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Dear Claire

Received your letter last nite. Pure enjoyed it and am glad that you are still getting along O.K. at school.

Mama writes that you will be getting through soon and wanted to know whether you should get a job in N.O. or B.R. I told her I did not know but perhaps you could get a job with Spiced Fruit Limes through uncle Harro.

What do you think? or would you prefer B.R.?

I am in New Guinea now and not as bad a place as I had imagined, only there are not many places to go, although I did go to a C.P.O. show last night and it was a pretty good one.

We crossed the Equator and International date line coming here.

The money we use to deal with is Australian and counted in pounds and

and coins, shilling's etc.

I'll give you a list of the value of the Russian money as ~~cents~~ compared with ours and also the nick names of the money:

NOTES (PAPER) = NICKNAME = VALUE

100 pound note = 10 quid or tenner = \$32.28

5 " " " = 5 " " or five = \$15.14

1 " " " = 1 " " or 1 note = \$3.23

10 shilling note = 1/2 quid or 10 bob note = \$1.61

COINS = NICKNAME = VALUE

1 FLORIN = 2 BOB or SWIS = .32¢

1 SHILLING = A BOB or DIENER = .16¢

1 SIX PENCE = SIX PENCE or ZACK = 08¢

1 THREE PENCE = THREPPENCE or TRAY = .04¢

1 PENNY = BROWNIE = .01¢

1 HALF PENNY = HEY PENNY = --

1 Pound - three shillings - sixpence for example would be designated thus: 1.3.6 and the price would be spoken thus: One pound three and six.

The law is to drive on the left hand side of the road instead of the right.

The moon is upside down and there is no north star but a Southern Cross.

The natives are bushy headed and black, brown on the Island as 'fuzzies'.

I am trying to make a
ring out of an "Assy Coin
Flour", if I succeed I'll
send it to you. Will also
try to make an Aluminium
bracelet for you from a
shot down Jap plane.

Let me hear from you
soon and tell me about
what you've decided about
the job, prospects and etc.

Wish you and I were drink-
ing a thick milk shake
at Liggett's on Canal or at
God's nipe where it would
hardly pour for being so thick.
Love

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