John JonesSelina JonesSarah JonesWill JonesCyrusUndated (but Lou's) birthday is 18thWell House, BletchleyDear Louie, Just a few lines to say we have not forgotten you. We have for a letter from you, but in vain. So I thought it being y tomorrow, and Sarah being anxious to send a little prese been so kind to send us a Xmas box, we felt anxious abd hearing from you for a long time. We hope this will find this leaves us at present, except that I have a bad cough some posting for 5 weeks since Xmas and going out in th morning it settled on my chest, I have a bad cough some posting now, nor have I any watch work to do – finished afternoon. I have a lot of field work to do, but that is no We had a letter from Will at Portsmouth nearly 3 weeks. he had been out to fetch Prince Henry. We wrote to him last week. Whether he has left or not we don't know, pe have seen him, or know whether he has gone out to Sea. from Lean a fortnight ago. She was getting on pretty we much news to tell you for you can see how things are go paper. I suppose you have Goorge's letter alright. Will when you write, which I hope won't be long for we thin since we heard from you. We hope hour any hard day and hope you live to see many more birthdays. Yoo on the same day of the week as you was born on, but can Shrove Tuesday. If it was, I think you had more brainst are a cook. Our neighbour Val had a lot of presents last I would jog your memory of the man in the chimney and 1/6 a week. Cyrus sends his kind regards and wishes yo returns of the day. I think I have said all for this time, st ford love from one an all at Well House and remain you and Sister J., E.A. & S.J. JonesFxxxxx		Selina Jones	Sarah Jones	Will Jones	Cyrus Wallis
		u. We have been looking it being your 28 th birthday ttle present, being you have xious about you – not s will find you quite well as w pains about me. I have g out in the cold air in the 1gh sometimes. I am not - finished it up this that is not a profitable job. 3 weeks ago. He told us ote to him at Portsmouth know, perhaps you might at to Sea. We had a letter pretty well then. I have not gs are going on by the ht. Will you send it back r we think it a long time s o hard worked as when black brooch so she thought to send you as you are not gloves would suit as well many happy returns of the ays. Your birthday comes n, but cannot say if it was e brains than batter if you sents last Friday. I thought mney and Tom Garner's vishes you many happy s time, so I must close with			
Mar. 15 th 1896	Well House Bletchley	I now tak which ga it this aft they was yours, po answered Will told what a co before he if she wa place. W anyone, h getting a Perhaps doubt she took him quite wel photo? V bit. This you get th	x ie, ie my pen with pleasive us so much pleasive us so much pleasive ernoon, especially with coaling the ship. We sted at Portsmouth. I his letter this afternous he had been out the bool reception he got for goes there again. He syou she would not fell, not for long. It is bout not to be too much other place when you may see Will agate has sent you one. We was glad to hear of one is rather dry but the Fenny rag alright.	re to read. We have the interval of the interval and the interval and the interval and the interval of the int	ge receipt of your long lette ave had a good laugh over you going to see Will when Will the time we got going to Portland. I have both tonight (Sunday). nee Henry. He also told us and it will be a long time e if he is upset. Mother say shelter if you leave your on friendly terms with em. If there is no sign of y you have a home here. 2 photos from Lean, no om George last Tuesday. It is took you. They was both a think Will's is a good ny's letter cheered you up a e pleased with it. I suppose line soon as we shall be wanted to know what girl

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		Walduck Tom Wal road with to live wi have the b death now I think I b hoping th Remember Father, M J., E.A. &	it was that T.G. had duck as we know of her friends. Louie th her sister Rose. I little field against ou with the land. have told you all for is will find you quit er us to all inquiring lother & Sister to S.J. Jones	got to pay 1/6 per c, she lives up at Ba Morry has left her don't know who i ir house. I don't w this time. I close y e well as it leave u	week for. She is not kin to anland up the Whaddon house and gone to London s coming to live there and ant it for I am worked to with fond love from us all, s the same, thank God.
April 4 th , 1896	Well House Bletchley	Yours to leaves us will drink Leanie ho morning. Had anoti give their say he wo Dear Lou answer it afternoon order casi I shall als because o went over There is a going, yo Co-op las played th I done a g well now tomorrow love from Lady frie	ie, hand this morning. all at present. Than your health on Mor ome last Sunday. Ca She looks jolly [po ner letter from Geor kind love to all. W ould be home this Ea ie, I thought as you this morning, as you . I shall post this wh ned at the same time o send papers per th of the tale. Sarah & to Woburn for a dr a grand ball at the To u will see by the pap t Wednesday night. e piano. We gave th good day's work in t for a few weeks. Mor I think I have told all, hoping you wil nd. Glad to hear you to all inquiring friet ng father	ks very much for t nday when I shall l ame Saturday & ste ssible missing text ge, they was quite e expected a letter aster but it is not ye wanted your letter a might be at Jim's hen I go to wind up e same post, I send Mr. Wallis, Lilly S ive yesterday, enjo bown Hall next Weo bers all about the b I was there with t hem some good mu he garden yesterda lother is just off to I you all for this tir I have a good hom u plucked up to the	well and wished me to from Will before now to

