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TO:- MR. & MRS. MARSH,
13, KENNEDY STREET,
TUSMORE,
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.



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Sender's Name & Address..... Josephine Norman, 21, Adeyfield Road, Hemel Hempstead,
20th Oct. 1944..... Parts.....
Sheet 1.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Marsh,

I am writing to thank you for a parcel posted from Australia in July, which I have just received, also for your very nice letter which I found awaiting me on my return home today. Whilst I am most grateful for your kind thought, it is really unnecessary for you to go to the trouble of sending me gifts. Things are not at all difficult to obtain over here and I am quite sure you have more than enough to do to send parcels to lads whom you know in the Services. I am afraid I am not very good at expressing myself, but feel sure you will understand what I mean. I shall, however, always appreciate a letter from you, and was very pleased to get your letter today.

It is my greatest regret that I cannot give you good news of Peter. I am afraid that I, too, am not very brave. I still steal away and have a good cry at times. My mother and I took Peter right to our hearts. He used to accuse her of spoiling him, but to Mum, he was like the son she never had, and to me, I'm afraid there will never be anybody quite like him.

Yes, Peter told us all about his home and family, he was so very proud of you all. He often spoke of his Mum and naturally we heard what a "thorough good sport" his Dad was. He also told us that you both suffer in health. I am so sorry, please take care of yourselves. I know it is useless telling you not to worry too much, knowing too well how I worry myself.

My very best, but much belated wishes for your birthday, Mr. Marsh, and I hope that next year will bring you all you desire.

I should love to have a copy of the write-up which is going to appear in Peter's school mag. and now anxiously await the arrival of the photographs which you have been so kind to send. I will let you know which one I choose.

I think the strain of living in London was getting to be too much for Mum. She also suffers from cardiac trouble - not too serious fortunately - and has been advised to take things quietly and avoid all excitement. We are both feeling very much better since we came here, although we are only about 25 miles from London and both travel to and fro to business each day.

I'm afraid I've never told you very much about Mum or myself. Mum was 44 last August. She looks young for her age and is very often taken for my elder sister. I was 21 last February, and am her only child.

JOSEPHINE NORMAN.

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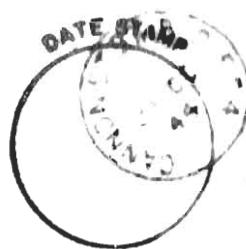
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Sender's Name & Address Josephine Norman, 21, Adeyfield Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire

(Sheet 2)

30th Oct. 1944.

Since February I have been doing voluntary work in the Dining Hall at the Boomerang Club on Saturday afternoons. I felt I had to do something, however small. My office is quite close to the Club, and I sometimes have a feeling that one day I might find out something definite regarding Peter. I still think there is a chance for the missing boy; one does hear of such miracles in this war, and many of the boys to whom I have spoken at the Club have told me that there is still a chance for him and have told me not to give up hope. I feel I cannot give up hope until this war is over and all prisoners have been repatriated. I have been told that there is very little co-operation between German Hospitals and German Military Authorities, and the former often do not advise the latter until the patient has been discharged from hospital and is placed in a Prison Camp when he is then considered to be an official Prisoner of War. On this chance I am pinning my hopes, but anyhow, if faith and prayer have anything to do with Peter's return, then surely he will come back.

I do wish that I lived within visiting distance of you as I would so much like to meet you all, but still, perhaps one of these days we may yet be able to meet. It would be delightful.

Mother joins me in sending kind regards to you all, and we trust that you will keep well.

Yours sincerely,

JOSEPHINE NORMAN.