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I have nice tenants
in the front house
& kind friends.
My love to you all
Yours Affly
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Lorna

I sent you last week, Nov. 3rd.

dear Philip's medal. I would like his family
to have it, & I am sure he would too, & I would
like to think that eventually it will go to Guy or
his boy. I think Philip prized it more than
any thing he had. I had to make two visits
to the post office. I had fastened it up as
a letter. but was told it could, ^{not} go without
a declaration of contents inside, as the
overseas mail would confiscate it. So I
brought it back & filled up the form to
the best of my ability, & took it back & showed
it to them. they said that was O.K. - I thought
I would tie it with string as it was liable
to be opened. they said no - it must be

stuck up like a letter. So the young man
at the post office provided me with adhesive
tape & I stuck it up. Then he tied it & put
the label outside "that it could be inspected"
They would not register it because they said
it was too small. I sincerely hope that it
arrives safely, & you won't have any trouble
at your end. I like to get these things
done now while I am able to attend to
them myself. Dear Philip always wore the
bluep when he had on nice clothes, usually
he was in working clothes, & how he did hate
to "dole-up".

This note paper was a present. I can't
say I care for it much, but must not look
a gift horse in the mouth.
I am so sorry you still suffer with arthritis
I can sympathize with anyone who has pain
so I have had a good deal in my time.
I am troubled in my right knee. but

not when I sit still, or lie down - but
getting up is hard, & stairs & hills very trying
& putting on my shoes & stockings is awful
but I feel so thankful I can get around,
& am able to look after myself, & do my

~~own work~~ & have all my faculties & senses
I lead a very quiet life as my blood
pressure is high & no strain or excitement
is good & I have to be very careful in my
diet - no fats or greases, as I had gall-bladder
trouble last year - but by attending to these
various things I have very fair health &
was 80 yrs last birthday -

I wonder if you have your cottage all
fixed up now. It seems to be such a
job to get things done in England - This
"austerity" must be awful. I am glad I can
remember England when there was plenty
of everything & she was "mistress of the seas"

& there was a great British Empire.
It makes me sad to think of her taking
second place now. It is nice that
Kora can run down & see you often.

I suppose Guy has started on his position
at Oxford. ~~I hope they are all well.~~

Cécile Tattersill has bought a little house
for herself in Southsea. She hoped for
P. G.'s. but only has been able to get one
young fellow who is not working all day,
so she does not make much. But these
jobs she had, must have been very trying.

We continue to have our beautiful
climate, the last winter was very cold for here
& the frost killed a lot of plants. I hear
you had a lovely summer. My cousin Maude
Cripps who lives in Cornwall writes me pretty
regularly but I seldom hear from my sister-in-law
Alice's Brander in Hants. Her daughter
Joan is married at here & has 2 babies. I hear from her