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My Dear George.

Many thanks for your letter of 23rd which we received today Saturday. Glad to know you enjoyed your day in Belfast & your visit to Bangor we were pleased to know that you found Joe H. very comfy. 2/6 is quite reasonable for bed & breakfast so I expect you will continue to make Joe H your sleeping quarters in Belfast. Hope you saw a good picture show. I bet you would all be ready for a good rest when you arrived back in Bishop's Court. Dad wrote you on Thursday & enclosed a book of stamps, also posted

2 papers. Friday was a glorious day here so I got a good washing dried & ironed & did most of my house-work. preparing to enjoy a holiday week-end. Dad has Monday, Saturday & a lovely day. I did my shopping. I was out at 8-30 am & it was 10-30 am before I was home. the queues were all much longer everybody getting in extra food for the long-week-end. my first call was the electric bakery, then the butcher & then Wilson fruit shop. then queued up at Home Bakery. for about 30 minutes, then I went down to Galbraiths & collected my precious 2 eggs this is the first we have had for three-weeks. I called.

at Aunt Betty's & left her a Gacket of Dried eggs to help feed her guests. Mr & Mrs Wylie from Saltcoats were due at Laurelbank at 11 am & they are staying for a few days. I am having them all up here for Tea tomorrow Sunday. & on Monday we are having Uncle James & Aunt Carrie at 3 pm. & Tuesday I expect Mrs Steel for dinner so now you know why I was on the food hunt. After dinner today Dad went down to Marybryan Av. to visit Mr Grier as he has been ill for a few weeks & was in the Victoria Infirmary for observation meantime he is at home but has to return to the Infirmary at the end of this month to see what they think of him

Dad returned at 3-45 pm
 & we had a cup of Tea
 then went to The Elephant
 to see Colonel Blimp. it
 was ~~in~~ Technic colour & was
 splendid, have you seen it?
 On our way home we called
 at a book shop in Skirving St
 to see about Warships at
 work, the lady gave us
 great hopes as she was
 almost sure she had one
 but alas it was gone
 however she was kind
 enough to say she would
 take a note of it & do her
 best to get one for us
 so we will live in hope,
 I have to call about the
 end of next week. Well
 George this is all our news
 I thought I better write
 my letter tonight, as I will
 probably be busy tomorrow

preparing for my visitors
 from Laurelbank. Did you
 know that ^{Hughes} Uncle James
 & Aunt Lois Auldhouse Rd
 had sold their house &
 purchased a big old
 house in West Killbuck
 preparing for James retire-
 ment. I understand the
 geanie one is going to make
 her home with Lois so
 her furniture will help
 to furnish. there is no
 electric light so they
 wont get the use of their
 wireless set. I understand
 Lois got £1100 for her house
 in Auldhouse Rd & paid
 £1300 for the West Killbuck
 house. We have received
 the 3 copies of your photo
 now so I will send you

one when I get a suitable envelope. They are exactly the same as the ones you got 6 for 5/- & yet they said they could not supply that type, evidently this is their method of making money out of the War. I wrote the firm regarding the charge as they had supplied the same type for 6 for 5/- but got no reply. However we are glad to have the extra copies & I will get one posted to Rhodesia in route for Uncle George & Aunt Margaret. Our church organist leaves on 3rd Oct so we are now advertising for a new one. Dad was at the Post tonight & gathered 5/- so he is quite pleased & is meantime making up his book. I have collected a few tin bits & if you wish to send here by M&A. I will just post the tin bits. All our love Dad & Mum