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Undated, but	Well House,	My dear Lou,		
from context around 1896	Bletchley	My dear Lou, You see I have got home at last. I was not able to get home until (sic) Monday because the Cook's brother died & she had to go to the funeral. I was so disappointed (sic) that you go back. Thank you very much Dear Lou for the hand glass – it was just the thing I wanted. Cyrus & Sadie went off Tuesday evening at ½ past six – it does seem so very funny to be at home without her. He was very nice. He said "Goodbye Mother" when he went away – it sounded very strange. It seemed to me as if they was married & going off to their home. I marched Mother off to Luton yesterday. We did enjoy our young selves (going to Cheddington today). They all talked about George & you. I quite fell in love with Dear Cousin Frank. I think of going to Bedford tomorrow & stay the night with Phillips as used to be maid at Thorntons. I think this is all this time, dear Lou. Only cousin Frank is going to Portsmouth for three days & he is going to look you up. With love to you from all at Luton & Bletchley, I remain your ever loving Sis Lena		
		Excuse scribble		
Aug 16 th 1896	Well House Bletchley	My Dearest Lou, Just a few lines in answ what you thought for. I get on. What do you th not go as general if I w living with me?, - they could ask £20 a year, t on alright. But we shal the country. You must return to Pinner to Mor on. We had a letter fro	Mother says you had ink about trying for ras you. What do you are rather unsettled he present cook (h)a l see. But I suspose(let me know then I c rrow(sic). Let me kn m Cy. They got to R elves. Mother hopes t back.	about their cook. You s £22. I think we should get sic) you would not care for an speak to Mrs Toovey. I ow how (you) are getting cochester alright and are you have seen Bill. Shall

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Undated	Well House Bletchley	little better. Well Lou, I are writng Christmas and hope th does worrie(sic) me so wrote to Lean, and I ex your dress, for mine wi coular(sic) you will ha I hope you will write to will come home. I do n Cousins Frank and Jen you such a grand prese Dear Lou, you left a pa to Bletchley in 2 weeks shall I send your things you will. I have been home near hope you will come ho Harrie Sear said that B few days. We had a let Write to me and let me	to let you know th at you will get ho , for I are thinking pect that she will ill be something of ve. Dear Lou, I ha o me and tell me v to know what Lea nie did not turn up nt. ir at home, but th s time and then it s, or shall I wait ti ly 4 weeks, but he me. ill was in Malta, I ter from George t know what you t quite well, with lo	to know you was getting on a hat we are going to be married at ome to be at my wedding for it g about a lot of things. I have come home, and what about of a blue so I don't know what ave got such a lot to think about, what you think, but I hope you an will think about it. p, it was very kind of him to give ey are all right. Cyrus is coming will be all settled. Dear Lou, ll you come home?, - and I hope e will not wait till Easter, so I Dad is going to write to him in a he other day – they was all right. hink. I think I have said all this ove from Dad and Mother. From
Undated	Well House Bletchley	Dad said that you must 2 or 3 weeks I can let y you leave when you sa reddie(sic). So, Dear Lou, come ho wedding. It will be ver have wrote to her to let home for I should like but we shall see when myself if I can help it, I have had a letter from Lou, we shall not live a place, but I hope you w come and see us some I have got another big Dad wrote to Bill Sund for my wedding, and I I think I have said all th	leave, for you my you know what da id it will give us p ome if you have to y quiet – I shall o her know all abo for you and her to you come home w if I do I shall not him to night, - h at Chatham, but at time, you know. ring – it is a keepe lay. Dad & Mothe hope he will be at his time, hoping y	e is getting a lot of things. Dear t Rochester – it is such a grand y, because I shall want you to er, such a thick one. er hopes that he will be at home
Undated But must be about September – see bold text	Well House Bletchley	would write to you to l Mother thanks you ver	et you know that y much.	ave crossed, but I thought I we got the P.O. all right and we and it fites(sic) her grand.

