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Gillam, Ada to Aubrey Hall, May 6 year unknown from Woodbrook (Pilbara)

Woodbrook

May 6th

My dear Aubrey

Arent I a lazy dog not having written you before now, but the spirit has been willing so on - I was glad to get yr long letter. We got home by the Charm about the 25th of April & find every thing jolly dry ?So ?(first) I do hope we get some rain soon. Alick has ?(worried) nearly all the ?(sleek) off his ? (frame) I haven't seen him so thin for a long time, but somehow I have hopes of rain yet. How are you off for ? rain & feed. I've had a good holiday south. Only stayed in Guildford made a couple of attempts to get to Busselton but only Enid got there she is in love with little Constance I did hope Mrs Aubrey would have been up to Perth but no such luck then we heard she was sure to be on the Charm, I wonder if she will land at Rne (Roebourne) or Hedland when she comes I had a few lines from her last mail.

How are you getting on. Do hope things are getting paid up satisfactory for yr sake & hers & the little kiddie, you would love to have her with you. Enid says she is such a loving little thing. We all miss John very much Saturdays seem as if something is wanting --- A bit of news. Henry bought a ?(small) property about 2 miles out of Guildford, it belonged to Julius Brockman, such a nice place we intend to make it our home & leave Alick to ?(run) this show. That is if the fates are going to be good & give us the much needed rain or other wise things will only be middling - The property consists of about 30 acres, good fruit trees vineyard & very nice house flower garden lovely roses. Stables out building & everything to make a real nice place & its in a pretty neighbourhood "Caversham" - I'm trying to get the garden here under way but things don't grow well when the rain has not been. We are doing away with all the turkeys and duck they are awful creatures for feeding eat me out of house & home - Henry bought up some very good young ewes & rams. They only want the rain & they would be a great improvement to the flock, I see by the paper you got a good price for yr wool. You only want a few hundred bales.

On our way up we stoped (sic) at ?(Arrino) & Sam met us & took us out to his place ?(Wooltana) a jolly dry shop. & talk about work. wells ? don't ? what work is, It looks to be all work & jolly little profit. 27 miles from the railway - no goods to me in these little "how do ye do's" - ?(piece) from the Arcadians when the English man file amongst them they put him down the Well of Truth & up he comes in little short pants. It was very good - they with Minnie & Sam are as poor as, I'm just thinking what, but can't find a comparrisin (sic) - Aunt Gert & Uncle Fred are just the same the latter looking very aged - Now I must wind up. Ernest & family are on the Minderoo. Their last baby is a

bonny kid & so good. Saw old Eva had a yarn ? & ?(joy). She & her ?(two) kiddies spent an afternoon with me in Perth. But she looks wretched & the youngsters nearly as bad. Ernest took her out a few times in the car, she wants to come away for a real good change & rest.

Now old chap I realy (sic) must say good bye. Henry & Alick wish to be kindy (sic) remembered & love from Enid &

Yrs as ever

Ada Gillam

Write whenever you can.

Gillam, Ada to Aubrey Hall, June 23 year unknown from Indecipherable

?(Meb....ne)

June 23rd

Dear Aubrey

Your letter & parcel I received this morning Thank you so much for the endless trouble you have been to ?(win) those ?(sc....k), I like this last lot very much, please let me know what I ? you for them, then I can send Mrs Hall a money order for some more like them, the first lot I think I will do as you susjested (sic) make ? for Henry. We are going to get up a picnic on Monday (being a holiday) at the beach only the Cowans & ourselves & would be delighted to have your company, Henry says come up on Saturday evening, do try & come I'm going to try & write to Mrs Hall this mail if my eyes will allow me they are a bit off.

Everyone is gold mad again having found some of the precious metal in the Karatha soak about half a mile from ?

I remain

Sincerely ?

Ada Gillam

Gillam, Ada to Mrs Aubrey Hall, undated, no address

[No date or place]

My dear Mrs Aubrey

Thanks much for yr kind wishes other ? things very good but I didn't ? after the little ? tho' there is a bit of money attatched (sic) to him we glad you had a good ?(day's) ?(down) I thought of you several times & wondered how Margaret was. I say isn't it good that the rain Aubrey ? today & say 56 pts at Andover and ?(Laccern) Woodbrook, Harding Race is ?(Bacuboo) pool 3 ? days, also Murrays Creek though paddocks gave it ?(Cessecs) up the worry Alick isn't quite fixed up yet. But I think everything is in the right ? to it I wonder if Aubrey will entertain the idea about this job. Hope soon to hear. I shall miss Alick dreadfully, he has done so much about the place & helped me in the different jobs. He ? must have know he was home ? it thought fit to "dust up" the ? I gave him ?(if) message he sends his love to you & thanks you I hope his marriage turns out well Those things are a risk aren't they Sometimes we strike oil but mostly snags. However time will tell.

Strange I succeeded ? to Mrs Lodge by Jack to ask her to come up to us in a couple of weeks as Jack told us she ? & was ill poor old soul, she has a lot to do on her own, but now you & J? are home she can come away & ? ?(with) may be sure we will do what we can to make her comfie, & I'm very glad you wrote to me about her, for goodness sake lets be? ? not only just the word ? of ? business in ? (Ann) ?(feeling) a bit ?(l...) ? ?(g...) all day & ? days are days as ? ?(B...) ? making cakes & puddings & Alick getting a new ?(separator) my whack out of a cow sold one we ?(rea...) We shall miss Jack but he ? & ? Mrs Lodge back with him. May the new year hold good cards for you and yrs & may you have a happy Xmas love to ? kiddies from Enid & yrs ?(A...)

Ada Gillam

Gillam, Ada to Aubrey Hall, Wednesday 12th year unknown, no address

Wednesday 12th

Dear Aubrey

Henry (...ded) writing but each night at an election meeting generally see the ?(raise), but about yr suggestions for flour ? - he thinks it adviseable to get ? ?(Wa....) sugar is ?(Ch...) throughout the state owing to the strike & it was doubtfull if we get any ? the last three weeks we were only getting 3lbs a week each house, Today get 6lbs the Dimboola is due tomorrow with a shipment get a good loading Some at Wakens and the Chinamans in case this strike continues & the steamers are delayed

Wrote Mrs Aubrey & posted yesterday with ? parcels me a work you with mile ? ? reading ? you could send it back no need to hurry but didn't put so much postage on. See what we ? Henry was very satisfied with yr letter & all youre dairy hope all goes well & that the seasons continue good. Must have tea early another mutiny so this can be posted not at ? the ? going tomorrow hope you are all well get in a good supply order early

Yrs ever

Ada Gillam

In a dickens of a hurry get to see to the chickens

Enid had a letter from Mrs Boake her sister's (E. ?) husband is dead. They were at Williamstown doing work

Gillam, Ada to Mrs Hall, February 17 1895, from Semaphore

Vassal Street

Semaphore

17th Feb 95

My dear Mrs Hall

Words will not express the deep sympathy I feel for you and yours in your sad loss, (Eva) was staying with Mrs Maine (Mrs Teesdale sister). I wrote & told her, she was very much cut up, & went to see her off on Saturday she left for Melbourne (I) did not have much or any time to talk as I was rather late, having missed the train - which I almost always do - She spent a couple of day (sic) with me last week - !

I trust dear Mrs Hall you are keeping well. Please excuse this very short note, but I have such a bad eye & writing is making it worse, (Pls) write to me soon

Remember me fondly to Ernest & Aubrey & much love to self & (yours)

I am

Yours very sincerely

Ada McRae

Gillam, Ada to Aubrey Hall in Cossack, July 5th 1897 from ? (postmarked Roebourne)

My dear Aubrey,

I wonder if you received a wire I sent you last Saturday, asking if you could come up & have a yarn to poor old Henry but I do not think it could have reached you as you are always prompt in replying.

Well, we will hope this will arrive ?(saftly (sic)) & see you soon, Henry longs to have a chat with you, there are so few he cares to see - he is still in bed ?(five) weeks tomorrow now nothing must do but he has fever & ague. I suppose Mrs Hall is afraid of typhoid, please give her & ?(Joy) my love. I must bring this to a close I am trying to get the ? ?

I hear yr speech the other evening was a great success

With ?(kind) regards.

