

[Letter from Leslie S KING to Ethel PERKINS]

12, Fernhill Rd., Newquay, Cornwall.
19th July 1944

Dear Mrs Perkins, The letter which I am now sending you should have been written years ago, and were it not for the fact that I have had reason rather than excuse for the delay I should certainly be offering my apologies.

Ever since I made the decision to make Newquay my home I intended to do what I am doing now - send you a wee gift, but at the time of and since leaving you times have not been normal; you had to be living here and there, goods were in peril owing to the bombing, and articles were hard, even if possible to purchase; hence the unfortunate delay. I really did not know what would be most suitable to give to you, but I decided on a serviette ring.

Will you please accept enclosed ring as sincerely an expression of my heartfelt gratitude to you personally for your constant kindness to me since the start of me knowing you and very especially during my happy stay of nine years in your home -

I thank you very sincerely and I treasure (and always shall) very deeply my friendship with you as a family. Friends do, and have to separate, but that golden thread of friendship always holds.

Again to you my earnest thanks. I remain,
Yours very sincerely Leslie S KING.