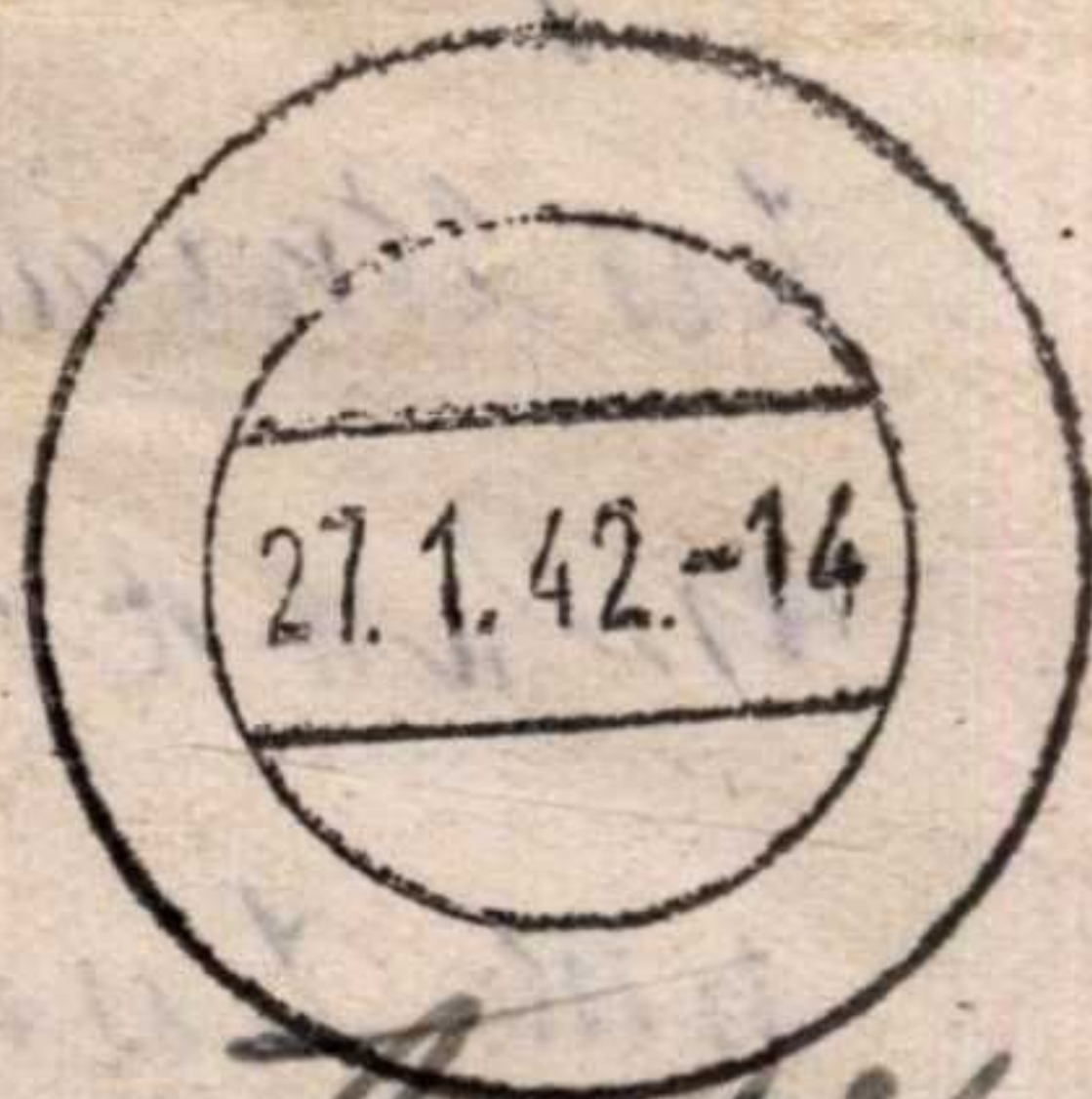


10 January 42

my dearest, Had a Xmas card with short note from  
Jus standing this week a note from Canterbury branch  
of Red Cross which I appreciated. So glad to hear  
from Jus so well & that you are her get matters.  
We hope we shall have our own family in  
a few years besides the godchildren. Snow has  
come again & temperatures are low, water left on  
the table freezing inside the hut at a night. I crawl  
out of bed rather unwillingly soon after 4 am.  
I make myself go through the usual procedure  
of shaving, shaving & dressing. Am sending  
you a photo of N.Z. Mos., dentists & padres - have an  
ante graphed a row myself. We all hope you are not  
worried over Japan in N.Z. We get some news from  
an official paper "The camp is now can buy news-  
papers. I hope by next month to be able to read them  
with the aid of a dictionary. Weighed myself this

week ago 30½ kilos or 11st 1lb. First N.Z. Red Cross  
parcels from America arrived today - much  
appreciated. Not much more, my dear one. I'm  
passing this period of isolation as happily as pos-  
sible - much, waiting patiently until we can re-  
sume our normal happy life together again. I  
send all my love & kisses to you, Mom & Alvin.

