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Dear Phyll, Ross & Alpy (if she is still with you)
What a lovely surprise for Alpy to wake up
un-expected. Glad she liked the Xmas card I sent
I had a good Xmas with Rex & Chris, visited
Midge & Oscar Harder and had a day with
Oscar & Joan Carlson. Joan is a new combe
cousins daughter. You said you hope I can cope
with things? Well I could not, if it was not for
Laura Pickering who comes in car & takes me shopping
each week or to Dr or such or pay bills. She is
very kind to me. Lives at Peapack
next day a mailer called (my 92 year old grandpa)
he had to leave off

What a crowd Michael & Janet had & you too
Sorry Ross is getting an ulcer on his ankle they
after wont heal up. I have a spot beside my ankle
which is quite sore where the skins specialist drilled
the top off a little affair. He said if I knocked it
or caught my other heel on it, it would turn into
an ulcer. So I hope I never hit it on anything but it is
not so likely on the inside as if it was on outside
I dont know if I told you or not but I've had a
blood count & I have got chronic Lymphatic
Leukemia. I have to take 1 PREDNISON 5 tablet
each morning. I have to be on them all my life

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He said "I would not live long if I do not take them" So I hope to be here a while longer yet. He did not say how long it would be before it took me off, so I'll be with you all a while yet, but my walking is bad & I sway about a lot & my eyes seem to have trembles behind them. The new glasses the specialist gave me. He said "not to wear out in the street as I could have a fall. But just put on to read & write. They are bifocals. But I have been used to that type for years.

Rae has been made the Federal secretary of the Herpetological Guild of Australia.

They are all well & Backup baby Nina can walk now. A happy smiling cheery little soul about 9½ months. I don't know the date of her birthday. Dad, Mum & Pete.

Laura & Jamie are back from America & stayed a few days in N.Z. She won't have Richard living with her. He took her to his flat, left her there & then disappeared. She gave her house up when she went to America. She may be looking for a cheaper place. It was \$160 per week. That Richard has to pay for his flat or whatever it is also. It's all too silly this modern type of marriage they easily drift apart for what reason I haven't a clue. But it's not my affair & I don't brood over it. Richard & Laura have not many

② Maria up for a couple of weeks
Laura has been offered a dancing job for
3 months somewhere beyond New Guinea
She says she won't leave Jamie with Richard
but wants Maria to have him as she knows
she will see he gets to school etc

They never pay her any money for his food
so I told her to ask for money towards his
food

my eyes are stinging so I'll have to cut this
short.

David doing very well in Massachusetts & holds
a high position

I am tired all the time & very slow so I don't
do much in house I have Home Help service
2 hours once a fortnight to do things that I can't
do said this leukemia has the bad effect
on memory & well I know it already
Often write a list on table & go without it but
it waits for me on the table. I have a grocer
shop I do away. keeps chops or steak to grill
or stew so I don't starve they also have vegetables
& fruit but when Laura takes me to markets
I can get broccoli kumera & beans

I have had inflamed gall. Stabbing pains under right
ribs It is settling down again. I had to have no
butter, cheese, meat, or anything at all greasy

Bread not nice without butter & only marmite
or diabetic jam

Ill close now Love from Glad.