Sincerely yrs

Ada Gillam

July 5th 1897

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall, December 25 1898 from Federal Hotel Fremantle

Federal Hotel

Fremantle

John Kennedy, Proprietor

Fremantle, 25th December 1898

Dear Aubrey,

God bless you all, may long life and prosperity be your lot. It does me good to hear the old Xmas chants and hymns again what a terrible out of the way place that ? west is, it makes us long to get away from it altogether. I see by the reports in the paper that the weather has been much cooler since we left, it is quite cold down here & between Geraldton and ? there were several showers of rain on our way down. – The ?(fruit) ?(man) is in, is not worth sending up, it would be alright if you could get it in the condition it is ?(now), but it would not carry – I have asked the Chief Steward of the “Sultan” to drop you and me on her way back from Singapore. If he delivers what I ordered, there should be enough for yourselfves – Henry and, ?(Naish). If it cost anything G.P.O. Melbourne will find me. I have seen Sholl, he does not mind a bit about ?(Grimwich or Grimwade*)’s affair. My wife joins me in kindest regards & best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely

A.C. Gillam

* GRIMWADE BROTHERS: Edward Norton (1866-1945), Harold William (1869-1949), and Sir Wilfrid Russell (1879-1955), businessmen, were sons of [Frederick Sheppard Grimwade](#) and his wife Jessie Taylor, née Sprunt, of Launceston. [Felton](#) Grimwade & Co., wholesale druggists formed in 1867, developed into firms manufacturing acids, salt, glass bottles, fertilisers and eucalyptus oil. Grimwade left a considerable business empire to his sons.

On their father's death in 1910 the three brothers inherited the original partnership and substantial interests in Felton Grimwade & Bickford's of Perth, J. Bosisto & Co., [Cuming](#) Smith & Co. Ltd, the Adelaide Chemical and Fertilizer Co. Ltd, and the Melbourne Glass Bottle Works Pty Ltd.

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall, July 3 1899 from Chirritta Station, Nor'-West Australia

Dear Aubrey

Your family got out safely on Saturday and were not too much fatigued with their ride as I persuaded them to get in the buggy shortly after leaving the ?; we sincerely trust that you will be able to get out for a day or two & make no empty ? the Albany is the only thing that you will have to wait for, ?(suit) your time for before or after her arrival We have some game in the shape of wild boars very handy to the house which we are keeping for your specific benefit. No more just now, in haste with best wishes from us all

Yrsincerely (sic)

A.C. Gillam

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall, March 20 1900 from Hotel Esplanade, Perth

Hotel Esplanade,
Bazaar Terrace,
Perth, W.A.
March 20th 1900

Dear Aubrey

I was glad to get a letter from you I did not intend that you were to wire me my goods you required a letter would have been in plenty of time, as it will yet be a fortnight before we return. – Brockman has left to return (to) (home). I had a long talk with Sir John about him, who seemed to know all that has been going on including the periodical drinking bouts that (J.B) used to push through. Maunsell is in very bad odour down here to make a long story short the Premier and Colonial surgeon have got a belly full of him. Sir John told me (that) he thought Prince would act G.R. for a time, but that he would not appoint him if he could possibly help it. Maunsell was out of the question, what is decided on is not known yet, but (entre nous) Maunsell will be shifted to Cue, unless Gus (Roe) and myself can prevail on his superiors to give him another chance. I am sorry for Maunsell (if he has to go) for it will mean almost ruination to him and the man is in the right, tho' that brute of a (Bill) (Locraw) reported dead against him and the weight of evidence there is a ghost of a chance of his retaining his position in Roebourne. – The weather is getting too cold to stay here much longer. If I am to bring you a (girl) up this time wire me measurements and full particulars. I have several. under offer (subject to approval) Two from (6 or Cremorne) Gardens real high kickers if that is a recommendation don't make any mistake, wire me and the (girl) will come up alright. – Mrs. Gillam has gone to Rottnest today. Tho' a grandmother Mrs. Pearse is producing soldiers for S. Africa – no more (fun) I am going south tomorrow to buy horses for the first (Riflemen's) Corps – Give our best wishes and kindest regards to all your people. Yrs sincerely

A.C. Gillam

Gillam, Ada to Aubrey Hall, January 17 1901 no address

Dear Aubrey

Do you think you could tear yourself away from your precious work for just one evening?

Mother wants you to come round this evening for some music, and will you ask Mr Hood too please.

I remain

Yours sincerely

Ada

*Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Cossack, February 11 1902 from Australia Hotel, Sydney.
Postmarked Sydney Feb 11 1902.*

The Australia
Sydney Febry 11th 1902

My dear Aubrey,

Today's paper says that all telegraphic communication north and east of Perth is cut off and that Cossack is the centre of a cyclonic disturbance known in parlance as "(Puftake)" so I presume you like the ostrich have your head well planted in the sand waiting results, be careful not to (cr...). We found our way from New Zealand to Sydney last Saturday and as I had previously written to the G.P.O. Melbourne to provide our letters on here we had a goodly number to wade through from home West Australia and elsewhere, amongst the number was a (letter) from Jack Stanley saying that the creeks were running & that another four inches of rain had fallen, the (next) news I to get is that 44 inches have fallen there was also a letter from Henry or rather from Ada addressed by Henry who was too busy to write saying that he was leaving Melbourne for Sydney on the third instant and that any letters addressed to G.P.O. Melbourne would be forwarded to him. (As) have not been able to track him I spent Sunday in the Bot. gardens going from one couple to another that I saw rubbing noses but did not come across him. I'm now enquiring where they keep "(star toys)" and "(walking) yards" and buy packsaddles & brumbies as doubt I shall "strike" him before long. We saw Mrs Robb* & Duncan yesterday, (they) both look going strong especially the latter who has a broken nose from taking lessons on fighting he has grown into a fine fellow and can box like a tiger. I hope old man that this reported willy willy has not damaged you and yours in any way and that you are all fit & well. To let you know about our trip in America and New Zealand would fill a book so I will keep it until the mosquitoes will not allow us to sleep on the sandy beach of Cossack

I expect to return north some time in April write or wire to me at the Weld Club Perth if I can bring you any thing up or do any thing for you in any way. I hear you pulled all the skin of Maunsell seeing who should have Roebourne in Marble Bar, he is the (easiest) I have even me - not one letter from him since we left and he swore he would send me all the news. I will have my revenge I will make a point of seeing (Lord Forrest) and telling him the true state of affairs.

What a splendid (fraud) for Cossack or rather (the) (north) this year. Payment of members & Federation is the making of Australians. I am going to live in New Zealand - Remember me to my friends Teesdale and Maunsell!

Yrs sincerely

A.C. Gillam

* Mrs Robb is Farquhar McRae's widow Eleanor Frances Jane McRae (nee Davis). Eleanor subsequently married Mr Robb, a bank manager. They moved to NSW with Duncan Davis, Farquhar's son.

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall, November 24 1903 from Hotel Esplanade, Perth

Hotel Esplanade,
Bazaar Terrace
Perth W.A.

24 November 1903

My dear Aubrey

I have not much to write about but really feel that I can not enjoy half this climate without you, ? ? to reason. You have almost if not quite made up your mind to go in the back blocks (the third letter is an O) and before you go ? down and be our guest for a month here you will break down & have to give in from which you will derive no pleasure but a huge expense therefore come. – The house has adjourned for a week and ? such yesterday Piggott threw ? a vote of no confidence with ? ? ? taken, he spoke for two hours pointing out the maladministration of the Govt in many of the departments making a special point of ? Cray's dismissal.

Is ? when it was ? for ?(Church) and Gillam. Sofar I have been unable to procure a boat that would be suitable in ? big boat ? ? police sold to be tough if ? I think it would be advisable to collar or I shall have to get one made to order which will take ? weeks and another week to send It up. If the ? are in ? tell them if they will ? you have the boat they have on ? I will ? throw a ? boat up as soon as it is made, until I hear from you I will ? order one here. Wire ? when you have any thing definite. Mrs Gillam joins me in best wishes to Mrs Hall and hopes she ? her ? safely from ?(Ramsammy). I ? come to you all from ?

Yrssincerely (sic)

A.C. Gillam

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Cossack November 25 1903 from Hotel Esplanade, Perth

Hotel Esplanade,

Bazaar Terrace

Perth, W.A.

25th November 1903

My dear Aubrey,

I know there was one thing in particular I wished to write to you about and quite forgot it when writing this morning. - Your pearl cluster I have shown to a good many pearl buyers amongst the number Roderiques from Broom (sic) who put the highest value on it £15. But would not buy, I then showed to Harry Sholl who said it was worth a £10 note but would not buy of course. Of course I would not have sold at that figure because your caveat was £12-10-0. I have not been to any jeweller yet but will do so in the course of a day or two and before I write next time should know exactly what it was or is worth.

