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Dear Phyllis

Well it is 6-30 AM. Me sitting up on electric blanket, pillows behind me, & light on wall. If I don't write now. I just won't have time. Well I will be 66 to-morrow; So Daph & Mavis gave me an afternoon birthday tea down at Daph's Sunday. I asked Mavis "If she had heard of ^{you} going home yet" & she said "some time ago." So I said "See she has forgotten to send me the Mason's history," So as you asked me to remind you, this is what I am doing now. Giles Moore's daughter, Ena Harper, is waiting particularly for the information. She is writing a story & Aunt Annie is the theme of the story (as it were). Maud has asked me twice, if I had heard from you, as she would like to know the Mason's history before she passes out. & of course me I love old history of relatives. So here's hoping I'll have a letter from you very soon.

Henry is 91 and Maud 81. He is blind from glaucoma can mostly see doors & windows when open or a person moving ^{about}. Maud has a very bad heart. But they are both bright, & Henry a marvellous memory. Maud said "She has never heard him swear, or say anything nasty about anyone in his life." She said "Everything has to him seemed beautiful in his life. He never grumbles about his blindness." "A most placid man". His calmness may be why he is so well. He has a hernia which gives him a bit of trouble. He does not lie down

in the day-time but sits up asleep, His head sits perfectly straight & does not lean against anything, mine would flop in either of the 4 positions, if I fell asleep. He does not seem to have the Whittens arthritis, or impatience, or temper from nerves.

How lovely it would be to be so placid.

Daph still keeps going, Mavis, to me, does not look so well as she should. I don't know if it is her age

causing it, or if she had blood pressure, heart, or something like that, ^{or something about too much} she seems to be losing that happy beam, Still she may be quite OK. Look

at me for instance, I will truly show my age especially if I am tired, Suppose I have lost my beam too, but Mavis is 7 years younger than me. Sometimes if over tired I look about 99 or 11 months.

Luckily I am a good sleeper. Went to bed 6-30 last night & only woke up once during the night ^{well 6:30}

Of course I work hard, Have always had to have a lot of sleep. Dad was the same, also Bonnie & me & Daph also, Saves electricity going to bed, & not having radiators on ha, ha, (what an excuse)

I am up about 5, 30 or earlier in summer but have to have 1/2 hour lie down then, during the day, as I don't go to bed till 8 in the summer.

I am like a busy bee at present, & for the last 3 weeks, my neighbour, Mrs ^{nearly 90} ~~Box~~ is deteriorating quickly & has lost control of her bowels, also wets at night. She is waiting for a bed (maybe next week) in a

even alarm for that.

Convalescent Hospital, where I hope she will be contented to stay, It is a very classical one in Addison Rd, I have been giving her the one main meal in the day, & doing work for her, etc, messages I could not do it indefinitely, as I don't really get enough time, at any time, for my house & garden etc & am always on the go.

Monday Samsons work & B. A. Majors 2 children after that. in Lodge St.

Tuesday " & teach one girl when I get home

Wednesday my day if I have to go anywhere, or finish Laura's ironing if I don't get through it at night Mon. Tues. & some of my work.

Thursday. Manly, if I have to go for anything, Dinner with Daph & Home League (S. A.) home 4 o'clock,

Friday, Shopping for week end & cleaning up a couple of rooms each week rather well.


Saturday I only have one pupil & can wash, iron & do cleaning or gardening

Sunday Flat out all day with house work etc & half of Laura's ironing if she happens to bring it on the Sunday, or if I have to go anywhere. So I'll wear out not rust out, & write a lot of letters

Well Rex is in Germany, (Only Japan left)

He will be home on 20th August.

He sent me a most beautiful scarf for my birthday from Switzerland
 Kind of royal blue satin, beautifully coloured flowers including sidelaucis. Then around border, between

little sprig of flowers, Beautifully coloured emblems,
 It is really too good to wear. Could only wear it
 at night with my best coat, In fact it is really
 too pretty for one so old as me. But lovely to have
 to show. Also birthday card. Little perfumed affair
 inside. You open it up (3 layers) roses etc & 4 lovely
 coloured birds who stand out. one has a lucky
 horse shoe & another lucky trinket in his beak 
 (Oh I have got my horse shoe joined)

He seems to think he has done better than he expected.
 It is a pity Marcia is such a gruggler & nagger.
 She is much better to me than she used to be
 thank goodness.

I will be glad when I get the Woodstocks money, may be
 a year or more before they can sell it. I will give Rex
 a helping hand financially then.

Bonnie's blood pressure is very much better, but will
 have to keep on Simalin or such like all her life. Her
 eyes ^{lids} seem puffed & when tired get quite (slit like looking)
 She was 50 on 26th June. I always give her a birthday tea
 & her & Jim come over the nearest ^{saturday} ~~sunday~~ to it

Laura was 45 on the moon landing day. I do terribly thin,
 Jan has 3 ~~girls~~ girls Rowina, Meaghan & Deborah, her
 surname is Lacey

I do hope your leg is alright, or as good as can be expected.
 You don't realize how much they get used, till something like
 that sets up & you have to rest - I'll have to close getting late
 excuse writing. It is an awkward position & me speeding
 Love to Ross & yourself. From Glad