

Letter from Bill LUMSDEN to Reg MILLER, Dorothy GIBSON, Cyril PERKINS,
Barbara DELVES, Charles GIBSON

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122, New Dover Road, Canterbury.

I have now reached the point when I must withdraw from the responsibility of accommodating my mother-in-law and I am no longer prepared to allow my wife to carry the entire burden of looking after her.

She is nervous when left alone, forgetful and often unwell. Help is difficult to obtain and expensive and the strain of doing so much has become quite intolerable.

I regret that it is necessary to declare an ultimatum. in this manner but I want all members of her family to know the position and to agree to some alternative way of looking after her.

The old lady herself is not happy and continually asks for the rest of her family often saying that they should be looking after her.

She is not entirely without money - over £500 of it is in Dorothy's hands, and the solution may be to use this for nursing home fees if no other member of the family is ready to take on the responsibility of looking after her in their own home.

My operation is again postponed but I expect that before very long I shall be in hospital and it is urgent that the new arrangement is made as soon as possible.

I want both your opinion and help and should appreciate a prompt reply.
Yours sincerely, Bill