Yrsincerely (sic)

A.C. Gillam

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Cossack Dec 15 1904 from Weld Club Perth

Weld Club, Perth WA

15th Dec :04

Dear Aubrey

Just a line tho' not much to write about I am up to my neck in tennis & cricket. We gave the Guildford G. School rats at cricket yesterday greatly to Alicks disgust. I have not seen Mrs Hall yet she is out of town but as soon as she comes back I will go up to see her. We have had some very hot days down here 98 to 100 quite as bad as 110 in the north. -

Have you made any advance towards W.P.T about the cattle. The whole matter might be fixed up in your name cattle and transfer of land & I will wire the amount to your credit. I saw Jim Withnell yesterday his is just back from the States seems to have had a bad time with the bookies -

I believe a fair crowd of passengers by the Paroo as yet I have not seen any of them. Duncan McRae has gone to New Zealand. Maitland Brown has gone to Miss McKenny & hospital the Drs say that he can not live much longer, as yet no letters by Paroo, we shall not get them until this afternoon. I will leave this open until tomorrow in case there is anything else I want to write you about.

Just heard your sister has returned will see her shortly mail closes here today - happiness health & good fortune to you from us both for 1905

Yrsincerely

ACG.

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Cossack March 13 1905 from Hotel Esplanade, Perth

Hotel Esplanade,
Bazaar Terrace,
Perth, 13th March 1905
W.A.

My dear Aubrey

Just a line to tell you that I saw Supt. Lawrence who said just at the present time he would not take the responsibility of ?(sending) Larry back. So I went with your mother to see the Chief Protector who says on receipt of a telegram from the G.R. or Inspector of Police saying that the ?(spearmaker) is as it should be ? he will prosecute the cattle carrying codger and have him sent back. ?(Strakers) is going up by this boat so I will not write more he can tell you all, he is in fair condition for his work he has ?(done) and a good ?(season) is expected of course if backed up by favourable rains I am as usual all behind with my letter writing -

Miss Hill and your sister both look well as for myself why I hope to ?(get) stronger if I stay down long enough. Good bye dear boy Yrsincerely (sic)

A.C. Gillam

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Cossack April 4 1905 from Hotel Esplanade, Perth.

Hotel Esplanade

Telephone 155. Bazaar Terrace

Perth, 4th April 1905

W.A.

Dear Aubrey,

I have been intending to write you or wire you about our mutual friend "Larry." I got a warrant out for his appearance in the Guildford Court last Friday Your Mother and myself went up by the milk train also Prinsep who was watching this case on behalf of the native, the result of the hearing was that he was to return to Perth with your mother and stay with her until the Bullara sailed tomorrow this he agreed to in court but has failed to carry it out. I told the ? (Gull and Dick Wilson) that provided he went back on the 5th tomorrow that you did not wish him punished but failing this you wished him to be imprisoned. So the order of the court was to return by Bullara failing this three months imprisonment and from what I can see he means to take the latter. I have had a talk to Lawrence (Chief Inspector of Police) this morning in the matter but just now everyone is ? (frightened) of the nigger question and that he wants to have as little fuss as possible made.

Since writing this I have been talking to Lawrence on the telephone and he says he has put the police on Larry's tracks and they say that he has left Guildford tonight to go by Bullarra tomorrow but if I know anything about niggers, Mr Larry is going to wait out of sight until the Bullara goes then the police will ?(collar) him and he will go in for (3) three months, if such is the case I will get him sent to Roebourne to serve his time. No more just ? news is scarce, except that Charley Moore of Cossack is engaged to be married, he is living at ?(Kojinup) with the Howletts, but the lady is not Miss Howlett - very many thanks for your wire re horse

Yrssincerely (sic),

A.C. Gillam

? send Aug ? prepaid ? or I shall be insulted. I am ?(formed) to do what I can for him.

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Cossack April 12 1905 from Hotel Esplanade, Perth

Hotel Esplanade

Telephone 155. Bazaar Terrace

Perth, 12th April 1905

W.A.

My dear Aubrey

I have put off writing to you until this last moment to see if I could find out where your boy Larry has gone - up to the present time the police have been unable to put their hands on him. I have been to Prinsep and asked him to see that he is sent to Roebourne to do his three months which he intends to get carried out if possible, so Mr Larry will now have his ?(plans) defeated

We are coming up at the end of the month in the Paroo - your sister's engagement is given out in Perth no more Duncan is waiting for this note which he will deliver - our best wishes,

Yrssincerely (sic)

A.C.G.

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Cossack Oct 7th 1906 from Weld Club, Perth.

Weld Club, Perth WA

7th Oct : 06

Dear Aubrey

I have been to see ?(Mr.) Sandover & Coy re my woolpacks that were branded alpha. They say that Dalgetys were paid to adriess (sic) all who were getting bales out Messrs Sandovers, on arrival of ?(Sam) in Cossack -- However they have agreed to pay me for all actual expenses I have been put to also the difference in price compared to Dalgetys. So will you kindly let me know exes in ?(there) such as telegrams, lighterage, ?(railage), ?(bond) dues wharfage ?(receiving) and forwarding in fact all out of pocket money. There was a glass churn from this same firm which Henry took I think for Hinders. Make freight and charges but let Henry know please. - I received your telegram for which many thanks. I am glad your mater went out to Chirritta Mrs G wires Mr ?(G) is coming down in the Charon. - No news at all here.

I spent a week at Katanning & found all O.K. in fact I was much pleased with the amount of work done.

Hicks is doing absolutely nothing to get the connection from Roebourne to ?Samson The atmosphere is pregnant with retrenchments & unless he asserts himself we shall have Buckleys choice

With love dear boy. Yrs sincerely

A.C. Gillam

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Cossack Nov 21 1906 from Weld Club, Perth

Weld Club, Perth WA

21st Nov. 06

My dear Aubrey

The Minilya goes tomorrow just a line by her. I have arranged with Dalgetys to send the 94 bales of wool in one of the Orient line of boats leaving here on Monday and they have to pay all exes and charges on the coast I would not have cared a bit but they have left about 40 bales at Samson had they brought the whole lot down so as to catch the January sales I would have met them halfway as it is I wont pay them a cent - Whatever you do get the people to roll up and vote for Wittenoom. Mills and Clarke in the Senate elections.

David Forrest is going up in the Minilya tomorrow. I am not very particular who goes in Mackay or Forrest but whatever happens we must not have ?(Pinner or Preece) ?(father) in. Yes I suppose D. Forrest would suit Roebourne better than Mckay but that is not saying much

Hicks is practically dead the ? from Samson is quite forgotten. No more this mail Yrs Sincerely

A.C. Gillam

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Cossack January 25th 1907 from Hotel Esplanade, Perth

Hotel Esplanade

Telephone 155. Bazaar Terrace,

Perth 25th January 1907

W.A.

Dear Aubrey

I am off to Melbourne on the 30th instant to have a look at some ewes I have ?(..cured) for the farm in the south. I have written you re Mrs Robbs paddock and explained to her about your ?(troughing) should you not take it on again. Be ?(...ight) on my work from Maitland to Cossack. I have seen Dalgety re this matter & they say that they will adjust the matter, however do not pay (as advised previously) more than last years lighterage until you hear from me. The Bank has sent me down your C. Note for £40.0.0. for the cattle I sold you last June. I have written to Scott asking him if he advised you of this non-payment. Duncan arrived looking very fit and goes on to Melbourne on the 4th ? (prot....) ?(inter) George McRae & Stroker – So ?(Pearce or Preece) & ?(father) has knocked king ? (Dann or John)'s brats off I believe we have the first man in and as the run of office is ? for 18 months, he had better prove himself during that time. – Duncan's engagement and approaching marriage to Minna McLeod is almost as sudden as Bickerton's dash for freedom. What has old ? (Wilkins) been up to? I hear he says I spoilt his credit, thank goodness he didn't ? man. I told him I would let him have some money if Parker & Parker found the security he offered I rang P. & P. advised me not to let him the money but give it to him if I wished for I would never see it back. Thus our business ended. I saw Miss ?(Mannark) yesterday, she is looking much better. I often ? ? especially in her?(C....) ? the ?(know). – I hear Mrs de Pledge has been ill ?(indulging) since her marriage. With kindest regards to Mrs Hall in which Mrs G joins Yrssincerely (sic)

A.C. Gillam

Hotel Esplanade
Telephone 155. Bazaar Terrace,
Perth 25th January 1907
W.A.

H.S. Hall Esq,
Cossack

Dear Sir

Re Mrs Robbs paddock

If it is your wish to keep the paddock now rented by you for another term of twelve months at a half yearly rent of £25.0.0 payable in advance from 20th May 1907 kindly communicate with

Mrs Robb
Chirritta,
Albyn Road
Strathfield
N.S. Wales

Yrs faithfully

A. C. Gillam

pp. Mrs Robb.