Kriegsgefangenenpost



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Gushorne  
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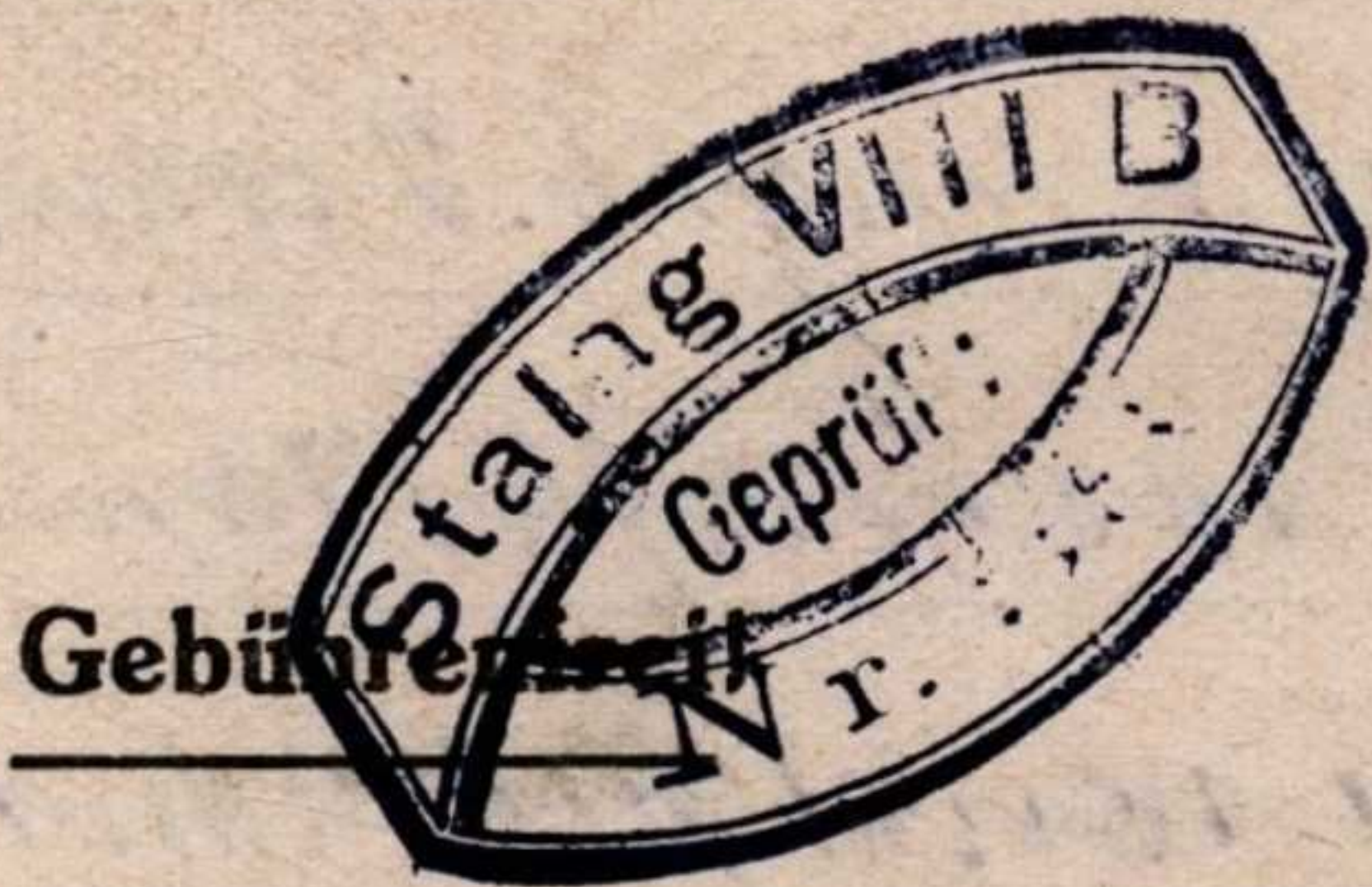
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~~229 main Road,~~

New Zealand



15 February 1942

my dearest, nothing escapes me that I have you  
can see my lovely baby, no more any intensifica-  
tions of a chronic state I've had for the past 19  
months. I think life is a bit boring occasionally  
when I remember how fortunate I am, living in  
a backwater, comfort, warmth, good food &  
clothes & having my lovely wife safely at home  
waiting patiently for me, when so many people  
on this wretched earth have nothing left, no  
future, no hope, no anything. In a year's  
time we shall look back on this period, my  
dear & not forget the human side of it all.  
I am very fit & well, managing to have a 5 miles  
more walk weekly & a little exercise daily run-  
ning round in the snow, which is still very deep,  
comparatively, about a foot. I have enough med-  
ical work to keep me occupied in the mornings, &  
have to elicit symptoms in daggered French & German.  
French is not so bad, but German is a difficult  
language to get hold of. Have just finished A.  
Bennett's Imperial Palace & enjoyed it, also Aus-  
terson's Innocence of Father Brown. mail has not  
caught up with me yet, but I hope shortly. The  
winter is slowly passing & is not severe this year.  
no more my love here. Be patient for some months  
yet. All my love & kisses, Yours Always.

**Kriegsgefangenenpost**



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An

Mrs. D. A. Morris  
Gisborne

Cook Hospital  
229 Main Road

Gisborne

Ravensbourne

Empfangsort:

Aurora

Straße:

New Zealand.

Land:

Landesteil (Provinz usw.)

Gebührenfrei!

3 March 1942 Stalag III D/308

my Marxist Joyce, The show has commenced here.  
Today we had a pleasant 5 mile walk in the snow.  
I did not wear a coat, have a rather awful old  
greatcoat & would like my Burberry, but it can now  
wait. I shall have a profusion of clothes & shoes after  
this war, though you can manage with the minimum  
quite well. Was the moth get into my suits? Now  
might send my mother a cheque for £10, as a payment  
towards the typewriter. She mentioned £5 but I should  
prefer £10. Zesbrock & I are doing 2-3 hrs. daily on  
anatomy with the idea of sitting an English Fellow-  
ship. Wish I could do it from here. Have all sorts  
of plans & ideas of what I want to do but you will  
have to help me decide, but I would like an English  
Fellowship if you could put up with 2 or 3 years  
of flats & rented houses or decumms. I hope to be able  
to sit 'primary' within 3 months of arriving in  
England. We shall see! I am so sorry you've never  
had your own home since we've married & have  
had to move about so much. However it won't be  
perhaps so bad when you have me with you. I'm  
very well, my lovely one, & apart from a chronic state  
of helplessness pretty bright. Very lonely without you  
after 18 long months apart - all my love & kisses, you & Harry.

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Mrs. A. Mary Bannister

12.3.42

Cook Road, Box 229, Main Road

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Land: New Zealand.

Gebührenfrei!

