~~ ^{by} John's Queree

Pere Rey was there, Whimsey
and a Miss Sobyerly, a Masseuse
We had a very nice time
left there at 4 o'clock.

John Cotrel who works
for us has been served
with an E motion order, I
can't find a house -
he has now found one of a sort

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He has an exceedingly delicate
wife.

I think Auntie Bee means
to stay in England until
Xmas.

Muttie Casimir has joined
the "Naafeis". Tom Anthorne
is gone away I suppose
to train for a Vet I suppose
is gone to a Boarding school
in England. Mr. Anthorne
is coming back.

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Friday eve

Went to Recognition tea
yesterday & met lots of people
I had not seen for years.
Eric Walker spoke very well,
I think we will like him he has
such a bonny wife & 3 lovely
children. Bir Bryden looks rather
old his wife must be young
& I did not see her, but was
told that she was wearing a
pale blue JOCKEY CAP.

I sat near an old Mr. Le Brocq
who told me it was his 84
birthday, Welfed dinner there
sometimes.

Had a letter from
Welfed to day

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I hope I don't repeat myself
too much I usually have letters
to both of you & Auntie Lillie
going at the same time, just
jotting down things as I
think of them.

Auntie Ethel had written
to Lord Portsea he is in
Jersey & called on her he
would not go in & was I
believe very brusque, I asked
a vast number of pertinent (or
impertinent) questions I don't
think I did much good.

Elise crosses on Monday week
(by air) her hotel booking has
gone wrong, I gave her
the two Cartwright Gardens
address she came in her lovely little
ear

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Glenn came as well (on her legs)

I see in E. P. that Paul
Basimic has been appointed
Secretary or rather clerk at Vic.
College, I don't know if it is
instead of Eddie who was ^{at} Sec:
no one seems to know if there
is a new headmaster has
been appointed.

Miss Barton has brought back
a new English staff.

Les is being very clever

I milk a cow every evening
Pops has a lot to do with

only one man of course
we have a lot less ground

Les & I have been to town

but have not renewed our
wardrobe I suppose we are difficult to please

are you tackling your hoped
for return with Wilfred?

Elsie is seamy about her
return as soon as she
arrives in London.

Les says to apply Passport
Office Queen Anne's Gate.

but I expect you know better
than I do. I just wanted
to remind you not to leave
it too late to apply.

Lots of people have come over & gone
back with apparently no more reason
than you have just for a holiday.

I don't like to think that
you will not be allowed to cross.

We are hungry to see our
dear one all our love
Mother

Mind you keeps an a/c of
what Welped borrow.

I have told him not to run about

Maison de Haut
Sunday afternoon

My own dear boys

I am alone as I told
you I would be this afternoon. The weather
has quite changed, it is very hot, after a
spell of rain & wind.

We went to Glises on Friday & had a nice
time. "Boy, thinks the world of Arthur"

Till Pitt (Mr. Harry Marks) is in Jersey
he has had a chat with Elsie. Much to
Edwin's disgust.

We have had no news from Fall about our
Pover, apparently there are a lot of cars in
the Island people will be satisfied if they
have remained in the Island. We don't think
there is any chance of ours. I apparently our
Wielin has departed too, we are pretty quiet
in comparison with the majority of folks in that
respect.

Not much chance of sending on produce as
it all has to be taken to a store & examined first

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I wish my car it is difficult I am very
 sorry as I had promised come to Monroville
 but I've packed four of Lawrence's & got them
 off before this date ^{was full time} anyway she says she
 will go to the store with some for Bessie Latta
 as he should have been sent off last in preference
 to Lawrence, as he had been enjoying them
 here.

In some ways I think a lot of regulations
 will be lifted now ^{that} we are out under military
 rule. I am hoping it will make a difference
 to travelling. Amelia Langlet has joined the
 Traffic's. Lots of Ferry Boys & girls have
 joined up. I wonder if you (W) saw any
 folks for business on that boat
 you see don't saw the two brides (one
 complete with bouquet) I see another boat is
 to be put on the service.

The two Dupres have returned Ruby & Lurline
 Les saw Ruby at Paul Hall smoking a
 cigarette. He is presiding at a
 Youth Festival at Grove Place next week
 Les hopes to go & see the Challinors
 next week before school starts. There are
 lots of changes to many vacancies to fill up
 I hear an English staff is coming to Girls College

Wed afternoon

So very glad to get your cheerful letter
I had rather loathed as we had rec.
no news except Welfred's wire but I
see you posted your letters on Saturday &
we only received them to-day (Wed) they have
taken a long time to come.

I am sending Mrs Haysons letter & my
reply for you to see. Les said I need not
refer to the lovely blouse, as she had
sent a message ^{of thanks} by you (Mrs H. sent 1 lb
of tea)

Les hopes to go to the Challoners but
there have been torrents of rain 'last
night as well with some thunder.

