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Cornwall.
Dec 10 - 1942.

My own Darling One.

What a hectic time you have been having - well I hope we will be able to give you a little real Christmas peace and quiet.

It was good to hear your voice over the phone. Don't you remember filling in the headings in the red Xmas book when you were here?

Well much has been filled in since - I've posted parcels to

many and her family -

Chris & Bobbie

Winnie's family. (only books & small things from the children to Frederick Heather Michine & Hazel)

Rita & her children -

Edith & Mary (4 presents all Gillian's work)

Grace (a plum pudding)

I have yet to pack & send off parcels to

M^{rs} Stevens (cats)

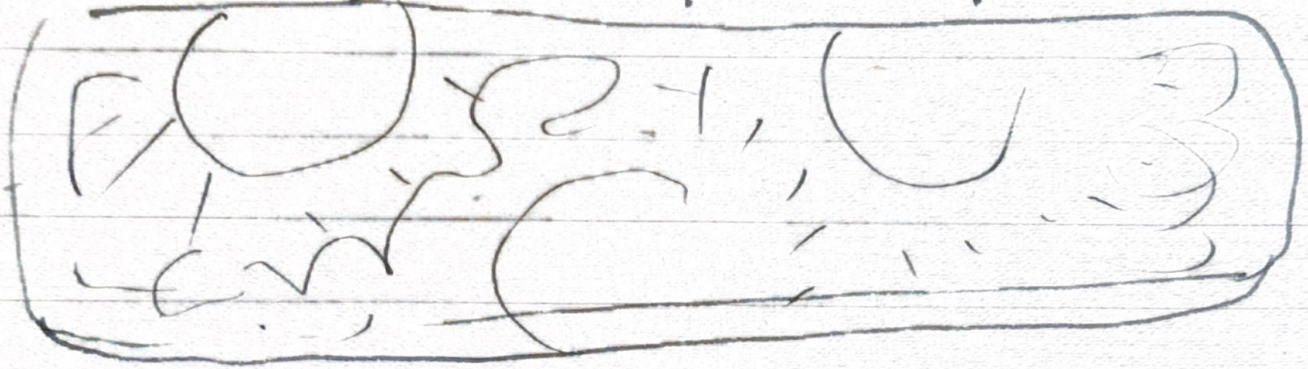
Susan (books & calendar
made by Gillian)

& Gallagher -

I plan to send Calendars to folk like
 Mrs Hubert, Marie & Lile - In Marie's
 I shall put something of Gillian's own
 making - probably a lavender bag -
 - she is getting a little tired of making
 things -

After I heard you had got the piano I decided
 we must spend the least possible on
 Xmas presents so (as we did in 1930) I
 went through all things we had and
 - I mean mostly my chest of drawers - and
 made lovely parcels - that is for my folk
 I'd be a little shy to do this for you folk.
 Then we got Gillian's box of cards she
 has been working for 2 years and I got
 my Calendars to fasten to these - She
 had great fun pasting them on
 and these with lavender bags
 she has made & kettle holders made
 nice presents where we wanted to
 express sentiment but not expense -
 (i.e. to Edith & May, etc.)

About 18 months ago I bought through
 Smales a big box of Cho: biscuits which
 have been put away. They are what



they call Penny Bar - about as
 big as this and each wrapped in
 most marvelously coloured silver &
 gold & other colour papers. I put a
 few of these into each parcel in a
 little tin - I shall hang some
 on our own tree - they will be
 most decorative and a nice tiny
 present for any child who peeped
 into the nursery. So I think
 altogether our parcels were not
 unworthy of an ordinary Xmas let
 alone a War Xmas. M^{rs} Bullen gave
 me the cardboard boxes.

The Cards have already taken a lot of time and are so difficult to dispose of correctly - Since we can't get cards printed in war time I suggest that another year we choose a nice p.p.c and get about 100 (or whatever we need) of these - so that all get the same - I'll try and get a little further with the cards before you come - but last day of posting is 20th - We are now clearing and tidying the house -

Don't worry about food - we have Xmas puddings - jellies, soups & tinned meats - all in the house also a Xmas cake - so even if that real emergency they speak of come - we could yet have a Xmas dinner - and room for a guest -

We posted Anna a box of eats - and will send greetings Telegram - We have only sent £1-1-0 to the others - so £2 will be nice for Anna - especially as

you are a little pressed -

I'm so interested in the programme of your busy week - glad to note that your feeding arrangements (not to mention drinking arrangements) looked very good -

My "flu" or whatever it was seemed to leave a rather unbearable neuritis - especially down back of thighs (sciatic?) I have since your last visit taken very little aspirin or aspirin lest they were damaging my stomach and causing mental depression. I'm glad of your advice and am sticking to Empirin which for 4 hrs at any rate always bucks me up - the coffee I suppose.

Another of G's pictures - the small figure with the pipe is you - as she said what you wright be if you smoked.

The snaps you sent me were all of yourself no extras of the children - I thought you had made a mistake as Daisy

had asked of some of you. I have only one set
of the ones taken when you were here.

How exciting to be challenged by sentry.

What price Japan & U.S.A. now.

What about Dulles & Clarence.

I shall write to Nina and ask
her to send me any news she
may get. I should imagine

that if they had left China they
would have gone to California.

What about San Francisco being blocked
out? Can you imagine it even?

Any way Moscow is not yet & not
likely to be reached.

Any you are coming - unless
I hear differently by the 5.9 pm
train on Wed Dec 17. This is
probably the last letter I'll send
- No - there'll be time for Sundays which
you can read on the train -

All my love beloved one

Your Edw.