21 March 42

my dearest, nearly 3 months of the New Year year  
I wonder what in front I think a wise Providence has  
obscured the future but I am looking forward <sup>with</sup> eag-  
to hard work, happy days spent fishing & in the  
saddle with sheer joy of me two living together.  
A few good philosophy of life will help you much in  
these days. My hair has grown long again & there  
is little if any more greying, less than I thought,  
so that you would probably not notice much differ-  
-ence in my appearance. I continue to fill the week  
in the wards, seeing outpatients (English & Danish)  
working at anatomy with F. Brock, walking 2 or  
6 miles twice weekly, usually at a cracking pace,  
eating & sleeping. Sleep is a pleasure for one can for-  
get one's existence for a time and so one little lives  
go on. At present I'm training a small ~~chair~~  
in some arrangements I've made of 'The Banks & Bores'

& such like, for a show the English & French stuff are  
putting on at Easter. An event at least for which a  
new subject for conversation. As of us have tried to  
gather news for some 2 months & have discussed most  
subjects from the war to women; as you may well  
imagine. Pardon my absence my love here, you will  
know my thoughts. Dear Joyce! All my kisses, Yours Allan

Kriegsgefangenepost



Mrs. L. Mary Ballantyne

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Cook Hospital

~~Ravenborough~~

Gisborne

Empfangsort:

~~Aurora~~

Straße:

Kreis:

New Zealand

Land:

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Gebührenfrei!

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12 April 42.

My dearest, April showers, the first of rain buds on the lawn  
trees, some 14 hours of daylight & warm sunshine - the  
winters past. In N.Z. look autumn. In the Far East I know  
not what. No matter, the Empire has seen bad times in  
the past & we must expect 'blood & tears', as Mrs. Churchill  
warned us. My worry, that I can't share them, but must  
remain patient in my little backwater. I console myself by  
thinking it not dishonourable, a P.O.W. for my country. I  
have commenced a fitness campaign, decided I was in dan-  
ger of becoming fat & lazy, & of course I couldn't possibly come  
home with a 'pat', after years threats to leave me. I go down  
into a cellar underneath the building, exercise & shadow spar  
for 2 hrs. or so each day. At first I ached all over, but  
am gradually turning up steps to get back to my previous  
standard of a 3 mile run without distress. We had a con-  
cert last Sunday week, month's organs, singers (some pretty  
atrocious 'eccentrics' included) sketches, parades & a Russian choir  
which everyone appreciated. I played a few catchy tunes -  
'looking around corners for you' & such like, all together very  
enjoyable. Would be glad if you would make sure my mother  
is not in need of money, as her rents etc, as such may be  
lowered. So long since I saw her face, getting on for 2 years.  
A happy future ahead my love here, getting to know each  
other again. You'll find me the same at least - My love & Miss Yours  
Alan.

**Kriegsgefangenenpost**



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An Mrs. A. Allan Ballantyne



Cook Hospital 229 main Road,

Gisborne

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Land:

Landesteil (Provinz usw.)



Gebührenfrei!

20 April 42

~~my dearest, your first letters from Gisborne 28 Dec & 4 Jan~~  
arrived to day. I still get that indefinable feeling in the  
stomach when they come, same way as before when there  
is a mail & news from you. Sorry to hear of Molly's  
husband & M. C. O.'s brother. To hope you will altho in a way  
to like Gisborne. Margaret Whistler is rather charming - has  
brains & a tendency to idleness, though not laziness. My re-  
gards to her. Thought at one time she'd marry Alex Dickie.  
Amprised to hear of Sandy's thyroidectomy - must drop him a  
note - as Watson's new wife. Glad you did not have a  
lovely Amas. You must be envious of June, my dear. No  
matter - later. Glad you've met Mrs. Hodgson, Joe is a grand  
fellow. I am much the same pet, & don't imagine any more  
of your 'culture talks' will be necessary. However that will  
be for you to decide. Yesterday being Sunday & not having  
any bad cases, I went back to bed after a pop at 8 - got up at  
10.30, after a morning I was married to a dandy drill woman?

You win my sister - woke up very relieved. Bathed & shaved  
& sat in the sun with a galsworthy. From 2 - 4 pm. worked  
out Bach fugues. 4.30, tea - bread, biscuits, margarine, N. 2.  
honey cheese & lashings of hot tea. - a great boon to have  
good British tea. Altogether one is not unhappy - I'm very  
fortunate - medicine (though scanty) music, books, good food. all  
my loving thoughts, dearest joy w my kisses - Yours Allan.

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Kriegsgefangenenpost



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Mrs. A. Allan Barrantyne,

An

~~Cooke Hospital 229 main Road,~~

Gisborne

~~Ravensthorpe,~~

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~~Ammedin,~~

Straße:

New Zealand

Land:

Landesteil (Provinz usw.)

Gebührenfrei!

28 April 1882

My dearest, I've now been a POW. for nigh a year, during which  
time I have thrown perhaps more on my own resources than  
formerly. Have had to cultivate patience, a more lively sense of  
humour & an appetite for less food. A good hand, really, so  
that you should perhaps find me a better husband, not  
so prone to quarrel when you've kept me waiting a little time  
in the east while choosing a new frock, or to complain  
when there is no hot water, or to deplore the absence of  
straw & kidney pie. In fact my dear, I shall be so enr-  
gined to see you again that you will probably find me  
rather peevish, & perhaps not need to take me in hand  
for a month or two. Meanwhile I'm exercising the  
brain & the body, not unceasingly but steadily. Every day  
add a little more Spanish & French to my halting speak  
& keep my muscles a little in trim by walking, exercising  
& sparring by having 2 cold showers daily. and my good  
condition is in accordance with our morale here. of

news there is little, even if it were possible to send, as we  
have a secluded, almost ascetic life, & one can hardly  
mention that the days are long & warm with bright  
sunshine & all the trees sprouting green. So hope you are  
receiving my letters regularly. yours are the greatest joy  
I have. My regards to our many friends. all my love, my  
dear, dear Joyce. So glad you're so well - Kisses, Yours Allan.



