

18 Philpott Street
Marruckville
1st Sept.

Dear Harry,

I was very pleased to receive both yours & Joan's letter this afternoon. I am afraid you have left your proposition too late. I had a letter from Helen yesterday she said she had had a letter from Sylva saying - I suppose you know Mamma has been sold. That's all she said. Now I ask you how did she think Nell would know. Jack is still having a lot of worry over the baby. The case was to have been heard on the 16th & when Jack came in the solicitor had not drawn up a case he told Jack he didn't think he had a chance of getting the child & that he would probably have to take it to the Supreme Court. I intend to write & tell Jack to come down here & see the welfare people & know once

& for all what can be done.

Mum also said that Mrs Stephen had an operation on Monday & that she was doing well. She asked me to go & see her but I see little enough of Tom as it is for you see he is still in hospital. The Dr operated last Tuesday & cut all the surrounding flesh, ^{away} & stitched it. He didn't give him anything to dull the pain even & had the nurse to ask him if it hurt. The sister couldn't look at him while he was cutting the flesh away. He has to stay in bed for four days. They will be up to-morrow. We ought to know how its going by then. It will be four months next Wednesday. The children are well. The boys are on holidays Brian come 2nd in his term. That I never know where Robert comes. They don't send a report home from the convent. I am starting Margaret after these holidays.

I had a letter from Jean Betts ~~about~~ thanking me for the card I sent Patricia. No news whatsoever in it. You would have thought she would have told me about Maama being sold wouldn't you? Never even said how her mother was. I haven't heard from Grace since the end of June. I have written to her twice.

You didn't mention whether you were able to get Jean a ring after the style she wanted?

I intended to send you both a card for your birthdays but when I'm going to the hospital I'm always in a rush. & kept forgetting them, when it was too late I thought of a telegram then.

decided no Harry wouldn't like that then I had a letter from Nell saying she had sent you both one. I hope you both had a happy Day & will enjoy many more together.

I found a shaving brush in my tub of undress

clothes. I presume it is yours. I will post it up to you when I can manage to spare the time to wrap it up. I hope you haven't had to grow whiskers.

I will let you know any news if it comes along. I seem to be left out these days. I don't know whether Edith has her baby or not. The Min asked if Nell could come over and look after mum when she comes out of hospital which will be in three weeks time (from last Monday)

Min is due for holidays wouldn't you think she would take them & mind her mother. I can't make some daughter out
bye I will close now.

Love from us all

Cath

P.S. Don't think anyone has opened this letter. the envelope was stuck & I had to unstick it B.L.D.