Selina Jones Sadie Jones

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in letter. Sadie & Cy were due to be married on 29 th December		Lean said that she had not seen Mother look so nice befor(sic) as when she had got it on. I did not tell you in my other letter that they had Bill at home when I was in Chatham, so you see I did not see him he went back the same day as I came home. Me and Cyrus went to Sherness(sic) when I was at Chatham – we see Bill's ship, but did not know his ship was there. I was there 3 weeks, and shall go for good in 3 months' time . I hope that you will come to my wedding, for I shall want you and Lean at home. You know he is not going to have any of his people to come to the wedding as he wants it very quiet. You will have to come home, you know and then we will tell you all about it then I cannot tell you in a letter (?). Mother's dress was 6/5 to be made – but it does look very nice. Dear Lou, they buried young Tom Cott the day befor(sic) I come home. He was ill onely(sic) a week and they had him beried at Bletchley, - they was all very much cut up about it. Dear Lou, I hope you will write to me when you get time and let me know what you think about my wedding, for it does worry me so. I think I have said all this time. Hoping you are quite well, with love from Dad & Mam from your ever loving Sis Sadie
Undated	Well House Bletchley	My Dearest Lou, We was very pleased to heir(sic) that you was coming home, we are al looking forward to seeing you. I think that Lean has got a funnie(sic) place, I do not think that I should stay if I was her. If you get a letter from Bill, will you let us know w(h)ere he is? Dear, I feel very lonely for Wallis (h)as gone to Chatham, so you see I miss him very much. You had better let me know about the book you want me to get. I shall be very glad when you get home. There will be plenty of garden stuf(f) about when you are at home, - not the plums this time. You did not say if you get the forget-me-nots, so have put in a few pinks this time (dried pinks & some other flower – forget-me-nots? enclosed). Dad & Mother send there(sic) love to you and hope that you are quite well, as it leives(sic) us at present. Remember us to the Boorers. I think I have said all this time so must close, with best and fondes(t) love to you. I remain your ever loving Sister Sadie D xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx M xxxxxxxx
29 th (Oct.) 1896	Well House Bletchley	My Dearest Lou, I was very glad to know that you was pleased with Cy's letter, and I are so glad you are coming home. I wrote to Lean, and I have had one back from her and she said that she would get your dress if you like. I have sent you a little piece of my wedding dress for you to see what it is like, and I hope you will think it is very nice. Dear Lou, Lean said if you and her was to have blue shot alpaca, I think that would look very nice. If was you I should let Lean get it for you and send it home, - and what do you think about the hats? – shall you let Lean get you one like hers?. She said in one letter something about her and you having white felt hats, but I dersay(sic) White Felt would be a lot of money, but I should like for you to have White Felt if you could aford(sic) them, & I should like White Felt for myself, - for Cy. Said he did not mind, if it pleased me, but if you do not want Lean to get your hat for you, you can get it when you get home when I b(u)y mine.

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		Did you see Bill this time?, I hope you did. I wrote to him, but he has not wrote to me as yet. We would like to know if he is down at Pompy now, - do not know where he is. If you saw him I dersay(sic) he did tell you that Mrs. Jordan was dead. We have not had a letter from George for a long time, so do not know how he is getting on. Dear Lou, I have onely(sic) got 8 more weeks now, when this one is gon(e). I hope you will like my dress. Mother hopes that you will write and tell us something about your self & if you have see(n) anything of Bill. It will be nice to have you home, for I have no one to cheer me up. I think I have said all this time. With love from Dad & Mother. Hoping you are quite well, as it leaves us all at present. From your ever loving Sis SadieXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXP.S. Hope you will write soon.		
Undated (but must be late November as Sadie's birthday is 15 th Nov.) – she would have been 23 - see bold text.	Well House Bletchley	present . Lean sent m handkerchiefs???). Th dasey (Daisy) will so to right(sic) again, bu there was something to so meney(sic) times, glad to heir(sic) that y Mother & Dad send th Dear Wallis gave me you. I had a letter from Bill lately – I expect	e a half a duson(sic nank Mary for the k on get better. We th t I said "no news is the matter with you but we had waited you was quite well. here(sic) love to yo such a splend(id) r m Lean the other da we shall when the f this time I hope thi	ing. He sends his kind regards to ay, - we have not heird(sic) from oto(s) are done. is will find you quiet(well). With

