

47 The Street,  
Bulawayo.  
S. Rhodesia.  
190 Jan. '49.

My dear Dorothy,  
Thank you so  
much for your air letter card,  
which I am answering very  
promptly while still on holiday,  
as I know, that once I get  
home into the swing of  
things again, my correspondence  
will go to the dogs.

It is nice to  
know that the parcels arrived  
safely & gave you all so  
much joy. We live in a  
land of plenty here, and it  
seems the least that we can  
do to send some of our good  
fortune <sup>over</sup> to you when you are  
hindered with so many  
restrictions and rationing.

Please congratulate  
Uncle Charles for me, - how very  
nice that he should be invited

to be the Mayor of Crocker and I am sure he will make a very good one.

I feel quite sad at the thought of all the social functions I shall be missing, as I am sure I should have enjoyed them immensely. Thank you for thinking of me, and thank you also, for your very kind offer to get something or other for me, which is unobtainable here. Quite honestly though, I can think of nothing although I do appreciate your offer.

Yes thank you, Jennie is quite recovered now in her old self again. She is really the reason why we are here a holiday by the sea, instead of sweltering in Roy's heat. We are at Umbagog, 30 miles down coast from Durham, but as time is nearly up we are moving

off in two days time shall  
leave Denise at her new school  
in Pietermaritzburg en route  
for Byo.

She has been growing  
rather rapidly in at an  
advanced age just now that  
is the main reason for her  
illness I think. It was  
glandular fever, something I  
have never heard of, but as  
it is a tropical disease, you  
should have no cause to fear  
it. Pietermaritzburg differs  
totally in climate from  
Byo. & I am hoping that  
that fact alone, will benefit  
her greatly & of course, I  
also hope for great things  
generally from the school as  
I have heard that it is a  
good one.

You fur coat sounds  
most exciting, what a  
lovely Christmas present.  
Ange has promised  
that I may pay you all a

visit later on this year - possibly August, so my trip will only be postponed after all, (all being well) and I am greatly looking forward to it all. It will have to be a flying visit, though, in every sense of the word, as I must not be away for too long & consequently must come by air. However, I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Annie joins me in love & best wishes for a very happy and prosperous year to you all,

Yours very affectionately

Andrew.

P.S.

I will hand your letter over to Dad when I return to Boro.