

Private Mail Bag
Wynnum Downs
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My dear Helen

So glad to hear from you & to

know that America Illustrated by book & picture was
welcomed in Adelaide. I should love to have been
present - but seem to have kept apart from just these
things about early America that would mean as much
in the near future. Scottish Australians etc. have always
kept their hold on Scotland. Irish Australia is venturing
to "scoop the pool" in Australia.

I should love to get intended with the Mayflower America
period, & to know how much of the Mayflower is still
represented in English families today. I should like to
know the finest early Americans of the Washington Irving
& other good types America best has a British ancestry
has it. We should connect these & so bring fra-
ternity of heritage between the two great English speaking
peoples. The Empire & The American Empire (the
she jibs at the name)! What could they not unitedly
do for the human race!

I have not received the cuttings you mentioned nor
the books & papers. I am rather concerned about my
mails. There is no official other than the Ganger &
letters who are down during working hours - & the
Telephone Office is locked up. So whether telegrams or
messages may come for me I shall have no chance.

of receipt or hearing of these.
 I have three generations of my poor relatives here with
 me: some from the West Coast (1918-19, & before '19-'35;
 others from some of them, but they are much better -
 I'm glad to have me here - I find the women & children
 but cannot get tea & sugar for them. I can buy flour
 & Sunders' without coupons, but the my tea & sugar
 would be exclusively for them - the Comd. Store
 has ind. delivery & neither Telegraphic nor letter
 appeal will bring even an acknowledgment - from the
 Minister. But - I think these poor things have been
 getting somewhat with the money the Soldiers give
 them in passing. I do not ask if this is so, but they
 are quite happy with me & quiet & good - & I love
 the wee children - & what gives me great pride & happiness
 is that the elders are telling all the States about -
 Kabbarli & what she did for mothers & sisters & brothers
 & fathers - that touches me as they really have no
 memories as a rule. And I see just the same with
 the children as I was with their mothers as children -
 & I hear them compare notes.
 And all this is so pleasant for me & think of, & to
 know that these dark humans have our own human
 touches. The heat & drought are dreadful, all my wee
 Wrens have been eaten by the Butcher bird.
 I have been trying to get away, but unsuccessfully -
 However my life's work has its reward in these poor remnants
 & their desire to be with Kabbarli.
 God bless you - may the coming year bring victory to you

beloved Empire ³ What a glorious & deeper
Empire shows the world! I keep my fingers
ever before me - & love to think of her -
She never strikes a false note - it isn't in
her blood.

I have to suppress my longings for my kind
but I shall hope to succeed in my
Sports for Service. Australia - apart from
the war - has never been faced with such
a condition of affairs in all her years. She
does not yet realize that it means
when energies drop the Commonwealth
dies in the ocean.

She will pull through please God - but
it will be through great suffering.

My mailbox has been very uncertain this
year, & as there is no person to take charge
of it. I have to place in the hands of the gang
(leading letter) It has been most irregular
at times. & there is no other means of
communication with the world!

I have my Dictator for Christmas & Dad &
Bob Cratchit & the Chemis will be by Christmas
just. I love to think of you all - just like home
doing your best - quietly & efficiently without
any cantatas. Affectionately Daisy & Kate

Frank
particular of getting your letters