**Kriegsgefangenenpost**



**An** Mrs. D. Man Bannantyne,

Cook Hospital 229 main Road,

Gisborne ~~Ravensthorpe~~

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**Straße:** ~~Amedin~~

**Land:** New Zealand

**Landesteil (Provinz usw.)**

**Gebührenfrei!**

18 May 42.

My dearest, your letters of 11.1.42 & 8.2.42 arrived. Bless you  
for your thoughts of me, my Joyce. I notice the snaps are at  
last under way, I really would like one. Mentioned in a previous  
letter not to send any further parcels. This arrival is fraught  
with doubt. I have sufficient clothes at present. or are things  
in napies all night? You might give Robert that Harris trued  
coat & my medical books. No sign of my base kit! could you  
arrange with the Bank to send a cheque for £1.8.2 (sterling)  
to General Insurance Coy. P.O. Box 236, Cairo, by EGYPT, for  
next year's premium. I have my gear insured for £100. as re-  
gards the car, you might be wise to sell if you have a suf-  
ficiently good offer. However she belongs to you so that it is en-  
tirely at your discretion. If the books I've sent get a rive I shall  
be able, with any luck, to get Primary within 3 months of arriv-  
ing in England, perhaps before you get over, or before there is any  
chance of my getting to N.Z. Can these then get a job & do the  
final with another 3 months' work, & we should have

ample cash to stand that, with a good holiday as soon as  
you arrive. We shall see. I want a country job in N.Z. but I  
do want an English Fellowship in Surgery. However I am an-  
xious to settle down & make a home for ourselves as soon as pos-  
sible. So glad to hear you're well & happy my dears, don't forget  
the blood counts. How very fit & well - things the same here.  
All my love, dear, dear Joyce. God bless you, Yours Allan

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An Mrs. A. Allan Ballantyne

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Gebührenfrei



Sunday 24 May 42.

my dearest, I've more letters from you: 18 Jan. & 22 Feb. So very glad you're enjoying Epshorne. Tell me about the horse you are riding. I hope it's better behaved than was Bantus & that you are not ~~doing~~ <sup>taking</sup> any wise fences. A grand day when we can ride together again. Bill & I had a pheasant Sunday morning in Egypt on Arab stallions. There were many others in both who deserved mention before me, however I'm pleased for the unit's sake. One of our men (B Coy.) was awarded an M.M. Bishop & must surely be the first such dignitary to enter a P.O.W. existence. I hope to meet him & also Gilchrist but it is unlikely if I remain here. The building now has its spring girth; the north front being covered by green cypress whose shoots even enter windows of the 3rd. storey. Several chestnuts & sycamores are in full leaf, after months of bare branches. On these sunny afternoons the large courtyard is a mass of inactivity & activity. The inactive element ambulates in deck chairs, the more active play a French game of bowls, & the English personnel have introduced cricket, in a modified form, the wickets & bat being homemade & a tennis ball saving the many windows. Lockrooke & I had a pheasant walk last week in the grounds of an old estate, & saw deer & pheasants. I am unwell & working steadily. Hope to be able to play the first 24 of Bach to you when I come home. Bless you my lovely one, for all your loving thoughts. All my love - Kisses, Yours Always.



An Mrs. Alan Ballantyne,

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Gisborne

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**Gebührenfrei!**

Landesteil (Provinz usw.)



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Datum:

7 June 42.

my dearest, An 'extra' letter of today. Would you please

write to MRS. J. D. PALANDRI, 9 STANLEY ST., NEDLANDS, WEST AUSTRAL

-1A & tell her that her husband is well. He is a major & has

been my room-mate for some months & his letters are irregular.

Not so fortunate as me. Blin is at another hospital not far

distant (in the same Stalag) & I believe fit & well, but have

not seen him. Heale also is well. All my love, Mein Allem.

Kriegsgefangenenpost



Postkarte



Mrs. A. Allan Ballantyne,

Gebührenfrei!

Absender:

Vor- und Zuname:

Captain A. Allan Ballantyne R.N.Z.C.

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Empfangsort:

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Straße:

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New Zealand.

Landesteil (Provinz usw.)

Sunday 26. VII. 42

My dearest, We've just stumbled on to the need of writing  
'LUFPOST,' on my letters & of paying 60 Pfennigs to ensure  
an airmail service to NZ. I imagined in my rather vague  
manner that all letters went by this route. Sorry wasn't aware  
before but at VII B none of us knew. Trust from now on the  
service will be better & the postman more regular, as I write  
every week. I'm awfully fit & well, & expecting a parcel any day.  
We've had a few more books recently. This week read a biography  
of Lord Melbourne (incidentally dreaming last night I had his  
dreadful wife) & 'Farmers Glory,' a pleasant account of English  
& Canadian farming - mainly cropping & dairying. Books are  
a great asset here. The boys putmate in never wanting for them.  
I expect you will have spent the weekend in the country; it is  
a great joy to me that you are able to ride & enjoy the fine  
NZ. air & food. You're a bad girl never to have sent me any  
snaps, ever! You must make I'm quite as happy as ever about  
your pets; - think you're quite the finest woman I've seen, with

your 'pierced face,' & 'strong-bred' appearance. Have you heard  
how Edgar Clarke is passing? I'm afraid, as Robert once said  
about Sam Skinner, 'I've eliminated him from my sphere.'  
Haven't heard from my young brother for months. Is he still  
attached? My mother never mentions her name so I presume  
she has been disillusioned. Life the same here - not too bad.  
God bless you, my lovely one. All my love & kisses. Yours & Merv's.

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Taxe perçue RM - Pl. 40

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**Par Avion**  
Via: *Nordamerika.*