Les wants to post this on her
way to Bel Royal

all our love

to our dear one
from

Mother & Co

Tuesday

My dear Arthur

Glad to get your letter. rec 2 from Wilfred he is having a "round-about" turn I went to a Murray meeting at St. Mary's this afternoon I quite enjoyed the long bus ride. Florence was there with her three girls. The baby Ann is a little better. I don't think Elyabeth's condition is good, it is bad.

I hear that Ralph's son has been left behind in an English Hospital.

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Wed.

I glad to get P. C. heard
from Auntie Lellie to day
I think Wilfred has had a
good time & fitted in well.
Les has my pen & this
is a flop.

My pen is about the only
working one we have. It
is rather a peculiar one
but not too bad. I bought it
in war time & paid I think
about 10/- for it.

I bought a jar of honey
yesterday & this week we have
marmite & Gxo we have
plenty of food (& nice things too)

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This week we have had a nice lot of chocolate. It is a treat to have bacon, we have it tinned in our Bud's parcels (quite nice)

I'm going to St. Mary's we passed the huge heap of stones as high as this house, that the Germans dug ^{or blasted} out to make their underground hospital.

In Auntie Lillie's letter she refers to ~~Mr~~ Anita's mother, not answering their letters to her, we did not quite understand, but evidently Mith is not pleased about some cable. She is trying to get a permit to come to Jersey.

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Why the secret about Teddie's
second child who died I
don't think I am supposed
to know about it, or else
the Kenya folks do not want it
known. I did not refer to it
in my letter to Kenya & neither
did they.

My ideas don't flow
this evening.

Much love & longing
to see you
from
Mother

Tom Cousell came to
see us yesterday he is
very demotivated why come & they
have to go back & where her

Arthur

Maeson de Haut
Saturday

My dear Arthur

Glad to get your letter. I must really refrain from advising you about patent, except to tell you that Pat says (by personally applying) as soon as Elsie reached London she started her holiday with the date fixed for her return.

The "Impetuous widow" is jubilant. Bobbie is returning to her farm. I am glad for Auntie Ethel for she did pull every string, including Sir Daniel.

Had a letter from Wilfred enclosing a very nice one from Lil who seems to have enjoyed having Wilfred there.

We are having very fine weather
almost too dry as our cistern was
empty & the pumps not working.
'The Rover' is coming back
next week with a make do Battery
unfortunately the Sunshine roof is
in rags (I'll take care to mend it)
due to leaning it out in the rain.

I met Mr. Maspero at afternoon tea
this week. Mr. Huckle is still going strong.

John Maspero is married & has an
infant. A very important looking wife.
Beed Luere has met Margaret Todd.

Much love

To my own dear boy

from
Mother

Sunday afternoon

a lovely afternoon ^{now} - cloudy over
 & getting quite fresh. we have had
 a lot of rain luckily it did not
 interfere with our thrashing it
 was time to do it, as one of
 stacks was quite green &
 grassy. we have a huge stack
 in the front patch & when I
 told Pops that it spoiled the
 view, I was informed that
 it belonged to Bonetti.

Auntie Ethel is quite despondent
 that she can't get Bobbie back. he
 really is badly needed, she has
 pulled every string.

Mr. Robinson told me that
 Edmund Blampied the artist
 is going to live next door to them.

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never young woman

at Balmoral Terrace

Sunday eve

I am not going to Chapel
 this evening the days are
 shortening & Les gets back quicker
 without me. I wish we could
 have some satisfaction about
 the Rover. My maid does not
 come on a Sunday, so I have
 a lot to do. I would probably go to
 Chapel if we had a car.

Much love

To my own dear boy
 from
Mother

P.S. I rang up Elsie & she told
 me that F. Haines does not wish
 Margaret to contact anyone for a
 week, glad I dia out phone, (dang her leave)
 I have found her strangely uncommunicative

I wonder if it has any thing to do with her about her visit with

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Maison de Haut
Sunday

Why them to know
that I indeed am back

My dear Arthur

We were glad
to rec your letters Saturday
they take a long time
to come I must wait
to hear 'from Wilfred
before I reply to his.

I would

I fell rather hurt at
the letters from Mroucarrick
they hardly mention Wilfred.
The trouble is Uncle F. likes
to do the arranging
I don't forget when I addre

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landed Anita here
without even warning us
We have had to have
poor Laddie put to sleep
he was ^{almost} totally blind
one evening he fought
with Mr. Bouette's

alsatian dog I called
him off but he turned
round & fought again
& bit the little Bouette
girl on the leg almost
to the bone. I was quite
alone & I could not
have done anything with
a huge dog like that, but it
was over in a minute

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but long enough for the
deplorable thing to happen
fortunately John came
up just then & carried
Peta into the house where
I lathered her leg sent for
her mother & the Dr.

