

This is \$2 "yeddo"

16. 4. 10

Dear Mother

Just a few lines to let you know that I received your letters all right I am glad to hear that you are keeping all right for I am I can tell you Now Mother we had a very good passage from Medeira to Valparaiso and we were all pretty glad when we got in and got a spell for it as a long time to be in the Stoketade without a spell for we were fifty <sup>days</sup> from the time we left the Tyne till we got to Valparaiso and I can tell you that it was hot right until we got in, we were all rare and thin when we arrived for we had been getting fed on all sort of rubbish for we had no potatoes shortly after we left Medeira it was nothing but preserved spuds and peas and beans but we have been ~~we~~ making up for ~~for~~ it since we have been in here for we are getting fed well and I am getting as fat as can be and feeling as fit as a fiddle I fiddle Now Mother they <sup>are</sup> a fine lot of men and respectable to I have a pretty good time of it among ~~you~~ them Now Mother to you will have had two halfpays



DONATED RECORDS LIST

ASAC

by the time you get this letter and I think  
that you will draw a good few more before  
we get home again Now Mother I sent  
tell you well we are going to for she is  
not chartered yet but if they gett no  
orders by the time we are finished  
unloading we will be going on to <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~  
New South Wales which I hope they do  
for if things is all right out there I am  
going to have a try at the pits Now  
Mother send that photo where you are  
taken in the <sup>group</sup> ~~group~~ for I think you look  
best on that one and I meant to fetch  
it away with me but forget so mind  
and be sure and send it Now Mother  
I think is all at present so give my love  
to Eunice and with love to yourself

I remain

Your loving son

Jack

P.S. Now dont forget that photo and  
write Sharp

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ASAC



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31 July 1910

Dear Mother

I am now writing you a few lines and not before time you will be thinking, but never mind better late than never Now I told you that I was clearing out of the Yeddo in my letter which I wrote from Newcastle on the sixth of May well I stopped by her a fortnight in Newcastle until 13<sup>th</sup> I did not want to leave her before the 12<sup>th</sup> of May because if I had the sheffer would have wired home and stopped the half pay which was due on the twelveth hows the dog going on

so I knew you would draw it on the 12<sup>th</sup> so on the 13<sup>th</sup> there 14 of us firemen and sailers cleared out There was another man and me beat our way down to Sidney we were knocking about Sidney for about fortnight and we could not get a days work nowhere I was properly sick of it so I worked my passage right away up into the north of Queensland and I got a start cutting Sugar cane on the plantations but it only lasted a week and I wasnt sorry either for the heat was terrible P.S I enclose P.O for 1 pound



it was 110 degrees in the shade  
and the money was small  
so me and another chap  
bought a swag between  
us the blankets billycan  
and tent <sup>and</sup> beat our way  
through the bush for about  
150 mile till we struck the  
week you get in to the  
the first cattle station  
we got a statit for ten  
bob a week and our keep  
but at the end of the week  
horse twice a day I soon  
<sup>the boss</sup> he sacked my mate because  
he found out that a cowboy  
he couldn't manage the job  
life was no catch so  
but he offered ~~he~~ to keep  
we "padded the ~~of~~ roof"  
one on and give me 1 pound  
down <sup>to</sup> the coast again  
we but I wanted thirty bob  
<sup>a week</sup> and struck the coast  
at Cairns and I left my  
mate there he would give  
me it <sup>not</sup> so I told him to  
keep his quiet and I came  
down south and I worked  
my passage and get somebody  
else I worked my passage



down from barracks when  
one of the firemen took  
sick and the chief engineer  
offered me the job until  
the man ~~got~~ got better  
and you can just bet  
your life I jumped at the  
chance of getting <sup>a</sup> bob  
or two well I was on  
her for about fortnight  
we came down to Brisbane  
from Brisbane to Sydney  
Sydney to Melbourne  
Melbourne back to Sydney  
well I got a couple of  
quid of the chief and  
sw ten Bob off the second  
~~and~~ so I made off for  
the mines at once so by