An *Mrs. A. Alan Ballantyne,*

*Cook Hospital 229 main Road,*

*Gisborne.*

*Ravensbourne,*

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Gebührenfrei

25 August 1942

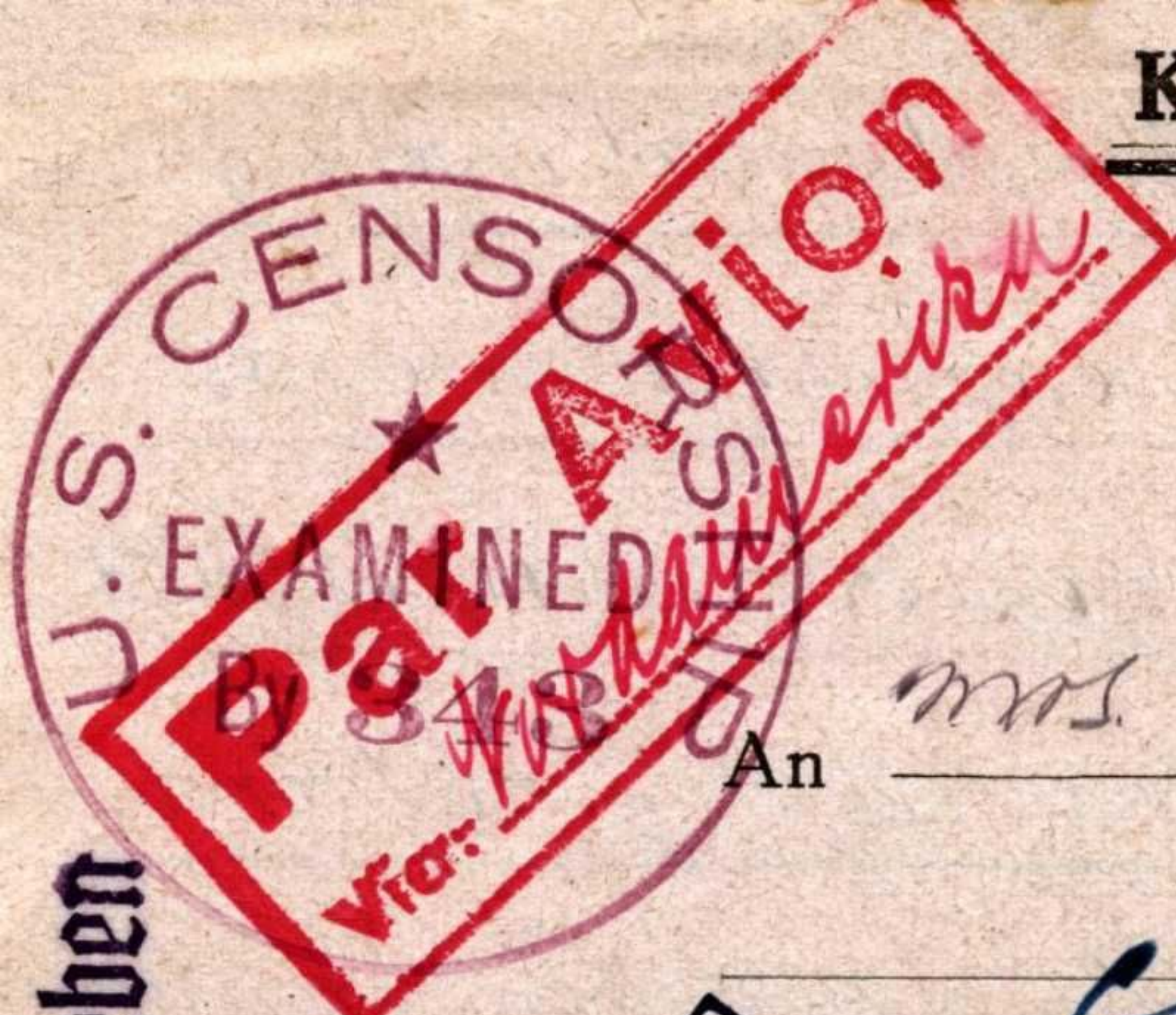
my dearest, The good weather continues & I'm at present enjoying  
some hot sunshine, even though in a foreign land. Have not  
heard from you for some time; your last letter was posted  
on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. I'm at present shaking off a cold, the first I remem-  
ber for some 2 years or more, & have taken a spell from exercis-  
ing & march pursuits for a few days. Have just read some  
MacLagan & am at present on his English幽默ists of the 18<sup>th</sup>.  
century. Our library here has improved considerably of late.  
There are but few NZs. in this colony. We have one from Kethering-  
ton's Battalion at present, who comes from Hamilton. And  
have an Irishman who was captured on the Rangitikei with Frank  
Grant but he has departed. Pardon the mere idle thoughts my dearest,  
it is dreadful to confess I find it difficult to write you a decent letter.  
There is so little happens here & less one is permitted to describe. I  
have sent an order to Base Pay Post 4/4/6 starting to be paid to the  
High Commissioner, per books sent me, the money being provided  
by the N.Z. Patriotic Society, & have requested him to notify you  
when the payment is made. August nearly gone & myself  
nearly another year old, the summer coming in N.Z. & the  
winter not far off here. Neighbour Lachaday! I sincerely hope  
you're not too old & doddering when we take up life together  
again, my Joyce. You'll probably find me a little older in  
appearance, but still young in heart & as wicked as ever.  
Look after yourself & God Bless you. Kisses - Mrs. Ferning  
Wham.

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An *Mrs. A. Man Ballantyne*

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*Cook Hospital*  
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Gebührenfrei!





1 September 42  
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my dearest, thought I write again today as I've a birthday. Re-  
gard I can't send you any token of my love so you will have to  
be content with my thoughts. Your husband is always the same  
joyce, I would not like to contemplate life without you. Don't  
entertain any worries about your growing thin to me; it does  
seem to some extent after two years, but the essentials don't  
so that I could never forget you altogether loveless if I  
were called for years & years. We shall have a very happy  
time, I hope, in the not too distant future, & then settle down  
to do good in our dear NZ country. I would like to be good  
some of your previous self, my sweet, & remember all my  
thoughts & love are for ever with you. You will find, as I think  
a great deal I cannot put into words in some of Keats Poetry &  
in the music of Debussy & in the Ballads, Etudes & Preludes of  
Chopin, which I shall play to you some day & if you're a  
mind to see them to hear them, listen to Debussy's recordings.  
He plays a few wrong notes but I've not heard anyone to equal

him. You might inquire from my mother if she wants any  
money, as rents may have fallen & taxation risen, & she may  
not have much to come & go on. Would be glad if she needs  
anything if you could loan her £50 from my account, if you  
think fit & also pay her £18/18/- for the typewriter. How does the  
account now stand what amount am I receiving? am very  
fit - that photographs such a joy. All my kisses, my love, your  
Alan

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Via: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