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I don't think there will
be any bad effect, as she
is a healthy child. The
next day she was in no
pain & quite bright we
know Laddie & hated to
lose him but if you had
seen the deep gash
I am sure you would

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have felt that no chance
could be taken of such
a thing happening a
second time, in fact my
nerves would not have
stood it, as every time
he flew barking after
anyone, I had to rush
out & call him off. I am
not ashamed to say that
I wept when he was taken
away. So I could
do almost anything
with him & he was most
responsive to our
affection. we will tell Wilfred
a bit later.

for like
or tell him

Maison de Haut
Saturday

My dear Arthur

We are all
anxiously awaiting further
news about your permit:
we realize that these permit people
cannot be hurried.

I actually went to the Pictures
yesterday. There's fears I have
not been (how's that for
justified?) & came home by car
(Callia Power). Pops has had a
lot of bother starting it, but it
is better than last few days.

Booke called yesterday
how he has changed he is
wonderfully improved & a fine young fellow

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We managed to get to Anniversary
after being almost prevented by
the car's refusal to start eventually
we got going one little boy ^{who recited} raised
the roof, which is a queer thing
to say about a chapel. He started
well & when he got to the last
verse he walked back to his
place finishing at a terrific speed
(absolute spate of words) we were
convulsed with laughter, in
which his father who was on
the platform had to join.

I could not help comparing
the altered conditions since the
previous Anniversary we walked
to Chapel in a deluge of rain
with thunder crashing & Chapel
in total darkness when the lights went
out

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We do not forget to be thankful & to count our blessings.

We had meant to send pears to you but they are not keeping well & without the car, it has been difficult, especially with all the red tape of examination.

We are still picking small lots of tomatoes. The weather keeps fine but is colder —

Edna Broad came up to day with Freda Army. She is a Masseuse.

I wonder how Tzett's Broad's diary got into the Periwit.

It we have not had Ralph Mollet's book yet. I thought of getting a copy for the various folk who have been so kind to Wiffred.

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Sunday

Rain at last & badly needed
Yesterday we had afternoon
tea outside it was quite warm

Much love

to my dear one
from
Mother

Tuesday

My own dear boys.

Wouldn't it have been lovely if you both could have arrived on the Isle of Jersey on her first trip on Wed: 10th (on such luck)

Bobby expects to arrive on Friday
Clive came up yesterday Roy has been 10 days in hospital but is out (it was a case of delayed 'concussion')

Flourace hopes to take Elizabeth to Great Bernard St Hospital

Margaret Bellot is still in retirement Pops & Clive have seen her in Town' she is losing "Mr. Bellot's help" I expect it did not answer as while she was away, Maud was housekeeper & always referred to as Miss Margaret's father is living with her

Oliver has some snaps of Lucille she
does not look anything like Alice &
refers to herself as fat & forty &
tells a joke against herself. She was
dancing with a post officer who remarked
'I think you're marvellous (she preened herself
at that) the officer continued 'you remind
me of my aunt'. So now Lucille invited
people to call her Auntie. she runs a guest
house she says that one of the Maître
-gods is married & has 2 children Cousin
Madge sent me a note of her new address
Still marvellous weather (for holiday
if you have them).

In special news

Much love

to my dear boys

from
Mother

Sunday

My dear Arthur

I am enclosing another notice. I don't know if it will be helpful to you. It is definitely so to this side - anyway I send all & everything that is printed.

The fearful storm has passed but we are having torrents of rain deluges in fact. The boats have had terrible delayed crossings, but all that news will of course be in the English papers.

We have a new battery for Doves & it goes quite well (a bit noisy) John Cotrel has repaired the roof beautifully

I won't tell you with what -
You will laugh, Mr Doc has
bought a delivery van (in place
of a car) I should think he could ^{have}
had ^{an} private car) when Bergh
told us of the purchase, we were
dissolved in laughter as she
suggested he might put a stretcher
in the back & we wondered who
the passenger would be. he told
Elsie & I that he had been up
to Cambridge & had well nigh a
less quarrelled with his wife, who
refused to let him see Fannie
who lives with her Grandmother (did
much love to our dear one
still hoping to see you soon
all our love
Mother

Written over
a week ago

Maison de Haut
Saturday

My dear boys

Another glorious
afternoon, after a very foggy
morning.

Popo hopefully paid motor
tax & got a license for himself &
Wilfred. Hall said he was
trying out the car on Wednesday
nothing happened, Friday Popo
called in nothing doing. Sat
I phoned & after promising to
let us have the car today, now it
is next Tuesday.

as a matter of fact it arrived on
Monday night.

Wed

There are some new cars in the Island. Walter Pilleul was the first to get a fresh new one of course we do not have to pay purchase tax.

Torrential rain in the night & some thunder, very windy.

We have not yet had last week's W. Post. An one went to Town on Saturday, we have not even had our first ration of sweets (the only fresh available until next week.)

We have had our last 20 parcels (10 each) our first ones were almost worth their weight in gold (it was a shell from the Vega) H us