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Private mail Bag, Wynbring Siding, E-W Line, 23/10/41

Margin note: Am not crossing cheques so that you can cash it at Birks or Martins etc.

Dear Kilmeny

Just a line to acknowledge your friendly notes. My hand and arm are still partly out of action and I've had to drop all personal correspondence for a while.

Meanwhile I must cover the cost of those lovely Dickens you collected so kindly for me. They are a joy and a delight always. How did your English Enterprise Effort get on. I cannot read much of the papers as I only subscribe to Saturdays issues of Argus, Advertiser, Sun Herald and the Sydney Bulletin largely to pass them on to the local fettlers and their wives to give them a little wider reading than the "Australian Worker" gives them.

Am enclosing cheque for £1- - with my love and thanks to you for the trouble you must have had had in securing the copies.

I have no natives with me and am discouraging my little mob as they are now looked after by Mission and Police – a rather sad partnership but it must be left to its own development.

Affectionately Daisy M. Bates

This is just a little extra note to thank you most heartily for the little parcel of Dickens, Strand and Argosy -all most welcome- and to ask you to kindly forward enclosed letter to my young friend Mrs Thomson. (Miss Mitchell who was). I want Mrs Thompson to know that her little tent which she brought up to my Murray Camp, with her friend and cousin Ursula and afterwards with dear Jan and Bill – is here, and ready to be forwarded to her in its good condition whenever and wherever she desires. I've been keeping careful guardianship of the tent since it was used, and as those little tents are very expensive just now, I thought Bill and Jan might like to know about it before Holiday Time comes.

So sweet of you dear Kilmeny to keep my "Dickens idol" in your remembrance. I have Dickens and you at all my meals-they are such a splendid addition to my tea and toast. Affectionately yrs

Daisy M Bates

Just carried down my mailbag Fedy 24<sup>th</sup> in a raging Norther.