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Gebührenfrei

3 November 42.

my dear rest, Little did I think 3 years ago when we were catching trout out Waikare  
-manna that you would be back at work & myself a POW. He is my joy,  
both we two are well & I think pretty fortunate. The good trout streams will  
keep & I look forward to a good holiday again with limit bags from  
Waikaremana, Retemua & Tampo. I believe some of the best fishing in NZ  
is to be had at Retemua, so Wetherington & Hodgson tell me, & my last  
summer at Tampo was not very good. Do you think you could get up  
with camping or perhaps better a fishing hut or cottage? We shall have to  
have a larger car than the Morris & a small trailer. There are some de-  
lightful fishing huts on the Tangaero river. Good days which we can  
think about. I am glad you can still build good fires. Had a letter  
from Sam Skinner & a week or two back. He appears not very different.  
Did you see them when you were in Palmerston North? Have been  
moderately busy this past week writing parts for my choir & holding  
practices, reading & working & recovering from the football game last  
week. We play again tomorrow as the next day, after which I shall  
have some massage. Just finished Scott's 'Old mortality' & Eric Lewis' Jubilee  
treasure & am now starting a biography of my aunt by Saccubard Sitwell.  
Do you know Wetherington's wife at Thames (MRS. O.S. HETHERINGTON). Should be  
very glad if you could let me know how he is. The days are now much  
shorter & cooler, but so far I've not worn an overcoat when walking  
outside in the courtyard. Am very well & always wishing to see my  
lovely one. I am so weary of this long absence, my joy & heaven & shall  
see you in good time. Bless you, pets. All my love & kisses. Yours Allan.

Kriegsgefangenenpost

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**Par Avion**  
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Mrs. A. Mary Ballantyne,

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Gebührenfrei!

10 November 42

my dearest, we're now in our 4<sup>th</sup> year of the married state - Do you feel like a  
4 years old married pet? Must say I don't, & I expect you're the same. Poor old  
thing, you've not had much taste of married life, with one moving about  
my being first in camp, then away from N.Z. either to get myself into  
this POW. life - However the fact is I was very fond of it as a person  
who places himself before his duty. I shall have to be a perfect husband  
& do everything open risk though I don't think I shall be so very different  
& probably continue to be wayward sometimes, waking you up in the  
morning to take tea & not being very tidy. One thing however my dear  
one, I shall always look after you very well, & I think we shall always  
be very happy. Wittshire & Barkas seem to consider me a bit absent-  
minded here at times, though I think they're wrong. Yesterday our  
hospital team beat one of the Kommandos at football. We had a very  
pleasant evening & came home just before dusk at 4.30 pm. Saw Stronach  
at night on Saturday along with Neal & Paulandri. Steve has a good ear  
bit. He tells me Bill Kinross has a bar to his M.C. We've received a number  
of new books recently - The just finished a biography of Mozart by S. Sitwell.  
(He wrote the words to Constant Lambert's 'Rio Grande') & 2 detective novels  
of Dorothy Langens. We've had a great deal of enjoyment from two books. The  
French goes slowly. I can make myself fairly intelligible & understand  
if the speed is not too great - they all speak too rapidly. German goes  
a bit slower, as I've so much on at present haven't found too much time  
for learning vocabulary. Presume you will be as respected as with friends  
for Ann as Joyce. So my dear you were sick & to pity the first one we had in  
Napier. I wasn't very kind in these days. Bless you my darling. Yours, Leaning Allen

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17 November 42.

my dearest, Fine cool weather, invigorating. A few flakes of snow some days since, & today the starting rains of a November sun, giving us what there is left after the long days south of the equator. Most of the trees are now leafless, & the day from 7 am to 5 pm. I am making another drive in French & German am listening one of the French doctors here in English, to my benefit & perhaps also to his. It is improving my pronunciation, which though <sup>it</sup> generally ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> not good. Otherwise life goes on much the same, the weeks passing very quickly. The ladies are rehearsing for a Amos concert. There is a small choir singing some sea shanties, Negro spirituals & other things I've arranged, for which I'm using some harmonies to my taste on the piano. Wittshire is more or less supervising the show, for which we're hiring costumes through Stalag. It's all rather good fun. There is a small concert hall in the building used as a linen room. Have been getting some good results with diathermal waves in the past few months. Radiological disappearance & chemical healing with rest & diet. The Red Cross provides us with excellent milk parcels which are invaluable. I think you have a birthday on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Not, though, am not certain. Anyway all my love & best wishes. Let's hope I shall be with you for the next. Have not received any later letters than Aug 20 & that a month or more ago. Am expecting some any day. Let me know how Bill Carswell, Jimmy Williams & the others are faring. What are you doing at Amos? I trust you are well, my lovely one. I am very well & pretty content at present, as you may imagine. Have got myself now fairly involved in this existence. Give my regards to all our friends & relatives. Bless you so much, my Joyce - my love kisses yours  
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24 November 42.

My dearest love letters from you this week. A beloved one of Dec. 7 of last year & the  
other Aug. 23rd; both so very welcome. So my love about see Tom Milken again was  
Rusty Page repatriated? Give my sympathy to Frank Hunt - am sorry to hear of  
Mrs Hunt's death. Did you use the car on your holidays pets? as you speak of  
it being so long a way drive to Apisbon; but I presume you travelled by  
service car. Am so glad to know you're fit & well. We've been moderately busy of  
late with more outpatients to see. Rehearsals go on for the concert on Paring  
May, a duets, chess & pingpong tournament is in progress & other amuse-  
ments for the long winter evenings. I've been reading some of Scott's  
novels again with a great amount of pleasure. Woodstock, Frankoe:  
The Fabismans. He gives an excellent historical background, with the customs  
& manners of the period & his tales are grand. I'm hardly at all better  
educated in many ways after this Post existence. One of the French Bos-  
doomed me a copy he has recently received of Dickens's 'Gardeners in  
the rain' which I shall read. Haven't been able to get my Ré-  
bussy herself. The piano here is not bad but the action is too slow for  
chamber playing. However I'm very fortunate to have an instrument. Well  
remember how Schwitzel in his desk speaks of his practising Bach's  
organ works on a table & form when he was interned by us in Switzerland  
-land, I believe, during the last war. Life is not too bad. For dinner  
this evening we had soup, bully beef & mashed potatoes, apples & custard  
& sardines on toast, plus tea. So you needn't worry over my losing  
weight so otherwise going into a decline. Look after yourself my joyce,  
you will know just how anxious I am to see you again - perhaps a  
little longer, my sweet. All my love & kisses, dear one, Mem. Alan.