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Undated	22 Mess HMS			y that you kept me waiting, I
	Blenheim Channel Fleet Portland or elsewhere	the Blenheim since I Will you send me a p	s much to tell you, o come off Christmas acket of envelopes a	only that I have been shifted to leave. I enjoyed myself alright. and paper as I have got none, so
	elsewhere	paper. No more this time, fr	-	send me a pen & some blotting g Brother Bill.
Undated pre April	HMS Blenheim Channel Fleet	paper, also the pen & I don't think much of when you turn out till get plenty of food and like very much to see months time for if yo that is, if I can secure but I can tell you that am in debt – shall be you write a letter to m What I think of Sally	blotting paper. The fleet – too mucl l you turn in with the d well cooked – sucl you. I shall, shortly u are not at home I so e enough money, & I t is a hard job becau till April, that is, if I ne you can send a so & Syrus(sic)?. – he non sailor, but one the good. M.H. is on K((Thanks for the envelopes & h work. You are on the go from e exception of meal times. You h as it is. Dear Lou, I should y, perhaps, or in about six shall come down to Pompey, I'm trying to save money now, use I'm not picking up any pay, I on't pick up any gear, so when tamp if you don't mind. is too much up in the clouds for ning – he is not proud, & ?)
1/3/1896	24 Mess HMS Blenheim Channel Fleet Portland	Dear Lou, I received your parce you a day or two afte before I come back a Flying Squadron com you know. (???). The there is not much tim have to yourself you	r I got round here, b gain, for we expect to re round here where paper's come in alr e for reading or write want to lie down & to write one to Harr down to sleep.	left you I said I would write to out I'm writing a day or two to come round here & the we are exchange rounds like right – just want something, but ting much, - what time you do go to sleep. I'm half asleep & ry Sear & see if any gear wants
12 th March 1896	24 Mess HMS Blenheim Channel Fleet	Dear Lou, I received your letter I wrote home about the shan't write again till writes to me. When I Ward & Nell Halsey, you, we did enjoy our the news, but still it of I got the papers alright can send me the P.O. else I will write & tell some more for leave money.	and you said you we hree weeks ago & th they do. I had a lett was on leave me & but we went to Cou r naughty young sel- loesn't matter, it all nt, but haven't had a I think I can manag l you. Have got 6/- s in May or June, so y	rote home about a fortnight ago. hey have not answered it yet. I ter from Harry Sear, he often him went to Luton to see Annie usin Frank Horn's, and I tell ves, but I think I'm telling you helps to fill up a letter. the chance to read them yet. You ge for socks. If I want anything saved up, and yours will be you see I shall want some ap of a Bro Bumpus.
Undated	HMS Blenheim Channel Fleet Portland	you but I did not have tell you, I enjoyed m	alright, also the pap e enough money, so yself alright too. I ha	ber. I was sorry to disappoint b I stopped at Weymouth & ,I ad plenty to eat and drink, there I can tell you, knocking about,
			- so you see we did	not go short of fun – rum fun

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 George Alfred Jones
 John Jones