to the time I paid my  
train fare down to Coledale  
and bought a ~~hat~~ some work  
clothes I have not much  
left but I am sending  
you a postoffice order for  
a quid I have got to start  
at ~~soat~~ Coledale pit on  
monday night and I will  
have to work 3 weeks before  
I get a pay so it will be  
three weeks before I can send  
you any more money Now  
Mother when you answer  
this letter address it to me  
60 post office. Coledale.  
New South Wales because  
it is only a little township  
and there is no postman  
now give my love to Annie  
and with love to yourself  
I remain  
Your loving & affectionate son  
\* \* \* \* \* Jack \* \* \* \* \*



29.9.00

Dear Mother

Just a line or two  
to let you know that  
I am still alive yet  
and ~~keeping~~ and still  
keeping well which  
I hope you are doing  
as well as our Mother  
I suppose you have  
got that first letter  
which I sent her and  
and I sent you a quid  
in it and I am send  
you a quid in this  
one as well I only  
sent you 15 Bob last  
pay as I had only  
a bad pay last pay

am enclosing P O for a quid

but never you will  
not be dependant  
on any ~~some~~ laws for  
anything if I can  
help it ~~for~~ now if  
you only had a lodger  
and Annie working  
and the ten bob a  
week which I send you  
I don't consider you  
would be doing too  
bad By the way how  
is Annie getting  
on I sent her a P O  
last pay but I  
don't suppose she  
will get that for  
about another



fortnight or so till  
I often wonder if  
Paw we canic has  
the worrens yet  
if so till how to  
try work make  
Martha will tell  
her what that is  
like Paw Mather  
I have not get much  
more to tell you  
except that I am  
dying to get the  
first letter and  
get some news  
of Cammy and Shiloh  
you know it is such  
a hell of a long  
eye Jackie maw had

time to wait for a  
letter it two month  
and a half from  
the time you send  
it two the time you  
received it, I would  
not have the work  
the best or it so  
don't forget to  
write pretty often  
Paw Mother I do  
hope you are happy  
well so give my  
love to canic and  
yourself with love to  
I remain  
Your loving & affectionate  
Son Jack  
x x x x x



1. 10. 10

Dear Mother

Just a line or two to let you know how things are going on here and that is not too good I can assure you You remember that last letter I wrote you telling you that I was going to start at Colclake well I started and it only lasted four or five shifts and then a gang of us were froyed off for slackness I was on stonework and damned heavy work it was and from then til 3 weeks I was knocking around the best way I could until I got a start at South Bouili I have been working there for three weeks on stonework I have a Bob as shift of hours and all nightshift it is rotten I can tell you Now Mother you will be saying he is doing well but what a mistake the people at home make they hear they make good money out here, true but the what is the good of it you have it all to pay away Now



DONATE TO THE LIST

3458

look at me for instance I work  
for about for about 2£ 23 a week  
and the ~~it~~ is not constant it is  
very seldom the pit works the full  
ten shifts <sup>a fortnight</sup> if so you get about 4.15.0  
out of that I have get a pound a  
week to pay for lodgings for you  
cant get them a penny cheaper and  
no washing done so that is a quid  
and by the time I send you something  
each pay you will see I have not  
much left I am about sick of it  
although <sup>it</sup> will not be too bad if  
this job is any way constant for  
I can always be looking round  
for something better now Mother  
how are you and Annie getting  
on I hope you are getting on all  
right now you will be saying  
that I take my time about writing  
well Mother I dont care about  
writing unless I have something  
to send with it but I will  
write every fortnight now



so you can write every fortnight  
to my address <sup>c/o</sup> W. Parks Midgley  
Street, Boxtons Estate, Corrimat,  
Elwarka Line, P.O. W. Row I think  
I have little more to tell you than  
that I am keeping as fit as fiddle  
and that I am stopping with South  
Shields people Row Mother this  
is all at present so give my  
love to Annie and with love  
to yourself ~~I remain~~ your loving

