

Kallinwood
Lestwardes
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Dear Alice

We have received your parcel to day. Thank you very much. We very much appreciated it. The first oranges we have seen for years. But you must not send us food. It is very kind of you but I know it is rationed. We are going to have a ration of oranges this week. I am sorry for the eggs, the parcel must have been knocked about and 3 eggs were broken and went over the parcel. They must have been broken days ago because they smelled. One of them was good and the children got it for supper. It is a pity really.

I hope you wont go short with soap now? I know you only get 2 oz soap for a week. It is very very nice that you want to help. We had a bad time, but that is over now, ~~and~~ I think in one way

We get more rations now than you do.

Well I don't want to be proud as you say and there are a few small items which I would like you to send me if it is possible, but if you can't get it easily, don't go from one shop to another. For instance. I need a lipstick not dark (don't laugh) 2 hair slides for children, small hair pins rouge, cigarette paper one or two packets and panshine or ~~skin~~ if it's not rationed. I am enclosing 1 qns. P. O. (from father) if there still some money left buy what you can, probably not much be left as I expect everything is expensive.

We are going to get clothing soon but I don't think they are going to bring luxuries like the above mentioned articles so that's why I ask you to get it for me if possible. I would like you to give me some information about hand bags. Do they need coupons and how much do they cost. I know the prices are very high but could I get a nice one for £2?

As a matter of fact I had two
wedding rings. I have exchanged the
gold one and kept the platinum.
I don't regret it, it can't be helped.

Our car been taken, we got
money for it but we were forced
to sell it.

I like the photo. You look
very well and very smart on it.
I send it back now.

The children got Red shoes a
couple of weeks ago. We get the
Daily Telegraph every day now so
we know what's happening in the
world.

I wish you could come this
summer to see us with David.
I don't think we shall go to England
before Christmas as we want to
go back to Grenise in summer
holiday.

It was a struggle to put Eldite
to bed to night she wanted to read
all the books at once.

Well I dont write more to night
its nearly mid night. I just
wanted to let you know that
we got your parcel. Thanks again
so much.

Give my love to David

With love

Bibi

And many thanks from me, too.
— a little brief, but very sincere!

— John

Bibi wants me to thank you for the
books. She whacked 'em out between
the children. The oranges went down
in a matter of seconds: one moment
they were there, — the next they were gone!