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I am going home next
Saturday 23rd Maria driving
me home. Can drive car now.

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Dear Phyllis,

you might say, "What ~~am~~ am I doing at
this address" Well Ann Meredith (who used to be
Ann Williams, of Five Socks, & married Uncle Sam's
nephew Fred Meredith) she asked me over, when
I was sick in Feb-March last year, & asked me
again for 2 weeks, following this last bout of
that terrible wog I got in second week in Nov.
I had 2 lots of PENSIG, 7 bottles of medicine, & 2 for
stopping cough, if it was persistent at night, & angsil
tabs as well as my heart, fil, & tablets for swollen
ankles, etc. I was almost stupid with drugs,
(I'm bad enough at any time as far as alertness goes)
Even left parcels in shop on counter, or come home
with some special letter in my purse, which I wanted
to catch next mail, & main reason for going out.
The cough has gone altogether now. but have a nasty
discharge from antrims, (The one I had a piece of root
of tooth taken out when I was 42.) It has always left
sinusitis, ^{and that's} ^{well} But this last wog played up there, &
^(tooth extracted when 31 left piece of root)
into ear, & even the pensig, and inhalations, seem
not to improve it. I was terribly weak, & could
not do my work, except absolutely necessary things.

I could not dare to travel to Jamworth, (the first year I have missed, except the (2 years I was in Bathurst at Elmas, also depression) in 41 years. ^{back & murell} ^{to heart} ^{would} ^{not} ^{stand} ^{it} ^{too} ^{long} ^{journey}

They were all disappointed. But the flu upset spondolitis, fibrositis & heart, with the violent coughing Ann's sister, Phyllis, Lathram's, husband, Bill, had it so bad that he got bronchial asthma, & a spot on lung, because he is allergic to penicillin, & was in hospital, he is O. K. now.

We are just waiting for Moavis to call & take us to church. So will have to finish to-morrow. We are going to Moavis for dinner & tea.

Last night, ^{Moavis} had an "old friends night" about 17. Including Mosville, (basting) that was. She looks very young, & vivacious. Of course about 58 compared with me 67.½

Moavis had a "emorgus-board tea" everything you could think of, & fruit salad, jelly, & cream. Later, Mosville showed pictures of her travels in Central Australia, & Darwin, & back through Alice / Mt Isa, & others. Another showed us churches of England, & gardens, & bridges etc, & a reel of mixed. All were lovely. Then supper again, where we put it I don't know. Then yesterday at church. They showed pictures, instead of a sermon. on the United Church work, in New Guinea, & Solomons. It is wonderful what is going on

The Sunday before. Daph came over to Moavis for the week end before. Moavis took her to see their Auntie Mary Baker, who will be 101 next April.

She does not even wear glasses, & makes coat hangers & things, & walks about, & is quite well.

Daph is very thin, but wiry, but beginning to show her age properly. Moavis is 59. Daph 58

& Keith is in between the two.

He seemed to get over his trouble last year, & has gone back to baths as usual. October till end of March. Long hours, as there are lawns baths, toilets cleaned out

^{Now} The kids are growing up. David 21 Richard 15
Rebecca 8, & Kathleen 6. aren't they.

I always wanted to see David turn 21, so I have achieved that. I don't know if I can hang out the

6 years for Richard. He is starting to grow a bit.

But is thin, weedy, pimply & long hair (straight as a ruler.)

David is very well built 1 inch off 6 ft. ^{now} butting down on food a bit, as getting too heavy. But won't cut his hair. He looks

almost like a fuzzy-wuzzy, with the most beautiful hair you could set eyes on. But I don't like it on boys.

It is getting more curly every day. & beautiful shades in it. In sun twice a day, bath twice

a day. I reckon he wets it too often.

Rebecca is fairly sturdy but could be taller

Kathy. very small for her age. Allergic to common

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cold. bleaver at school. more alert than Becky.
Becky is a poor reader for her age, she goes into
3-d class. ~~B~~ Kathy, 1st class.

Becky will be going to Jesmond, as the small
school near Marcia, only has kinder, 1st + 2nd class.
She is quite a good little singer + quite confident
about it. She was in 2nd class choir, when she
was in 1st class, standard

Well I brought Gwynn's long epistle with me
but must have left ~~it~~^{your} in drawer, so can say most interesting
she has brilliant children like your family.

Had a letter from Bengl. She said "Malcolm
is in Vietnam, Cecile works away from home"
Don't know where, or, what at.

Victor had a cyst taken out of the gland in his
neck + got over it O.K.

There is such a lot to comment on in your letter.
That I recon, "If I say. I love getting them
& proud of them, that covers pages of detailed
answering.

Oh I just remember. In the Family History
I have thought of 3 names you can add.

Merwin Bielefeld's wife Nell. Her maiden name
was Nell Garland. youngest daughter Kerry.
(Where I have Christine then sister, then Kerry)

also in Adrian Whitten's lot (son of Tom + Polly)
their youngest adopted girl is Kerry too.

So you can add to the epistle. Sometimes my brain

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goes blank. Then all of a sudden I think of the family. & the names fall into place.

Also Ivan & Ingrid Bielefeld, have a baby daughter Nita, she is a sister for Albert & Frederick.

Our Salvation Army Major has been moved to Fairy Meadow, near Wollongong. I am very fond of Mrs Bedwell. I will miss her. But glad to be released of the worry of her 3 music pupils. One exceptionally naughty. she was 11 on 31 Dec too lively, ^{very small} next one ^{call} rather dreamy child, ^{but lots of class at school} the younger one, only had 7 or 8 lessons, was very good, in that time. The army children are in so many things, ^{with} lots of homework. They were really tired by Monday evening. All week end activities ^{5 Army} & church. ^{spent} I would not blame them if they ^{travelling} ^{settled} did not improve, as they should have.

As they were really taxed with music as well. I'll miss the money \$1 for 3. but I will only have 3 left to teach, but my nerves, age, and eyesight are all against me for teaching now. A real old granny with all my ailments

Well Ann is about to go up the street so I think I have told you enough for the present

Hope all are well

Love from Glad