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8 December 42

my dearest, I've been considering for 10 minutes or so what to write & how to  
commence. The most important thing I get, is that I love you very much  
& spend odd moments of the day looking at your photographs & recall-  
ing our few happy months together. They seem a long time ago. Had a  
letter from Sam & Ed. last week. They seem very well situated at Harvera.  
Do you know the whereabouts of Fisher, who was Supt. of Harvera?  
He came as our CO. from Fort High's unit after John Plimmer was killed,  
& he, along with Southard & Levell, were the last of our unit I saw.  
Also will you let me know how Wetherington is keeping. His wife's address  
[Mrs. (Dr.) G.S. Wetherington, Haris] will probably find this. Just one more  
thing my sweet; will you arrange to <sup>pay</sup> the insurance premium on  
my base at Egypt. £118/2 (sterling) to General Accident Fire &  
Life Assurance Corporation Ltd. P.O. Box N 236, Cairo. I presume  
it is still there & not sent home. If you have it I should be glad  
of the service suit of English cloth, but otherwise don't bother.  
Sandy White must be quite busy as physician to both Hastings & Napier.  
Mrs de Lambert is Supt. of Pukera, so that both the Campbell girls have  
their husbands at home. I hope Robert will have a job next year. Would  
be glad if you could see that my mother doesn't run short of cash. She told me  
she had given a blood transfusion at Amadi Hospital. I did not say any-  
thing to her as she needs no social work & the like but think it was  
directly necessary at her age. She's a most contented person with her garden,  
her church & patriotic activities. My father was probably far more practical  
and with a better critical sense. I'm very well & joyous, as ever. My best  
wishes to Walter & Joyce. Have a good evening. Bless you my lovely one  
Merv Allan.

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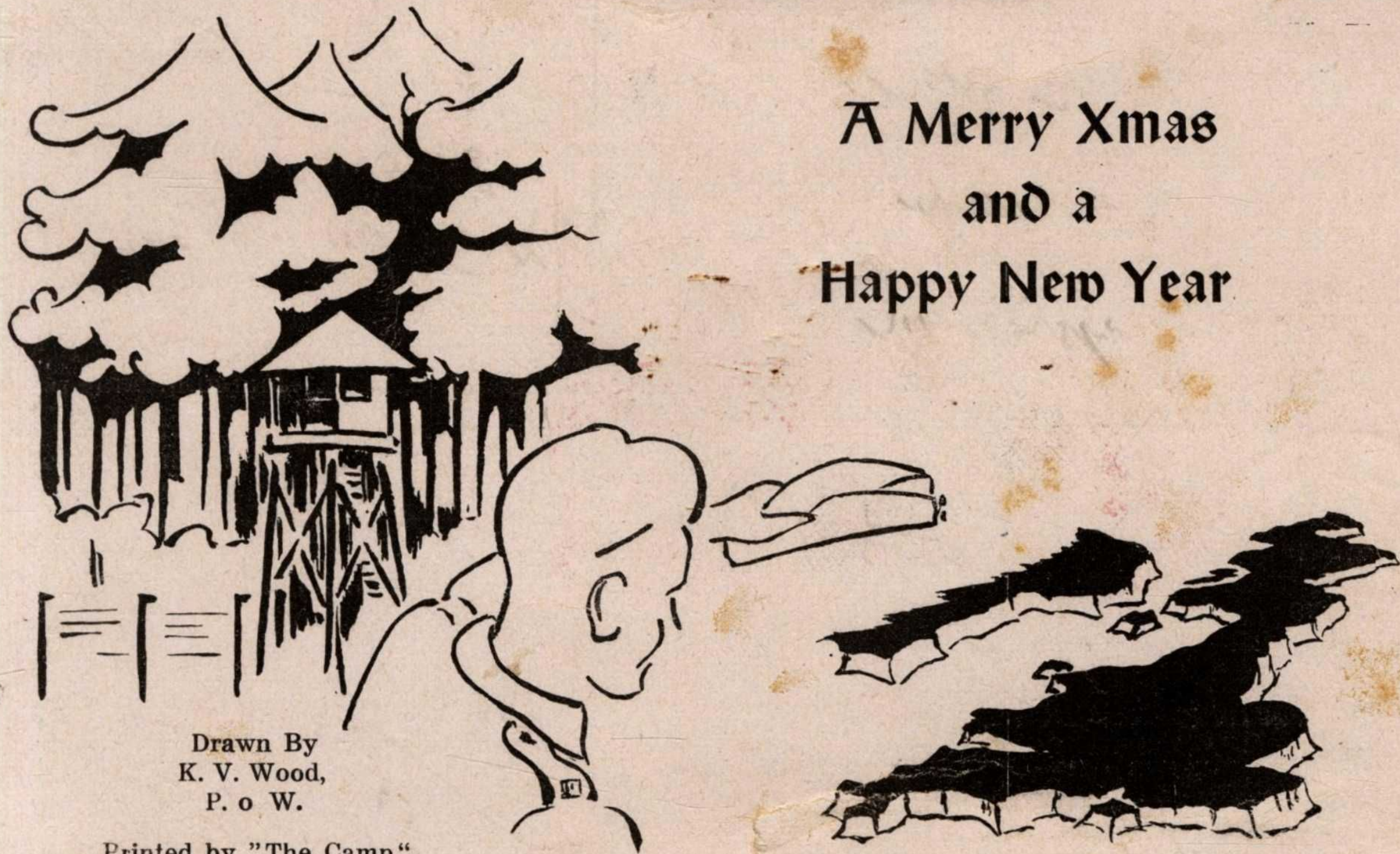
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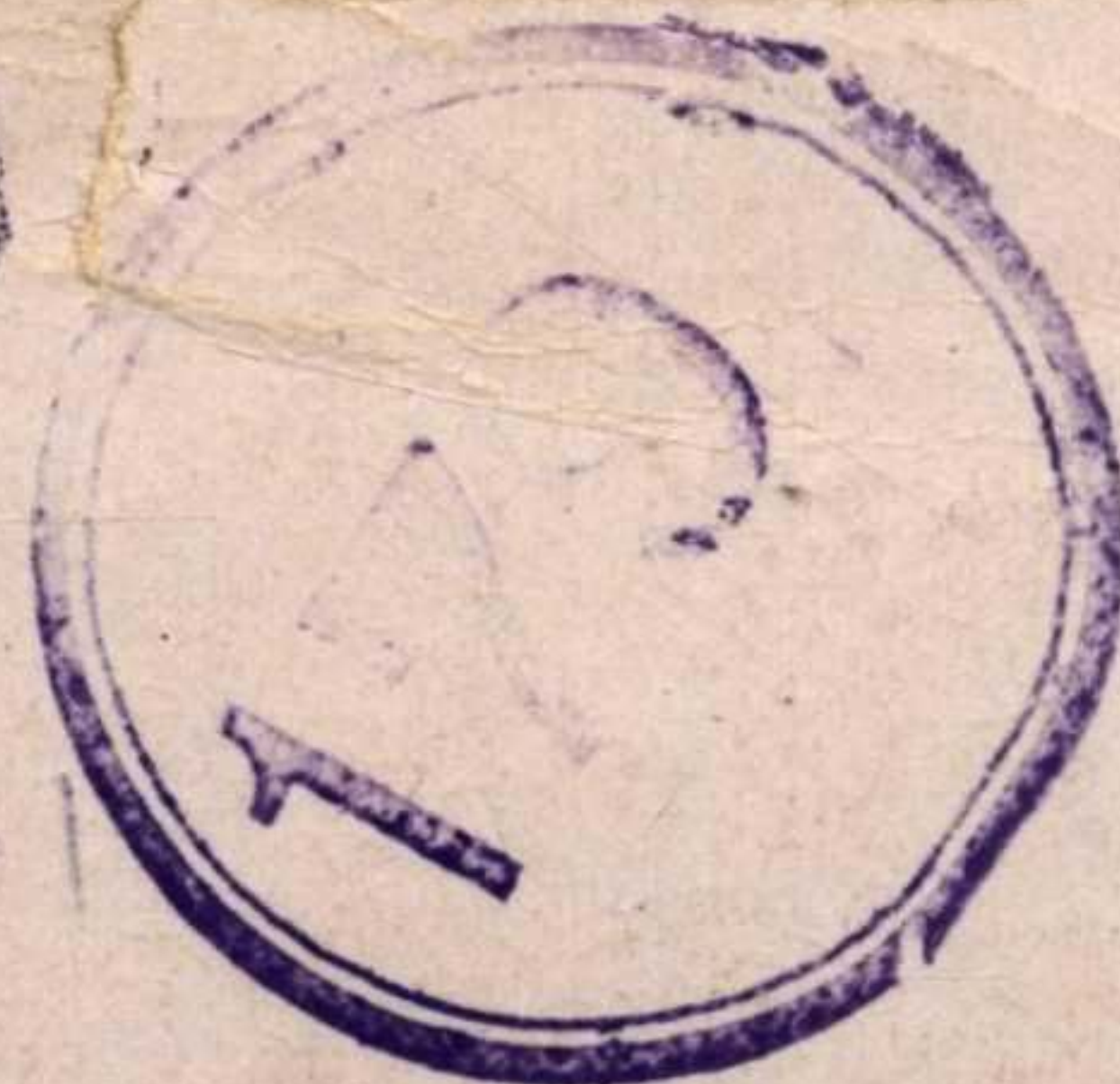
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13 December 1921.

