



PASSENGER LOUNGE  
AUCKLAND, N.Z.

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Dear Aunt Mollie,

Thank you so much for your kind letter, and the invitation to lunch. I'm afraid I am very late in answering it, but we have been dashing round so much I don't seem to have had time.

Both Carl & myself are very sorry indeed that we could not call and see you & Uncle Harry. We had already planned a good deal of travelling, and had booked it all, before we left Australia, & this left us only a few days with each of my family. We did go to Wellington but made it an extremely

hasty visit, flying down from  
Napier one day, & returning by  
the afternoon service car the  
next day. We had just 24  
hours in Wellington, and of  
course - to our great regret -  
could not stop to see you, as  
we did not have our own car.

We were sorry that we had  
not had more time, altogether,  
as everything was so rushed, &  
I did not see nearly everyone  
I should have liked to see.

I was sorry to hear Uncle  
Harry had been so ill. I do  
hope he is keeping better now.

The full names of Dudley's  
family, for your records, are -

1. Rosemary Margaret, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. 1938.
2. Janet, July 5<sup>th</sup>. 1939.
3. William Lionel, June 7<sup>th</sup>. 1943.
4. John Mason, May 21<sup>st</sup>. 1944.
5. James Edward, July 28<sup>th</sup>. 1947.

I will ask Kathleen when

I write to her, to let you know about her.

Yes, I believe Hugh & Cynthia enjoy Bermuda quite well, though they find the cost of living very high.

It was most interesting meeting so many new members of my family, and Carl did not seem to find it as confusing as it might have been! He seemed to get on well with everyone, and was particularly popular with all our nieces & nephews. He thinks N. J. is a lovely place, and we are hoping to be back in a little under two years. If so, we will most certainly call at Lauriston & see you both.

Please give my best regards to your family, and love from us both to

Uncle Harry & yourself.  
with sincerest hopes  
that you will both  
keep in good health  
for many years yet.

Yours affectionately

Beatrice