Dear Uncle Norman,

I received your letter last week, and Uncle Ray brought the thing you sent me yesterday, and writing paper that you so much lack. I'm certainly needed both of them. Yes, Uncle Ray came about two o'clock, and we went over to the Club and talked quite a while. Had some beer and sandwiches. He very much knew more of what is going on at home, more than most of us over here. He was going back to Manchester the night of the concert. I haven't seen him since. Apparently he shipped out again. He is talking to a merchant marine company.
Home on the train last night and he said it was very hot in NY. Tell last week we had about 3 extremely hot days really hot too it was like as though we could hardly breathe. It was very nice though. We took all the furniture of the room and two out in the sun most of the day trying to get a tan so they could look as if they could actually get a tan in England. It was too warm to go cycling so we just lay through complaining about the hot weather. We humans are just never satisfied are we? This last week it has been very rainy all day and every day five haven't been able to do very much aside from anything.
Yesterday we did take a trip to Sydney - got up to the lab and the top level and we were told by about six different people that the buses were on strike and we would have to walk - well eventually an ambulance cart along and we got a lift right to the station. We were there just in time for a miserable day but we enjoyed ourselves - took a trip around the city and the lines pointed out the places of interest - you can see so much more of a city that way I think. We had only been seeing the dirty part of it, where the old clothes of Queen Victoria are - our train nearly so we really didn't walk very far on our quick trip into town. We also stopped down at the docks and watched theerry boats of course.
Cruisant no where the big ships were but at least we saw some gulls and felt the salt breeze. We also went into the new Cathedral - it certainly is huge but it is so new it doesn't have the atmosphere that the ancient ones have. Then we visited Blackpool - had a marvelous time too - went into the tower - saw the aquarium and zoo - spent the pm riding along the board in an old banson - the house had to let so we visited a book - watched the people feeding on the green for some time. Then we finished our ride - these safely drove along the shore. We took some silly pictures taken along the promenade then we called hub for palm tree - it was all great fun.
Reminded me of Covey Hill and Bruce Beach. Thought you asked from home for almost three weeks now, and I would like to know how Mary is making out in Me. Received a letter from Arthur to day. He is in New Friendship now and the trip is heating up is awful! The countryside is very beautiful now. The Hawthorn trees are in full bloom and the foraged lilac bushes are just mass of bloom and they grow just everywhere.

If truly is a lonely country. I am going up to see Grandma this week. We have been getting a day off a week this last month. Help must to back to work. Write again soon. Are you working hard?

Love, Mary
Uncle. I didn't receive
the thing you sent me
for knives. I am so sorry.
I didn't think to thank
you - just sat and it kept
the only one with face
of it. I only take it
in special occasions - it
surely does raise my
morale to put something
with face around it
and that is the only thing
I have that is at all
intensive. Thank you
again Uncle. Sorry
I didn't mention it before.
I haven't seen Paul or Bernie.
Bernie did call me once, day
Neither of them are asking
just having training programs
- lucky Kids!