my dearest, a peaceful Sunday. Got up for church parade, later on Sunday, bathed & shaved & washed & managed to boil some towels, whose lack of whiteness I'm sure would displease you, & walked in the fresh air for an hour along with a French doctor & 2 sub. officers, before lunch. This afternoon went into retirement with a rather delightful novel of Georgette Heyer 'The Corinthians' & have just finished 'a Pteraphaelite Tragedy' by James Gaunt & at last know something of that obscure Pteraphaelite movement which has always rather puzzled me. It will be interesting to see in what direction art will go in the next half century. English music of this century (Edgar, Vaughan Williams, Holms & others) appears to be of a more lyrical nature, which I presume are parts under the general heading 'Romantic'. We don't seem to have followed on the Impressionists. I don't know much about painting or the other representative arts. Of the poets Rupert Brooke was Romantic, but the others, including the Sitwells of the day I haven't read enough to say. We have a Serbian neurologist just come, who speaks a galaxy of tongues, including English with an American accent. The continentals are very facile in languages, a number speaking 3 or 4 from childhood. We must do the same with our family jargon, at least in German & French. I am gradually adding to my vocabulary in these latter. Haven't heard lately from you, so don't know how the airmail is operating, but sincerely hope my letters don't take more than a few more in transit. Hope you are enjoying the warm scabbing of the last heat, & becoming well-drowned. Am very well, my lordy one & in good spirits. We had a mist drive last evening. I missed the baby prize by 1. My best wishes to our various friends. Bless you my darling & send you all my love & kisses, Yours Affly,

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28 December 42.

my dearest, had a quiet Xmas. A short service in the morning & in the evening  
a show for the English, lasting from 5 till 8. I think all the Kemmandos  
did something - I know one performed Snow-white & the Seven Dwarfs.  
On Boxing Day evening we had Xmas dinner with our N.C.O.'s. The  
portions were good & thanks also to the good Red Cross we had a fine  
dinner. Commenced work again today - merely doing the routine  
ward rounds over the holidays. The weather is very mild for this  
season, though today I notice the frost didn't lift. Have read several  
more books - 'Seven Tempest' Vaughan Williams, a novel of the early  
years of Victoria's reign. '40 centuries look down', a novel of Napoleon's  
conquest of Egypt. Both recent publications. Am expecting mail any  
day from you, unfortunately none arrived for Xmas, save a  
welcome cigarette parcel on the 24<sup>th</sup> from London. I presume you  
will have heard the King's speech on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Such things I shall  
hope to read when the peace comes. The old year now almost gone  
& 1943 to look forward in. Don't become bitter or discontented my dear.  
There is so much ahead at present but I hope it will go out with the  
war. I have had my mind filled with such thoughts at times, but  
not so much these last few months. are you remaining another year  
in Gisborne Jive? I am vaguely afraid that you've done sufficient  
time with Xmas. I should hate ours to have any family. However  
I expect you know the risks & take adequate precautions. Look after  
yourself pets. You're the most important person to me. I am very  
well, making New Year resolutions for hard work. All my love  
& kisses, dear dear Jive. another year nearer you. Merry Xmas.

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