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Cossack September 12 1907 from Buckingham

Buckingham

12 . 9 . 07

My dear Aubrey

My conscience has smote severely of late for not writing to you before and now a letter of six sheets has (caught) me as the Yankee Days "coming and going". It goes without saying that I am very glad to hear from you and to show my affairs. I will answer it by the next out-going mail after reading it I say this because we were out of town on a motor car tour of the southern watering places and as much bathing was in full swing where ever we went my eyes had a very trying time On these occasions ones wife says that it is better to keep walking than to catch cold by staying or standing too long in one place, personally my temperature was high and I felt that I needed no exercise I cannot say that your poetry would get you a night's lodging at a farm house in the Great Southern if it should be your misfortune to be in want of me at any time.

Yes I have purchased a car of (Argyle) breed and will probably have it sent out via the Cape as it means a big reduction in freight. The cars name is hereafter known as "Dolly" she is built to seat six ladies and myself (the driver) I have taken lessons in the Argyle school in driving also in the mechanism of her "(Celtic) (Mary)" the former I am getting on fairly well with and am able to (tool) her through town sofar without any mishaps but you can picture the occupants hats rising and falling as each hair's breath escape is negotiated to be with fresh problems my country driving has not been without a mishap which was caused by bumping a cow the enemy numbered something over a dozen which mishap we had passed through into exception of this last and it was the sound of him or such of cursed curiosity she suddenly pulled up in front of the car and I crumpled the mud ground and broke a (ex...) in her ribs you will scarcely believe it but I only remarked "this cow." There is scarcely a morning that the papers do with of many blood-curdling accidents I am a careful driver but that does not always guard you against accidents it is the other fool that you have to contend with. Well I have given you a fair dose of motor car I will get into some other topic. I see in the last Western mail that our Cossack beer pump Ellery has again been doing this letter to cloth his (G...) make this tramline connection between Samson and Roebourne. I hope some one answered it for I believe in letting the Govt know his only reason for writing in such a (strain) - it would be a good thing for the if he would kiss himself good bye. The West Austrn in have held an (in...) meeting this week to support our State Govnt in protesting against the new Federal tariffs as I was unable to be present I wrote to the conveners an expression of my feelings on the matter and they have promised to read my letter. I would like to have been there but my motor

transportation is 105 and you must keep moving. Before going any further I must compliment you on your writing we were both able to read your letter without introducing any imagination whatever. I can quite understand Henry being very emphatic when you suggested that you should remain at Woodbrook during the shearing. (S...) will be a loss to Roebourne for her sake I am glad for she is anything but strong. How is poor old Wilkins I am sorry for him apart from the girl. I think he is very much influenced by his wife and that her advice is not always good.

The Roebourne Race week seems to have been a greater success than it has been for years Jno (Stanley) writes of his good times he mentioned selling or about to sell some wethers to Dalgety he will have to keep his "wether" eye open or they will score off him to get even with me, the deal will be a thing of his past long ere this and D. & Co will be congratulating themselves or else waiting out their opportunity.

Well I hope Ted Angelo will have a run of good luck the (...) think a lot of him and no doubt are sorry to lose him, he feels that if worst comes to him (...) that he can always go back to them. I am not astonished to hear that cattle are hard to sell and until we get freezing interested in Kimberley they will continue to fall in price. The Emmanuels tell me there are many hundreds of thousands of acres of the best cattle country in the Kimberley untenanted but this would not be so if freezing works were erected there. Mrs Gillam is feeling well but will be glad to get back again

You will have heard from Henry that the two sisters are coming out with us we learn (I...) on the fourth of November and should arrive in Fremantle about the end of the first week in December. They will remain in Perth until after (M..) (...) (...) ocean (no more March trips for me) and then come up to the north - I am afraid they will not like it as neither of them are strong, but it is most essential that this (...) should have a long sea trip. I do hope that your business (...) call you to Perth when we are there we have written much to Mr Kelsall to try and get us a (...) & furnished house with tennis lawn for six months and nothing would give us greater pleasure than for you to be with us. You being of an erotic disposition we would allow you to come and go at your own sweet will. -- (I) hope Harry John is pulling (along) I have been to see the man that is pushing him, by name Soper, he says that if Harry J will withdraw his (...) that a partnership exists between them and will come to London to see him he will meet him in anyway, failing this he will allow the matter to go to law. I said all I could in H.J.'s favour and told Soper that no one could hint in any way that he had ever been guilty of a shady trick, I have not heard from him since I left, but have heard that (...) & Flinders & wife have parted company with him. How is Fraudeline as Jack calls her. Getting on give her one in the forehead for me. I am glad to hear (...) a/c of his Roebourne copper mine yes I shall have to salute my friend Clark when I see him next and borrow a few of Tom (Porter)'s Sirs. Is it not

a funny thing that people always like to ? ? experience instead of property from others. A sheep man never will understand how easy it is to kill sheep that came off my food if allowed to get a belly full of ?(...) grass until he has paid the penalty by losing a lot of his own. I am very sorry for the ?(sake) of sheep breeding in the north that an imported sheep should ever die. Beyond this I would not let it trouble me in the least you worry a deal too much about other peoples misfortunes you have had a long run of bad luck and now seem to need it philosophically. If my wishes were carried out you would not remain any longer in Cossack. Aubrey you are at a safe range to tell an English expression he is a poultry murderer I would shoot you when your ?(...) does not come you wish-?(...) shot if you were here now as I understand from your letter that you have had insufficient rain on the Turner. I hope this is not the case and that you have had a good winter rain ? writing If you feel that you would like to give us a few moments enjoyment on our way out from ?(...) drop us a line at Columbo on board the R.M.S. ?(Amrah or Marsh) (outward bound) and we should get it on our arrival there. You would not have time to write anything to us in England. - I hope Mrs Hall has been enjoying good health give her all ?(...) of good wishes from us both. I ?(...) Ernest has been mustering on the Turner Remember us kindly to them & to the enquiring friends - make up your ? ? ? ? this yarn nearly ?(needs or nest)

Yrs sincerely

A.C.G.

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall at Cossack July 8 1908 from Chirritta Station

Chirritta
Roebourne
8th July 1908

Dear Aubrey

Your mother & charge are well and will I think be returning some time next week. Can you possibly get out soon? The income that Comt. has ?(...) to me and ship returns must be in this month or he will jug me. I want to arrange with you to get this boat up every six mnths if we can come to terms, but whatever you do come out now -- ?(lots) love from all

Yrs sincerely

A.C. Gillam

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall at Cossack December 7 1908 from Weld Club, Perth

Weld Club, Perth WA

7th Dec : 08

Dear Aubrey

Mrs Robb writes that she wishes to have the fences on her Roebourne block altered to the proper lines and would like to know an approximate cost of doing same, she intends to have the paddock ? (pick) in thorough repair, have you an idea of what it would amount to? I paid her fifty pounds on your a/c up ? cash and suggested to her to accept this in full settlement to which she made no reply -- By the Charon Alick is returning and I expect we shall see Henry & his wife by the ?(returning) boat.

The live stock market is very dull down here in fact sheep are to be bought at north-west prices and cattle are unsaleable. Some good bullocks sold the other day at £4-10—

The new Vermin Act will decrease ?(...) on stations, we shall all be liable to a tax of 2/- a hundred acres in addition to the land tax. -

I see you are getting it hot in Cossack. I hope it is the forerunner of rain

The compliments of the season to you all in which Mrs Gillam joins

Yrs sincerely

A. C. Gillam

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Cossack January 13 1909 from Perth via the SS Paroo

My dear Aubrey

I have received two lines from you enclosing ?(matter) for the West Australia which shall have my prompt attention. I do not know where "Cenis Morresibus" is just now, his is absolutely the worst ? (..plete) on the face of God's earth - and is only allowed to live because humanity has been kind enough to say that he is mad. He is shunned by all, I know not one decent person who speaks to him in fact his friends are my enemies and ?(...) ? ? a more despicable coward has never lived. A murderer is a perfect gentleman to him. I will not waste time telling you this opinion generally of him for if I wrote for a week I could not paint him black enough. -

I wish old man you would let me have as soon as you can what is required of Mrs Robb by the Town Council the alterations that must be effected and the probable costs, she has written over and asked me to furnish her with these details as soon as possible. -

I hope you will keep an eye to the paddock for her and see that it is not being made use of by the General Public you are welcome to the use of it for a few horses for doing so. -

Mrs G. joins me in best wishes

Yrs sincerely

A.C. Gillam

Destroy this when read

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Cossack June 7 1909 from Chirritta Station

Chirritta
Roebourne
7th June 1909.

