

Home Hut

Off, Nature Flora Reserve

Alice Springs

Dec 28th 1971

My beloved Yabbula
(Maternal Tribal Grandson)

I have decided to write
facts to you (to read before my Xmas
& New Year letters to you),

I know you are fond of your
old (adopted) "grandmother",

And I know how emotional
you are, too.

So this is to tell you I do
not think (or wish to) see another
Christmas after this.

I have been most unwell
due to intense heat (over 100° & up to
108° in this valley - probably. It varies
over Alice Springs the ~~re~~ of meteorologist
says. (Mrs W. P. Smith)

Also I shall be 89 (I think)
on St. Patrick's Day. (Born 1884).

Except for losing those I most loved

22 My father, my mother & on Gallipoli viz.
1909 1927 best friend

& a few others I greatly loved - my
life has been an outstanding
happy one.

And you have been part
of that.

So when you hear it has
ended, ~~it~~ - just remember all
those things. And don't come down
to funeral.

There is someone I would
like to meet again, in August, if she
comes - But I could not go
through another Oct Nov & Dec.

Fond love to my very distinguished
friend, Yabbula, John.

from

Olive Pink

Yabbula

~~postscript~~ And
if it had not been for ^{love of} the
Reserve's independent plants
the help of Johnny Tambijimba
'amiridji'
(for 11½ years) I think I
would have died in ~~April~~ November
this year.

— from heat exhaustion (as well as
Age)
Oll P
28.12.71

(My ribs + throats are awful
(So excuse))

Don't come down in heat —
— unless you feel you have to —
as I am not your normal
Yabbula then. I want to
hear all your news. Oll P