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Dear Warwick

We were delighted to hear from you, and what do you know, the letter arrived on the sixth of March, my birthday. I've turned seventy-seven. I'm quite a youngster compared to your mother. Your message about Barbara and all the family really completed a very happy day for me. Malcolm (our son) rang from Sydney, that's where he has been living the last three years. Susan (our daughter) Bob and the two girls who live fairly close to us were here for the birthday tea. We all had a nice time, possibly the granddaughters (Jade and Kathy) had the best time of the lot, they eat everything, even the chocolate they brought for me for my birthday present. Incidentally, Bob is our son in law, you probably gathered as much.

It was very sad about Lottie, we used to look forward to her letters and she wrote quite often and gave us the news of all the family. Her son Alex notified me of her death, we were surprised as well as shocked, it all seemed so quick although I did know she wasn't well from the ? she moved into ? St Alvechurch.

We often discuss the families too. Mabel has a brother and other relations in Sunderland. I was there a couple of days when I was in England so we have quite a lot to talk about.

I think it is a grand idea making the trip to Australia. I think you both deserve a nice holiday so if you make up your mind to come here let us know and we'll do our best to assist you in every way to make it a nice holiday. We hope to see Ted Cummings (?) again if he is able to make it. We enjoyed his company even though his time was limited, let's hope it is a longer stay this time, that will give him time to put his feet up

and make himself at home and we'll send him back with a bottle of Aussie beer and one for you too.

I'm glad you mentioned all the family Warwick especially John and Glenda. John I believe was a victim of an assault and robbery, I think Lottie mentioned it, that could have had serious effects. I will be writing to Barbara and Keith in the near future. I found them excellent company the short time I was with them at mother's place. I have their address so as soon as I get my new glasses, I do have a few worries about my eyes, although there are no cataracts, Irene and Winnie will share the letter I will write to their mother.

Yes, Raymond is still in England. I don't have much from him although we write occasionally to Daisy and when she writes she usually gives us the news of him. Mabel rang his daughter Lynette on Wednesday to see how they were, that family is OK. Lynette had received a letter from her father that morning and wasn't

too happy with the contents of the letter, he's worrying the life out of both his daughters. Raeleen, the younger daughter lived fairly close to Cheltenham until last Christmas then they sold their house and have bought a place in Holban, Tasmania. We hope to hear from her soon. She said she would write when they get settled in.

Brother Steve doesn't write too often. We get a few lines on a Christmas card. I was him last year, I believe he's had an operation on both his hips (Osteo-arthritis). The last we heard he was progressing quite well. He lives at Kyneton, 54 miles from Melbourne, but his sons and daughters and grandchildren are much nearer so we keep in close contact. He has quite an interesting brood, we like them all.

This is about all for now Warwick, much love to Barbara, We'd love to see you both. Tell your mother a letter will be on its way next week. The best to all there, from us two here,

Gilbert