I remain

Your Loving Son

Jack

P.S. I am enclosing P.V. for a  
quid



1911.10  
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Dear Mother  
Just a few lines to  
let you know that I  
received your letters this  
morning the ones that  
you sent to Colocall  
there were three letters  
and three papers I am  
glad to have that  
you are keeping all  
right Love Mother  
you asked me if I  
had seen Jim Wilkinson  
well by a lucky chance  
I did see him in Sydney  
about three months  
ago he is on a tug  
boat named the

Storm Cook she runs  
about Sydney. I see  
you have given Sam  
his marching orders  
just like his dammed  
sheep trying to make  
the coast he would  
not have done it if  
I had have been home  
I bet or it would not  
have been any fault  
of mine if it had not  
stopped I also see  
you that you have  
given Estorie his  
notice to 'Git' but  
then it was just  
like that pig to



they could pass it when for she was full  
he got the chance of slushing and talk  
I wish I had only she is a proper gossip  
been home at home she will very likely  
I would have made to call on you when  
the Russian Jew bugger she gets to Shild  
dance a hornpipe on again full of gossip  
his old hat never as usual but you  
mind better luck want to give her  
with the next the cold should be  
lodger I am learning how Mother I think  
my lodgings as my that I have given  
dormitory is preparing you all the news so  
to go home at the with love to all  
end of the month I remain  
so they have sold Yours loving son  
the bed I was using I ask  
but I am not sorry P.S. I am sending a card



DONATION RECORD LIST  
4424  
3rd Series

7. 11. 10  
Commence  
P. S. W.

Dear

Just a few lines to  
let you know that  
I am still alive and  
hacking you know  
I am very sorry  
to hear that you are  
not keeping well I  
think you will have  
to come out to hospital  
and see if that will  
do you any good and  
I hear you are growing  
like a leak if fact  
they tell me you  
are getting quite a tall  
young woman there

that should give you  
you swelled head  
How how is things  
going on at Shields  
just about same I  
reckon as they were  
when I left them  
you can give my love  
to all my friends  
and wish them a happy  
New Year for me  
and I also wish you  
a happy New Year  
Does the old woman  
still eat "soccant  
bars" I could do with  
one now give my  
respects to Jack Fenwick



and also to Mr & Mrs  
Downey of Row Avenue  
I have not much  
time to say as it  
is three o'clock and  
I have to get changed  
to go to the pit  
I go in at five  
and I am have a long  
walk up the mountain  
Row Avenue I am  
sending you a card  
I hope you will  
like it of Row Annie  
this is all at present  
so with love

I remain  
Your loving Brother  
Jack xxx



DONATED RECORDS LIST  
3424  
3rd Series

27. 11. 10  
Original  
EPL

Dear Mother

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still alive and kicking of course I told you in my last letter that I had received your three letters which you sent to Coledale Now Mother what were you making such a song about those so called hardships there was no hardship about it at all it is just about the best life that a fellow can wish for "carrying his swag" or "humping his blues"

as the colonians call it going all over the country with all your belongings strapped on your back that is your blankets a change of underclothing "if you have got any" and a billie can of flour Mother you will think the that we would be like the tramps in the old country but what a mistake the best of respectable men which a house of his own when he gets out of work he will just pack his swag and off he goes



to where he hears the work  
is on Now Mother I am  
sending you a new year  
card I think that it will  
just about get the home  
by about the New year  
I say I want be home the  
~~best~~ Christmas to help  
you to eat that goose  
mind I did use to help  
with the goose if it  
was only to eat it I  
wish I was at Lanny  
Old Ludds for the  
Christmas this place  
is so quiet in fact I  
can feel my ~~wrinkles~~  
~~wrinkles~~ turning grey

all ready Now Mother  
I hope that you are  
keeping all right I have  
changed my board  
as Parks are selling off  
the and could not keep  
me any longer So just  
put b/o of J. Sestop  
Madgey it concerned  
Now Mother I hope  
you like this card  
Now Mother I will  
now conclude with  
best love from  
Your loving Son  
J. Jack x x x  
P.S. I am enclosing PO  
for a quid