 Selina Jones
 Sadie Jones

 Will Jones
 Cyrus Wallis

John Jones,	Selina Jones,	Sarah Jones, Will Jones Cyrus Wallis
		 Shall you be home some time next month or the following?, because I shall be home then. I should like for us to be home together. You know I shan't have much money to spend so shall have to work. I daresay there will be some to do – no doubt about that, but as long as I enjoy it, never mind. I must buck up because I pick up some money this month for the first time since last Christmas, so you see I have not been a spend (th)rift lately. Never mind, - we shall soon be seeing your bonny boy mae a man. I remain your loving Brother Bill Don't forget to send some more paper please.
Undated	HMS Blenheim Channel Fleet Sheerness	Dear Lou, I received your letter, but, sorry to say, I could not get ashore. We expect five days leave & I got no money for train fare. It costs seven and fourpence from Sheerness, but if we go to Chatham it will only cost 6/- train fare. If you could oblige me with the train fare home, I would be very much obliged to you as I have but one solitary penny to send this off to you. I believe if it had not been for the old people at home I should have disappeared from view of England at any rate, but rest contented. I remain your ever loving Brother Bill
		PS Dear Lou, Send us 10/- if you can. Don't put my name on it so as I need not go ashore to change it. Yours etc. Bill
Undated	HMS Blenheim Channel Fleet	That is if you can spare it. Dear Lou, I received your post card and also your letter. When you sent your post card I wondred what was up, - I thought you might have got the sack & had gone home. We got five day(s) leave this Easter, but I'm not going home because I've not got any money to go with. Costs 12/- odd to go to London & I've got 5/ Shall save it till we go on leave next time – that will be shortly (before?) the end of May or the beginning of June, & then you might be home then, perhaps. I should like to stop till the feast next September. It will be 3 feasts I've been away from if I'm away from this one. Dear Lou, Will you send me another packet of writing paper?. Write back quick & let me know if I shall come round to Pompy for a day or two. I know where I could go, & in fact, we could have a nice long walk Sunday night. Write quick & let me know. I remain your loving brother Billus PS Never mind sending any paper if I come round.
Undated But Coronation of Tsar Nicholas II Monday May 6 th 1896 (see bold text)	Well House Bletchley Bucks	Dear Lou, I received your letter & was glad to know you was going to be home in about a three weeks. How long shall you stop at home?. We expect to be home again after moblizing(mobilising) later end of August, or the beginning of September, but we expect to go to Australia with the Duke & Duchess of York to open an Exhibition at Sydney, or some big place, - I don't care which much. I should rather like to go because we should have some fun. We had some at Russia with the Americans & three days at the Czar's coronation, - so, you see. We didn't do bad. Very nice place Sweden is, & some very pretty girls there, so you see I (am) seeing plenty of life in my young days. That is the best of beginning early. Ta ta old gal, - for a little while.

John Jones,	Selina Jones,	Sarah Jones, Will Jones	Cyrus Wallis
		I remain your ever loving Brother	Phillibus
Undated	Well House Bletchley	Dear Lou, I daresay you have been Boiling in a F getting on this last month or two, but I Arrived home unexpected & put Ma ir hands now for a few hours or ten days alright, I suppose – not spliced the mat I remain your ever loving Brother Short & sweet, like a donkey's gallop.	have been getting on alright. h a breeze, so you see I'm in safe . Tell us how you are getting on – in Brace yet – have you?. Phillerbus
4/10/96	HMS Blenheim Spithead	Short & sweet, like a donkey's gallop.Dear Lou,I daresay you think me very unkind, but I could not get ashore, - they never give us leave – have not been ashore since before we started for Malta, but never mind, we shall be back in a few days time, - shall be able to see you then.What do you think of Hang-on and Sallie?, - do you think they will puli it off next Christmas?. Dad said he wants me to be best man & if Geo. at home he is to give her away, - though I suppose you know all the rig ma-role.Good-bye, - and don't forget the Flower and its meaning.I remain your ever loving BrotherBillNote : the letter was written on notepaper carrying a coloured picture of a violet and headed "Faithfulness"	

John Jones,	Selina Jones,	Sarah Jones,	Will Jones	Cyrus Wallis
Oct 6 th 1896	Well House Bletchley	 Dear Loo, Sally wishes me to write to you and tell you that we intend getting arried on Tuesday the 29th December next. It has been a beastly rough rainy day all day and we have been unable to go out so thought we would just pen you a few lines. I hope it will be fine during the remainder of the week so that we can get out a bit as it is so miserable to have to stay in doors so much and, of course, in the Country is not like being in a Town as you know. She says she would like you to come home a month before Christmas, but your Mother does not think it necessary for you to stay home for good, as she says you would find it so very different after being so used to a town, and she feels that she could manage to be at home by herself for a while, - but still, she would like you to come home a month before Christmas, and you must write and let her know if you can do so. Of course, you must understand that I am not composing this letter, but am writing it to Sally's dictation. Sally hasn't got her dress come yet so she cannot send you a sample piece for a pattern. I may add myself that I hope that you will come to our Wedding although we want it to be as quiet as possible, - you know what I mean, no one besides relations. So I hope both you and Lenie will come if you can possibly manage to do so. You had better write to Lena about the hat, - whether to have a white one, or one to match the color(sic) of the dress, and Sally would like them big hats because she is going to have a big hat. I suppose you would much rather be in Town than in the Country after being used to it so long, and I daresay you find Portsmouth pretty lively. We are going to write to Lenie. All at home quite well, and hoping you are the same. From your affectionate sister & brother-in-law to be Cyrus Wallis 		