

Bairiki,

6th October, 1931.

Dear Mr. Grumble,

I am sending you copies of two letters which have just arrived via Funafuti. They illustrate the proximity of the Yankee menace. Hogbin is an Australian but it looks as if they are going to rope him in and have two men in the field next year. If your "Malcolm MacGregor" goes to the Ellice, what with Mr. Pherson & myself will have a New Caledonia at Funafuti.

I shall write Hogbin in the vein of your 6th Telegram to the Bishop of Museum and stress the difficulties of life in the group.

We arrived back here in due course after a 24 hour drift to the westward! I felt the Captain would have loved to blame it onto the sails but they were not up.

I enclose copies of some correspondence to Superintendent Edue. One, a private letter



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which, I suppose, I ought not to send you but  
it refers to two matters which might  
become debatable at a later date.

I had a long letter from Armstrong  
who seems thoroughly fed up with the Ellice.  
His job of taking over seems to have been a  
stupendous business. However he seems determined  
to get everything cleared up. A very nice letter  
indeed.

When you called out that we should  
meet again in November, you raised wild hopes  
that it might be an my way back to the  
Ellice! I don't see how that could be  
however unless Holland comes over to nurse  
this outfit until Blackie's return. But if  
it meant only another trip to Ocean it  
would be a welcome break to the monotony.

I have been to one "ruoia", and  
took a couple of pages of notes. Hope to  
settle down to it seriously soon. We must  
keep the advertising yards out of this field.  
Your notes abound in suggestions. I'm  
afraid I can't do them justice, at least  
not until I get a better command of this  
language.



There are dozens of things I want to write you about, especially questions on the ruvica but they will have to wait as I have nine more letters to write & only two hours to do it.

Thank you very much for your many kindnesses and especially for your great generosity in overlooking many things & giving me a chance to do the work in which I am really interested.

Yours very sincerely,

Donald G. Kennedy.