Dear Aubrey

Many thanks for sending round & getting ?(..) two draught horses which got to town in good order bar very tender on the ?(...) which has since been remedied by shoeing - I enclose herewith an a/c of material such ?(...) them, if this has not been landed at Cossack you might forward this a/c to Dalgetys ?(.....) mark the items short on the a/c - Should there be only a few odd things ?(...) do not trouble about it. I am sending in to Teasdale a notice calling for tenders to purchase McRaes paddock, also to repair & move the fences on to the proper boundaries, particulars of which you will see when in Roebourne, when about your ?(...) & Miss Lodge coming out later when ?(....) would ? (...). ?(...) kindest regards from all at Chirritta to you & yours

Yrs sincerely

A.C. Gillam

Part letter - torn edge

Have you been able to make any arrangements re wool lighterage for us?

I trust your mother is progressing and that your minds have been relieved of all anxieties on her account.

?(...) best wishes from us all here

Yrs sincerely

A.C. Gillam

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Cossack July 3 1909 from Roebourne

Roebourne

3rd July 1909

My dear Aubrey

The family have come in from Chirritta on their way out to Woodbrook – We were indeed all very sorry to hear of your mothers illness Mrs Gillam was going down to see her on ?(Friday) but heard she was too ill to(sheet torn).... The latest news we have is that she is better and may she continue to improve. –

We shall come back via Roebourne and if she is then well enough to see anyone Mrs Gillam will go down. I want to see you myself if you are not in town or not coming up I will come down –

Jack says he has left the station books with you and would like me to bring them out –

No tenders for Mrs Robbs paddock –

*(...) kindest regards from all – yrs sincerely

A.C. Gillam

[NOTE: this letter pinned to previous letter dated 7 June 1909]

Start of 2nd file

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Roebourne December 20 1910 from Hotel Esplanade, Bazaar Terrace, Perth

Hotel Esplanade.

Telephone 165

Bazaar Terrace

Perth 20th Dec: 1910

WA

My dear Aubrey,

I have been trying to come to some finality with Higham over the warehouses owned by Bateman and as I am leaving for England this morning thought you might lose? the chance of buying them I instructed Drummond to offer him first £125 which he ridiculed and then £150 he replied to this that? I must surely mean one of the warehouses only, so nothing can be done in the matter, he told Drummond that he had really no intention of selling as long as they paid such a good rental The stone cottage, where ?Smallpage lived will be sold this morning and in ?n... of keen competition from Roebourne I have instructed Drummond to go as high as £100 but not to exceed £110 for E. Hall Yandyarra (sic).. Perhaps Bateman will sell the warehouses when I return, he certainly will not do so now at anywhere near your estimate. I am sorry I have been unable to fix it up for you but I have done my best. I am writing you this morning - "many thanks for kind telegram, health and happiness to you and yours. Unable to deal with Bateman - writing today." -- ?Waltin wired me to act for him in purchasing the above properties I replied that I was leaving W.A. on the 20th so unable to do so - I feel certain by ?Hey?'s account that someone has offered him more than £250 for the lot ?L. ?& the warehouses and cottage. - I am unable to write more just now will drop you a line later. - Mrs Gillam joins me in love to mother, wife and self yours sincerely

A.C.G.

Gillam, Ada. to Aubrey Hall Cossack April 5 1911 from Menton, south of France

Mr Hall
Cossack
Western Australia

This is a lovely cathedral with most beautiful painted windows. We cam here to get warm, but there is not much sun, these places, Cannes, Nice Monte Carlo, Menton, have the most lovely flowers you ever saw, wish I could send you some, they are sent daily to England, leaving for Switzerland next week. Love. Ada

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Roebourne August 31 1911 from Weld Club, Perth

Weld Club, Perth

W.A.

August 31st 1911

My dear Aubrey

I intended writing you a line before going up to the Murchison but contracted a rotten dose of the "flu". This season is one that will shake up the poor cockies in fact many of them will be ruined. I have just returned from Gabyon where I found Sam up to his neck in work. He wanted me to write and ask you about a refund on his return ticket, he says he wrote to you but you must have forgotten all about it. Let me know when you have time.

Many of his Gascoyne and Murchison stations are having a real bad time. I am thankful to say many of his sheep are fat on Gabyon and so far all is going well but a couple of inches of rain would be a thing to be remembered -

How is the wife I hope just the ? I suppose we shall see you both down this summer at least I hope so. I am off to Katanning tomorrow and back again on Tuesday to meet Mrs Gillam coming in ?the ? Orient

I will write you a decent letter later, just now I have a heap of correspondence to get through and not too much time to do it in -- ?lots love to you both. Yrs sincerely

A.C.G.

I hope ?Erilson gets in for Roebourne he will shake things up.

Gillam, Ada. to Mrs Aubrey Hall in Roebourne 28th November

Tuesday night

28th November

My dear Aubrey,

Your sad news came as a great shock to us today it was the first we had heard of our dear friends death, words fail to express our feelings.

Please thank Mrs Aubrey for her kind letter, indeed we shall be glad to be home again and its nice to think that our friends will be glad to see us back, I think all being well we will go up by the Paroo. - do let us know if we can do anything for either Ernest, wife, or self. Please excuse a short note but I can't write more. With much love to you two from we three

Yours ever

Ada Gillam

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Roebourne March 18 1912 from Weld Club, Perth

Weld Club, Perth

WA

18th March 1912

A S Hall Esq

Roebourne

Dear Aubrey

I wrote you some months back in refence to Sam Gillams ticket re his return steamer ticket from Cossack to Fremantle. He also wrote you as soon as he found he was not going back. If you will drop me a line about it I shall be glad. Kind regards yrs sincerely

A.C.Gillam

Gillam, A.C. to Aubrey Hall in Cossack May 7 1912 from Hotel Esplanade, Perth

Hotel Esplanade

Telephones: 155, 2038

The Esplanade,

Perth 7th May 1912

W.A.

Mr A S Hall

Cossack

Dear Sir

Messrs Pearse & Mitchell of ?Dongarra here billed me for one ton of flour supplied to Chirritta in September 1906 Can you tell me if this passed through your books in this month or the following October

I went into this matter in 1910 with Mr Stanley and could find nothing to indicate having received it. I wish to pay for the flour if the station has had it ?on the other hand I object to do so if it has not. A reply will greatly oblige yrs truly

A.C. Gillam

Gillam, Ada. and McRae, Enid to Mrs Aubrey Hall in Roebourne June 17 1915 from Caversham

My dear Mrs Aubrey

I've been a long time in answering yr letter, but have had a very sore hand its hardly well yet and being the right hand I was quite useless.

Yes: we wondered why you did not come up as Aubrey said you would we were looking out for you, however better luck next time - where is Aubrey? And what doing, I can hardly imagine Ernest losing weight however that wont hurt him will it. I was sorry to have missed seeing Constance again I guess Aubrey misses her. Enid to see her sister a few days ago, she says "Freddie" is a kiddie?

I hope Tom Lodge is better, I was sorry to hear of his recent ill, There seems to much illness about also deaths, do you remember Crofton, of Rbne, he had a share in Pyramid also another station, he went off very suddenly last week but may have been caused by a bad accident he had in Rbne four or five years ago. We have had some grand at home, just what was wanted to freshen things up had telegrams to say my 5" Saturday, Alick has been down for a few weeks he goes back on Sunday we shall miss him, the short change has done him good, but he suffers so from headaches and has been with the Dr for the last 2 weeks says he must wear glasses. I hope they do him good tho I feel doubtful. It is starting to get cold; rained. since Friday to Monday and how I dislike the wet days, feel that I must always have the sunshine

Well I think I'll wind up and go to bed Enid and Alick are spending the evening I'm afraid they will find it cold coming home as neither of them took coats

Good night Mrs Aubrey hope you and Constance are well, please remember me to Mrs Lodge and with love to self from

Yrs affly

Ada Gillam

Caversham

Guildford

June 17th

[in different handwriting]

18th

PS No letter from Jack this mail, did you hear about poor old ?Hubert, fell off the train going to Alexandria and got his arm cut off, then it had to be taken off at the shoulder. Guss & Geoff Howell have been kept back in Cairo to look after the horses they never said a word in their letters, they were wild, Geoff has been very ill in hospital. Hope you are well likewise Constance, love to Mr & Mrs Lodge and heaps for yourself, from

