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My Darling,

Your welcome letter to hand this morning for which many thanks. I am so glad to hear that you are happy and well as this leaves me the same. I am just trying my hand at typing so don't look for mistakes. I have just finished the mail and thought I would type you a few lines by way of practice. So you see I am killing two birds with one stone.

Father is out playing bowls again this afternoon .I think he feels he can take things a little easier already and I am glad of it because it will give me a chance to accept a little responsibility and I am sure he has worked hard enough all these years to have earned a little freedom in the form of an afternoon of bowls. You would laugh if you saw him the way he polishes his Bowls every time he has finished playing. Just like a little boy with a bag of marbles.He is so enthusiastic about playing in England He can talk of nothing else.The other night I had to sit and engrave his initials on his bowls. It is really a scream . Oh Darling I wish you were here already as I feel you are missing it all but never mind the time is going fast.

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I handed in a claim this morning of £80 now perhaps they will wake up and find my things. We have had two lovely storms here already and everything is looking so green and fresh. Perhaps by the time you come down we will have had more and everything will just be in its prime including the grapes. By the way Darling you know very well I would'nt eat them all before you come down. Even if I had to preserve them I would still keep some for you.

Two dams burst just outside of town day before yesterday on farms. Quite a catrastrophe was'nt it. Well sweetheart the boy has just told me that my tea is ready so I'll close and get to it and then finish my work,

Fond love to you my Darling,

From Yours always,

Herbert.

P.S. I won't type my letter any more I just wanted you to see how I was getting on

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