

Dear Tabbula John

Home Hut
Native Flora Reserve
(Govt.)
Alice Springs

This letter is going to be in two parts. One serious matters. The other (more of less) "Chatter" - ("Gabbela"!!!) I don't believe for one moment, that you are feeling "lazy". It is just OVER-TIREDNESS! With too-much "Surgeries" (which your tribal-grandmother translates as cutting up "corpse's" ^{nerves} in the interests of depers.)

The Director of Health for N. Ter. did not say that. But mentioned "nerve" - Surgeries.

Yes! He asked "might he come over & have a talk with me"! (If you arrange to have several days here - instead of "one night at ^{end of} July"! I'll tell you about it. Otherwise it is a dark secret. - Mr. Mulgate (Hospital Sec) brought him over & they both had Sherry & Madeira cake here. And your boss waived to me when going! (Sherry??)

* But, don't you repeat this. He is quite of your opinion (which I told him) about the Royal Guards merely wanting more money (when ex-depers were

2. I asked. The Doctor, added "The absurd part is they drink in hotels (with both whites + aborigines)".

no. 2. "piece for you to remember + answer soon (+ in few words)

Did you + nai "think up" the suggested telephoning to me (occasionally) because you + Shel know she will go blind?

(And so will have to give up writing to me?) Do tell me the whole truth.

It worries me, horribly, even to think of there being no cure for Glaucoma. Dr Hercules - her Eye Specialist hoped to hear of new treatment on his tour abroad (+ he must be back by now?) The thought of nai having to put into her eyes those "painful drops" every few hours - is "like hell" to me + far more to her.

I am so very glad you like nai ("so easy to talk to") + that I introduced my two (now) best friends.

("now" is because you must take the first (male's) place now - my Cousin "Carl" (Charles really) died, shockingly - suddenly (in Hobart) on May 19th. I have not, in any way, got over the

3 Shock yet.

And never shall the missing of him - as a real friend.

We had been true friends from the time I was 16 + he 10. So that was a 70 years friendships.

(They had made all preparations to welcome him home after about a month in hospital (4 8 years of illness ^{+ operations}). But the Ambulance brought home a dead husband + father (of 3 sons + a grandson, + early in the morning, one daughter-in-law)

He wanted me to leave here + return to Hobart to live - (which I should never have even considered doing)

But he was the only one who cared enough to suggest it. He was a step-cousin + I have one real cousin left, (Fred Hooper) + his one son, in Hobart.

There are no male relations in W. Aus. Only 3 nieces, + 3 great-nieces

3 The 3rd "Serious matter" I wanted to write to you is:

I hope (as a penance" if necessary) I do hope you will care to send me two letters a year while I am alive?

No Xmas one + none for my birthday - but just in between ^{even} a "no news" one - if necessary

4. I wish I "knew" you better. I have such tremendous admiration for your work - that I have just discovered I hardly "know" you the 32(?) year old "man", at all!!!! It came as a shock - last week. So I hope ^{having} an 86 year old vital-grandmother is not becoming a burden ???

Talchinijir
1st person
5th person
I was never meant to share the name!!!!

Couldnt you go to Hobart & meet some of "nai's" relations (neces, & great-nieces !!!) before you return to N. Ter. in July "???"

When is your birthday

There are some kind of "lollie" called "Chocolate All Sorts" (I have never seen them). And those are the kind of visitors I have had lately - (a German Countess - "cousin of Duke of Edinburgh"!!!) Mr. Sidner Nolan the world-famous (modern) artist & his wife - accompanied by Countess Hess, Sir Benjamin Britten & a Mr. Pears (all returning from Adelaide Arts Festival - some local men & women & then Dr. Langford!!!) "Assorted" is the right word dont you agree?

How is your mother

Do take care of yourself Yabbula John (I "laze" as much as possible & in non-professional company) & then tell me about "nai". Wiaartab! Yabbula from Talchinijir