Enid

Gillam, Ada. to Aubrey Hall in Roebourne July 29 1915 from Caversham

July 29th 1915

Dear old Aubrey

The Minderoo mail came in today, k & a letter from you, we were really glad to have a line, Henry says "I must write him a line," but he is a very bad correspondent - so as he & Enid have been in G'ford since midday at the auction sale for Australia day, I'll pass the evening in a chat with you. So you have decided to stay a time at Croydon, but its no use you talking about going to the war, it will be over, oh: heavens may it - but really Aubrey there are hundreds of men with no object in life that can go only in yesterday's paper there was a warning from Kalgoorlie telling men not to go up there look for work as there were ?men ?about already without employment those are the jokers that should go to the firing line, -- some of the good sort must stay back to grow the wool and ? ? them John says he had rotten luck to be sent back with horses as he was a driver after getting to the Dardanelles. ? I reckon they are all mighty lucky. What do ?you - Australia day is going to be a great day. The auction is today in G'ford, everyone sends something we sent three ducks & a ?drake. Henry gave Enid a pig for the Red X she belongs to the G'ford R.X. and she raffled it for 30/- tickets, Sherlock Meares won it and he gave it back to the auction, so they get a few more bob for it. Enid is great in knitting she has been making white knitted caps for the wounded soldiers, she bought home a ?doylee ? to stitch so that means yrs truly to get at them. Somehow here I get so very little time for sewing & heavens talk of rain why its always at it day & night no place for me, I shall say what ? Fraulein did, I do so want a little sun these dull days give one the "?blue ?devils" I've been too long in the land of sun & warmth. See me getting to bed with a hot water bottle. Henry doesn't seem to feel the cold or he wont tell me if he does - Wouldn't I love to be up home now everything must be lovely, Alick says ? he never saw look better poor old boy feels very lonely I wish I were nearer him, or things were more financial that he could get married I often wish I had wings I wold often be up for a chat to you all, I can't get ?me about here, didn't care for the folk. But I shouldn't say that there are a few ? ? knocking about - I guess Mrs Aubrey will think me a dog not writing to her since babys arrival, but I really must. Enid has, but she ?knows, Tho I don't bother her with letters that I'm just the sauce; is she going up & you? Ernest might have broken his leg. I hope he is alright by now. Please give ? ? my love -- ? you shearing with darkies and whites. The Mallina shearers are giving Murry a picnic, did he agree to feed them how many has he, over a certain number

Is the world going to do, as it is our best are being taken - but the Australians are grand aren't they, an English General speaking in London about them says they are the fiercest things God made and

will go through anything – also says they are find soldiers. But Oh: the language yes! I reckon it makes some of these English officers wonder whats coming next don't you – It was rotten luck for Hubert. Gus writing told us about it he was in the train to Alexandria where they were off to the Dardanelles and standing on the platform of the? Where it gave a jerk at starting and off went Hubert, it is his left arm – Gus is very savage, being left back with several others at Heliopolos with the horses. He says ?how come we left here like a blasted lot of Reds looking after horses while the other boys are having the time of their lives however I suppose ? doing my duty he is very well -- ? Howell writing says just my luck went into hospital with measles in coming out ?find all the chaps gone, so ? put in charge of some horses

You can make them provide their own tucker – Isn't wool a price, wish we had a few 100 bales, but everything's dear butter 2/3 a lb. never heard of before and its give, give, almost every day to something, it's a marvel where the money keeps coming from all the time and now collecting for the wounded soldiers – bread I believe is going up again ½. Making a 2lb loaf 5-1/2, used to be 3-1/2. Yes, shelling is about done for, ? a few years, but wool they must have – wont you be sick of this so I'll shut up but I wanted you to know I didn't forget old palls. Where is ?Ragman --? Is it true that Ted Teesdale has gone to France to ?join – oh Stanley ?Ost..ne has a daughter, he was over last week. Things aren't too good with ?Th..., a slump in the ?fowl market and feed so dear makes life hard. There are a devil of opossums in this roof and the ?..ofs, gives me the ?crups so I'll make them some coffee and leave it ready by the fire, have a great one ? in here – Enid love from yrs as ever

Ada Gillam

July 29th 1915

Gillam, Ada. to Aubrey Hall in Roebourne October 22 year unknown from Caversham

Dear Aubrey,

Yr letter arrived Friday ? by the morning's paper a mail closes by Brambra tomorrow 23rd so must post here this evening, & as today is a lively fine day Henry is ploughing So few fine days we must not ? me, will ? by answering all questions first.

Sulky Sell if possible over £15 Note you say the hot weather is turning it up - About paying Darkies - yes! With this you must use ? own judgement.

Spelling horses. If you put them in Woodbrook house paddock they can water at the top mill. C.C. it waters the horse pad. Would suggest shutting the little horse pad altogether ? ? use ? there they may not go up to the water - & coil up all loose were abut creeks that not ? of course they would have to be broken in to water there top C.C.

About yr coming down. Henry says who do you sugest to leave at W'brook. He would ? hear who you think what about brother Ernest; but when you fix up wire, Henry says the years you have little hope of passing here, but glad youre staying, & you are to be sure a make this yr ? > where >, so son't forget we can take you in & out, ? look after you. I see by Mrs Aubreys letter she is remaining ? ? what happens you will see what will take place.

Had letters from Alick Byron & Gus about ? weeks ago. The former has at last been accepted for the R.F. Corps much to his delight only 5 selected out of 50. I'm just ? you more news & ? he has got in ? the exams. Alick said W.B. had not been very well & was in ? of him getting something in the kitchens to do instead of going back to the Regiment. Gus was at Pt Said in the rest camp. Sleeping & eating, Enid and I have been busy getting our parcels away 11 altogether besides 5 big cakes we made one for Alick, Gus, Byron, Jack & Alby - You remember Reg Davis he his two brothers Walter & Fred were between the 20th & 26th Sept. isn't it awfully sad for the poor mother. The fourth one is now in Camp Ray - I dread each day where these battles are m. & mother is worrying over Allyn he has arrived in England & at Salisbury, but I hope he has a ? bit of training before he goes into action...

You will see all about the Trans Aus Railway being finished in the papers. Have sent Alick a W.M. with the papers & asked him to pass it on to you. Henry was very pleased - this is going to be a bad year for fruit, too wet. So far hardly any apricots or peaches & the grapes so few - Have you put the ? up yet? Give Mrs Aubrey my love glad of her letter will write next mail when they were ? Churches car at F'tle the ? gave way & it went back into the hole with a smash. Have not heard if he leaves it for the insurance. I guess he made a few remarks.

?(Danny/Harry) Pearse brought his family down & has gone to Pt Charles at Darwin formerly ? in Perth. Uncle Fred almost went again—oh, Henry bought some good rams at the R. Show for the C.C. ? we have them here he is going to shear them, then three fleeces took 2nd prize, then he gave them to the Caversham ? ? & ? sold them at the show and got £23.10. Enid very pleased as they want money for many things got a concert on Saturday night for the navy. W.A. has £400 to get in three weeks & £2,000 for the coffee stalls but it all ? I'm glad the fowls continue to behave, you will have some nice chicks I've got about 90. Im glad the one continues to put weight on. Am dying to see you this week?? No ? appearance yet - with love from all here - yrs as ever Ada Gillam

Monday 22 Oct 3p.m

Gillam, Ada. to Aubrey Hall in Roebourne April 27 Friday afternoon year unknown from Caversham

My dear Aubrey

Henry intended writing but had to go to Perth today, he is in the Cimittie for the National Federation, for G'ford & districts, so between arranging & attending meetings he is kept busy, well I do hope their efforts will not be in vein for if the ? Govt wins the day heavens help Australia & our ?boys, ? their policy is to do away with recruiting & its sadly needed, reinforcements are wanted some of the Battalions have had to be withdrawn from the battlefield no reinforcements to fill the gaps. Just now there is a big battle at ?Gaza, on the coast of the Mediterranean & ? of Palestine, Alick is ? it ? ? I simply dread the days for fear of ill news, Tho' I try to be like the Roman Mothers of old. He was in the ?El Aresh battle & wrote us an interesting account of it wound up by saing it was a ?..ed days spent. Poor old Lord William, I guess is also at it now, he was transferred to the Regiment in Feb. & was real pleased just an extract from W.B. last letter

I am writing this in Alick's mansion built of palm branches saddle straps string & other trifles, the ? is as bright as a star with what Gordon called, (he is always quoting Gordon) the ? game head of the Black lock ? & resolute eye that ? the lead & so on. I came out here a few days ago & almost got into Alick section but did not, anyhow you will be glad to know that I'll see Touch with him I came over to his den every evening & ? yarn about Old Lang Syne "what we are going to do when we get back &c, &c". The desert is most interesting, & Alick says a good place to be out of. But this was to be a station letter and look what I start off with, but thought you may like to hear about the above & a bit of what they are doing.

Well Aubrey, I'm glad youre at W'brook but what a week, -- how much is ? is the dairy & bath ?mess there, I believe the office is standing, Elwood poor beggar gave me details, but its was careless no ? doubt of someone & it was a ?comfie home, Im always there, -- & to think it's a blackened ?recess.—

Henry will be up end next month by "Minderee" & as there will not be time to write you I will have to reply by wire - first he intends I fear to get natives to do the shearing &c but does not want you to speak about it, ?not what do you think about bring up some clothes & sell them. Also blankets.

