

I am now got away / 24.3.74

I was go on St Patrick's Day, as you may (or may not (?) know).

(I am sitting under what Peter Wells calls "the best TAME mulgas in Alice Springs) with your lovely Christmas letter beside ~~me~~ me which I was too unwell (+ still am) to

2 / answer (Even the bit about
a Duck on your front door-
step. I am covered up with
a sheet as the March flies
are so vicious

I expected (hoped) to
die before the 17th March
(my birthday) & here I still
am. I have had letters
(+ presents too many) from

3 Naomi Price & She said,
in 'one that you would be
in Sydney in middle of year
hopes to see you.

How I wish you would
marry her & Abbula, as a
companion for her & your
apony year. (She will be
80 next month) & he having
far too much caring for

4 her Sister ^{Roddy} Kate (who has a son
married) + her brother Tom
Mitchell of Ludellon - Swansea
(Tas) + Whale Beach Sydney -
who also has a married
daughter.

* Do take Naomi to
Darwin to end her days
with you - (my Two Dear
Ours)

5/ I am getting very tired. S.O
may (or may not) be able
to add more.

The Australian Arid Regions
Native Flora Reserve is a
mass of green weeds - now
→ I am (nominal) Caretaker
of it - through my great
Friend Glen Hewitt - Head

6 of two Electricity Power Stns.
+ my personal Trustee as
well as the only surviving one
is dead (Ted Maxwell Smith)
lost after leaving Gladstone
Queensland. A tragic loss.
(He was a wonderful Trustee
to Reserve. And had a lovely
wife.) Write to ~~Elen Hewitt~~
if you want to know if I am dead.

7 / You cannot guess
How much I have
valued your friendship
And love.

I send you both of
mine for last
time. { Olive }
{ Abbala }

8 Naomi was only married
a few months when her
husband (Price) died. I
always think that his relations
(Jews) wanted such a nice wife
for him so she could inherit
his money (as she has)
She was born a Mitchell
of Lisdillion (near Swansea)

9 I have known her since we
went to the same school
(in Hobart) & living in a
cottage (in D'Arvey St) shared
it with her (lovely) Aunt
Hannah Gittlin (a music
teacher) The flowers are
from Roseve, with my love
(except Rosemary of course) ^{love} Tabulla
John

~~Entirely Personal~~

~~& private~~



~~Dr. John Hargrove~~



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My cousin spoke to me, over the
phone from Heart III, (on my birthday)
He is a dear.

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