c/o National Bank
Ideilbron
2-3-25

My own dearest Chum;

It seems such ages ago since I heard your voice on the Phone, although only this morning and on the otherhand it appears so funny to be sitting down writing to you but a few hours after your departure.

However there is this to say: I hope you had an enjoyable journey chum and arrived at your destination safe and sound Did you not feel some magnetic force drawing you back towards Ideilbron as your train dropped mile upon mile between you and I?

I had no idea I would feel so lonely until I realised this evening how many long miles lay between us Phem. I didn't go to the Dance after all. I knew all along I wouldn't. As a matter of fact I wasn't feeling too well when I got out of work this afternoon so I at once made it my excuse for not going.

I believe the Hall looks very nice according to Elliott. I have just finished

my usual letter home and gave Mother your message. I I haven't a bad memory after all. By the way please remember me kindly to Ethel. I clean forgot about it.

By the looks of the weather I guess you were met with a storm in Johbg. It turned bitterly cold here this afternoon. However just an ideal night for dancing. It was awfully sweet of you to ring me up this morning dear. Did'nt you know that its unlucky to say good bye twice? Now take care of yourself Dhem. and above all enjoy yourself but in so doing you won't forget your lonely Chum will you? —

It's now just on half-past nine so I think I had better end off as to try and spread a few hours happenings over more than two pages would be rather brain-racking so cheerio dearest chum of mine.

Fondest love & kisses

Yours —

Herbert