Suppose Watsons are dead

What about no. 2 spoons, frocks &c, mugs. I suppose all those were destroyed presume we will hear from you by Charm, as is anything that's wanted for the mills the Andover mill is out of gear or if you have natives shearing that would not be so necessary just now. Everything in that ?line is so dear

also Gab. [Gabyon Station] ? - we have the Irwin for the wool bales. I wonder how many sheep are lost, it was madness to have ?ceed fresh tailed lambs into that river ? when weather so unsettled. I cant think of anything more to ask you. But you know what is wanted for shearing, I think it's as cheap to get ? at Watsons as bring them up. - have some home made jam to send by Henry - now where ? were if you put No. 1. I think advisable, or not, I will understand its about the darkies & clothes - then no. 2 wanted or not. I will ? you want spoons &c. & mugs - have a copy of this - of course if you can get the darkies for the shearing it will be just half the expense after paying them, only don't mention to ?waken any thought of buy up clothes, - of course the Charm may not be down till after this boat Bambra gets up there writing is so much better

Give my love to Mrs Aubrey. I'm glad the kiddies are well & my girlie I've not seen much of her never mind some day. Is there anything that Mrs Aubrey wants they could take up. Are you going to camp at Andover, it should make a ?comfie place. - Enid has just posted a parcel of knitted things to Mrs Lukin for the sale of work, I would like you two to see them, also a pr of socks done by Whippee htats the third pr she has made, Enid is kept busy all the time The boys in the trenches want the warm socks. Well I must go, have to take the buggy into G'ford for Henry & Enid-

With love to you both

Yrs ever

Ada Gillam

April 27th

Friday afternoon.

Gillam, Ada. to Aubrey Hall in Roebourne Monday May 14 1917 from Caversham

Monday May 14th - 17/

My dear Aubrey

Yr. 3 letters to me arrived this morning & as Henry had to go to Perth soon after they came, have not had time to see to the contents of them, but will before my letter, first I'm sorry little Margaret keeps so delicate. Better send her along to us. How is Constance she sounds hardy. However now the weather is getting cooler, (Too D. cold here for me) I hope she will get stronger - for goodness sake don't go lifting ?wee ?ts like that & get put out of action or I shall think W'brook is doomed, you don't know how I feel about W'brook. No one does, I'm very much afraid Elwood didn't "play the game" I could see by the ? however, it ill becomes me to talk about the dead, poor old Jack Mears ? passed & say a place wasn't lucky unless there were ?pigeons in it & I began to think he was right for ever since Toc'e died, Alick thinks the cats got him, things have gone wrong. So Enid has some lovely white fantails & as soon as they have a few ?famelys up some go to you but I feel more satisfied now you are there xxxxx xxxx xxxx. True - I only wish you had the old house ? & - Mrs Ferguson baby didn't last long. Poor mite died just before they reached Fremantle. I believe its always been ill, they came too quickly. & old Harry missus should never have gone up. He wants a nurse always with him, now why wasn't he taken ? the mother left. Enid's very cross, tell Emma she's not getting ? Sedeways, poor old kids being going all day packing apples. all the ? ?took Henry & the ? & gathering & packing ? all the afternoon, we do our war work here, I've gout or something in my knee its most awfully painfull. Go dead ?.

Hows Mrs Aubrey. If there was not so much at stake here I could come up & help her we would do the ?tucker part of the business wouldn't it be lovely to get a sheep to cut at again - someday I'll come - hope you can manage a garden I suppose the one W'brook has gone to blazes. I hope you are able to make butter. Did the bathroom & dairy go in the flames. ? I was thinking of the separator. - will see that mugs go up & we are getting some clothing & blankets. ?pepe's - pocket ? & towels - also some stuff for kitchen towels. Mrs Aubry should find Emma & Rosie good in the kitchen. Notice what you say about shearing & the darkies so it ?may ? were he wants to get back & shear in July, that used to be the old time hope you can get a ½ caste or two. ? should be able to shear.- ?about ? busy ? up (really theres nothing in it by the time ? & expense are paid).

Im enclosing a photo of Byron, you may not have got me & I think you will like it See it then post it on to Mrs ?Ernest, doesn't he look every bit a soldier he seems awfully well, in this big battle that took place at Gaza Alick was in it he called us, when it was over "well" - ?M Byron write we had a ?

weired night in our saddles at 4.a.m. standing to attention, this was the Raffa skirmish” & the foxes crying all night we are in Samsons ?ridges where Samson took the 100 foxes & tied them by the tails & ? branded them & let them go through the crops which they let him do. That Alick writes is read in the book of Judges & we will see where Gaza is ? its all very interesting we only had a field service card from Alick last mail, & a few lines from W.B. There goes the phone. So Enid will put “Petti” in & go ? the ?Boss. I’ll lend her a hand, its 10.30 good night take care of yr.selves. I’ll see that the wire goes tomorrow. Henry I dare say will write but he always leaves it till the mail is closing much love to you ? yours

Yrs. ever sincerely

Ada Gillam

Gillam, Ada. to Aubrey Hall in Roebourne May 17 1917 from Caversham

My dear Aubrey,

Henry wired you yesterday 15th about shearing & the price, Today he has gone to Fremantle to see if he can get a head for the Andover mill, if its to be done, may as well do it at once & get the benefit of it. We got some clothes from G. ?, having sent up. If the darkies are getting jobs for shearing they will buy shirts &c., also sent some towels, for the house, & K. towels Mrs Aubrey will want these, & a mattress will do for Henrys' stretcher. Also 12 ? the shirts ice boxes (2) are Henrys also 6 ? for you (if you want them) & then of course you will have the ? & price according - You didn't say what was wanted for the Andover Store, -- Henry says it would be as well to get Truslove & cart this gear out. That is if he can get the mill gear, however he will wire you. What happened the sulky, we did not hear is it due for some ? new wheels?

One of the things we heard nothing about. Well I don't think Ive to tell you anything else. If you want Henry to take anything up wire. I got yr. boots they are, thy are not quite the "Caring Service" but very near & I think will be good & comfie,..Well I must go. Girlie has a bad throat & Whippie a headache so I'm busy. Love to you both

Yrs. Ever

Ada Gillam

17th May

What about this Commonwealth Metereological will you take it on from the ?begining of the year 17 - its nice to keep a record, I suppose the main measure is ? "? for it". But I'll write them & explain matters & get them to send you another.

Gillam, A.C.. to Aubrey Hall in Roebourne December 1 1917 from Guildford

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Gillam, Ada. to Aubrey Hall in Roebourne December 26 1917 from Caversham

Dear Aubrey

Yrs of the 15.12.17 to hand. Insurance Andover. This Henry paid the office down here Sept 6 £3.0.3. That's the house, woolshed, & press. The best thing to do is get Flinders to give you a Cr. & it will do till Sept. 1919. I should have mentioned this when it was paid. See you have delivered the ? to Stoves. Trust them to be honest till we ?find them otherwise. The cow should have ? ? well. You are getting through a good lot of work. The fences will stand a time now, or should do so providing theres no flood. Now about blankets &c. as youre coming down we will see about them then, but they are going to be a devil of a price, about ? & ?, unless urgently needed will have to wait a while. All galvanised iron is a great price, perhaps after next shearing

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-one thing we wont have to buy rams. These are doing well & should be a great addition to the wool... we can also see after the wool baskets & if the shearing board will hang out till after next shearing, let it, don't tell it you were thinking of putting new boards down. Even timber has gone up which is absurd as there is ?tons of it in the country.

Henry is satisfied you are doing what is right with the sheep, & carry on -

About that ? glad you mentioned it as I intended getting Batemans to seed it this ?. but I guess you got it as cheap at Watsons & doesn't it make a difference glad you have the ? finished. Mrs Aubrey & Margaret will feel the comfort of it, I hope the snake has thought fit to leave they are not the nicest of companions, These bobtail lizards about here give me spasms.

Just fancy that you ? taking ? part, they are dogs. Did you roll into him as well, it's the only way to treat them. However I hope they wont cause any more bother, ? them there's ? either in this

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world without them adding to it. Yes. Say I'm mad.

Presume you did not notice the enclosed

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£33-15- 5 that acct was paid into Bank F'tle also this is not a receipt no stamps. Wasn't it sudden about poor Tommy the?hut gave me quite a shock to see it in the paper on Monday - when you

come down bring a note of what wool you have sent D & coy also skeins, not including the clip 66 bales. ? they have not mentioned any coming bar the 66 bales - I think all yr letter is answered

Ernest rang up Monday but we were out so Henry answered the phone, he said you intended coming by return of "Bambra", I'm going down to see Mrs E . tomorrow & will get the ?Deary - Enid went to the Cup today with the A.C.G.'s [Arthur Charles Gillam, Henry's brother, married to Ada's deceased 1st husband John's sister Isabel] also Kitty Pearse. Their Uncle A took them to the ?Dandies & Enid will stay at mothers tonight & come out when I go in tomorrow. I was glad they took her, for she doesn't go out much an outsider won the cup

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Mr & Mrs A.C.G. are going East next week. Mrs Harry goes up to Harry by the Bmbra he fixed her & the kiddies in a nice little cottage in Subiaco for at least twelve months but he is too lonely & she got no one to help her The youngsters all have had whooping cough & measles. It's a pity to take them up there for they had all started school. I believe he has very nice quarters.

Please give Mrs Aubrey my love I was glad of her letter. Henry is in bed some time ago so its getting late & Ill follow, but I've got toothache like ?. must visit the asprins

Not had any letters from Alick since last I wrote. Enid had one from John last week that was more leave he had, but he said he didn't look forward to it as the paybook only showed a small Cr., he was in good spirits, had seen Cpl ?Pamment, also Harry Bassett but only to give a soldiers greeting as they were passing. Aubrey isn't it awful conscription again ? ?, everyone is wondering what will take place put someone in Hughes' place. Like W.B. said after the defeat of

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Missing? - maybe my scanning missed the rest?

Gillam, Ada. to Aubrey Hall in Roebourne January 3 1918 from Caversham

Dear Aubrey

Yes! The news yrs of 21.12.17. wasn't too good. About the sheep. But Henry doesn't in any way blame you. That bally darkie wanted hanging but like of them you can't trust them too long, however it was just a finish off to our 1917 luck. Hope all the ill luck is left in that year. I could quite imagine how you felt seeing all those sheep dead. & a good thing you went up to W'brook or things up there would have been upside down. Henry thinks it's a good idea of yrs to wait till there has been some rain & the creeks run. Then nothing can go wrong. Wonder if you have heard from Bertie hope so. Hope you got the wire Henry sent it as soon as we got yr letter -What a ?start you & ? Meanes to send ? collecting darkies. Did he get any? Has Sherlock any, Oh Mrs E. didn't bring Bethy down saying ? is claiming her. I wish we could get a real good lad about 16 or so he would be useful to you but I year (hear) there are none. ?Has Mrs Aubrey I guess she did her share of worry with you. For goodness sake take things a bit easy & read some of yr papers. Guess you look like a "hunted devil"

We spent a very quiet Xmas & N. Year. Didn't make any money on the races, Enid went to the Cup with the Cherritta folks but missed the winner Downing Street that paid something like £33 for 10/- on the tote. They the A.C.G.'s go to the East on Saturday were up today. She is wonderfully well again.

I have not had any letters from Alick for an age, I do wish the mails would come a bit often, its not so bad when one gets letters , in his last they were standing to attention horses already for action, to move to Jerusalem, of course he may have his transfer before now & old W.B. we have not heard for an age, they haven't heard any more about E.Smallpage so I presume hes going on alright, I'll tell Ernest about the ?gear. I've only seen them the ?mci, they are ?crossing up where the car is out of dock - we have old Aunt Bab. (Spurling) & Nellie out staying with us. She is a real old marvel. Enid took her for a drive today. Its wonderfully cool for this time of year, had a heavy thunderstorm in N. year eve. Delayed the Bridge party for an hour but they made up for lost time and played till ¼ to one, yrs truly had to come in a couple of times for a sleep, result slept in late next morning, Henry says he has not yet made up lost sleep...well I think I better close, got no news. You see all the war news &c. in the S.Times, give Mrs Aubrey my love also Enid's, she had a letter from John a week ago. He was going strong, poor old boy. How is little Marget. Does she feel the heat much. Eva is to be up soon. But I say Aubrey don't knock yrself out & don't worry yr ?case out. You can only do yr best. All

good luck for this year. I hope this war is over before this year ends. & we have our boys home. Old Aunt Bab is spinning ?yarns

I can't write, Enids needles are click click" just finishing ? for Alick.

Yrs ever sincerely,

Ada Gillam

3rd Jan 1918

Gillam, Ada. to Aubrey Hall in Roebourne January 5 1918 from Caversham

Dear Aubrey

I forgot to mention do you want another pr. ?Rimeo's I notice you gave yrs to Tim, hope you made them pay you. But if you want a pr. Just say & I can easily send a pr.

Yrs in haste

A. Gillam

Jan 5th 1918.

*Gillam, Ada. to Aubrey Hall in Marvel Loch August 16 1940 from 78 Rosebery Street
Inglewood*

My dear Aubrey

All this time & yr letter is unanswered. I was glad to hear from you, & hr different mode of pastime, quite imagine how you enjoyed haveing Joy & Eva with you, wish I could have made the third, notwithstanding a broken ? would have ? it all. Yes wasn't I an ass to break old bones like that. However they have joined together & trust not to caste asunder again, I'm just beginning to use the arm & hope shortly I have full use

I wonder if you have had any rain, why can't it fall where its so needed - I suppose Eva has told you about her new arrangements ?Gwen & Arthur living with her at Burekup & carrying on the milking alright. As long as she does not go in for it herself, She has done her share of graft, that change to ? did them both worlds of good, not too much "going out"- Jack & Enid & Nancy are all busy at the milking I should not say Enid, but Nancy is a great help, isn't she a fine girl, Enid was up here for a week ? night the little chap up he has had German measles & chicken Pox & Enid endless colds. Then Tom gets ear very bad the Dr put him into the Mount Hospital thought he would have to operate, but after treatment at the Mount for a few days he was better. & I've had Henry in bed three days with Pleursiy (sic.) & mustard poultices. Theres always a something to keep one employed.

The war news does not improve its just all the time a huge slaughter Well thank goodness our boys are too young & the others too old. Selfish I suppose to look at it in this light but we had our turn in the last. But this is quite different all air no good -

Its been ? cold, & Eva says its colder where you are

When are we going to see you again, do what old Jack Mears told you, bring a few sheep down sell them & have a holiday. Suppose yr fowls are laying Eva got a start with a few from Enid - wonder if you noticed a photo of Aunt Florance in the paper August 1st 91 - but the family say she is 93 - She takes an interest in her home & does knitting &c. for war work - & always ready to have a chat. Harry is a corporal in the school cadets, says no more washing up & peeling spuds See the others do it, they all go into camp in about 10 days time, this will be Toms first experience he's very interested in it

I seem to have written much, with many interruptions. Hope you ? well, Henry wishes to be remembered he is getting better again & when you come down don't forget Rosebery St

Always Sincerely yrs

Ada Gillam

*Gillam, Ada. to Aubrey Hall in Roebourne February 25 1941 from 78 Rosebery Street
Inglewood*

78 Rosebery St

Inglewood

23rd Feb

Dear Aubrey,

It was good of you to write, & I fully appreciated yr letter, glad you were at Andover but the country must look dreadfull (sic) Alick has a rotten time always trying fodder, no hope of saving or getting his numbers up with the sheep. But there, its all in the hands of the Almighty, The war included, its beginning to make me feel dumpy, but that wont improve matters, will it? -

? you say they have a comfie spot at Andover & all the modern applyances (sic) how different to the olden days, well I'd like to have them again Yes I think it was the happiest time of my life. Nuff said -

The account you give of Ernest is not cheerful the poor old soul & for one who was always ? & well, however as you say a different climate & diet may improve him we will hope so - remember me to him - Glad you have been able to sell some of yr buildings, more land marks going, I've spent many happy days in the old home with the dear mother - my ? Megret will always be leaving W'brook -

Eva was with us till last Monday when she went to Burekup. Intending to stay a day or so & then going on to Busselton. However upon her arrival found Arthur with a bad poisoned hand, & just received notice to report at military head in Perth for medical ?, I fear if he is accepted Eva will be in harness again, well she says she's equal to it, but I think at her time of life she should go slow. What say you - We miss her here very much.-

Henry is at last improving & also looks better..Yes! Till next time - Hows old Harry John & Keith don't guess H.J. has much of ? existance (sic). & poor Mrs Gordon a pity she can't take a fly to a Perth Dr.

I'll say good night with the best of good wishes

Very Sincerely yrs

Ada Gillam

Hope to see you whern you return - Alick says we were glad to have Aubrey with us. Just the same & I enjoyed a good long chat with niece

Gillam, Ada. to Aubrey Hall in Roebourne June 9 1941 from 78 Rosebery Street Inglewood

My dear Aubrey

Words just fail me to express our deep sympathy for you I know how much you will miss Ernest, he has been your care for many months, but the dear tired soul, you cannot wish him back, we all believe in the hereafter, & he is there, away from this world of trouble.

You no doubt are very tired.

Take care of yrself & rest awhile especially while this cold weather is about.

Very sincerely yrs

Ada Gillam

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