

Box 3. Delhi, Ont. Can. Sat. 7-55pm. Dec. 29/56

Dear Wesley, Yours typewritten, got here to-day, I think you wrote it on the 20th Dec. took 29 days to get here, Glad to know you are safe in Sydney, We can read your letters better now, wise expenditure to buy a TYPEWRITER. Glad you had such cheerful travelling companions, very amusing that they thought you a man of many parts, so many parts. I presume you will get in touch with the shipping people and secure your berth at once. Compare the cost from Sydney to Vancouver, it is all sea travel and you would get here faster than if you went via England. The state of England at present is not at all likely to be a happy place to be their finances are low, they are appealing to other countries to loan them millions to meet their liabilities. England in Feb. or March, would not be much to look at, and you have interests there which are more important than seeing your Mother here. I think speed is the chief urge for you at this time. Now that we know you are coming home, we can save you the expense of cables, or telegraph, or other swift messages, Come swiftly yourself.

Christmas was spent here just two of us, Alice Bert, and Judith came on a flying visit of two hours on the 23rd dec. of course they had their Christmas plans for a home Christmas.

The Church people brought us a nice warm Christmas dinner, on the 25th, which we enjoyed very much. We have not been to church for about 4 Sundays, because of your Mother's illness, and we will not be at church to-morrow, your Mother is not at all well, has to be watched all the time, it is about bath time now so I will stop writing and see that all is going right. ~~More anon. now it is 8-30pm.~~

~~Sunday, 2:40 pm, just had a rest, cold here this am ZERO. I want to get this off as soon as possible to catch you before you sail, at the Sydney address. I met Walter McConnell recently he enquired for you, I gave him the Sydney Address, he said he would write to you. Sunday Evening Dec. 23rd. Rev. G. E. Morrow called, Mr. & Mrs. N. A. Taylor also called, anxious about Mother, Mr T. sends his regards to you. The Hungarian Refugees are coming into Canada by the 1000s, the latest record over the radio says 20,000.~~

World opinion seems to fear trouble in the middle east, I trust you are not sailing thru the Middle East Seaway.

Suez Canal being blocked by sunken ships, is causing prices to soar, some suggest 20% increase on gasoline per gallon, England is hardest hit in this regard, but you are not going to ride your M.C. I hope. too slow...

Did you get your Mezhamiss Certificate? I wonder. I sent you a photo greeting card for Christmas, mailed Dec 3/56 the Photo is of your Mother and I. Did you get it?

When you sail from Sydney, can you estimate how long the sea voyage will take, for you to reach Vancouver, or other port in England, if you decide to go to England, because while you are at sea, we cannot get any news of your travelling, I guess there is no AIR MAIL while at sea.

Now I am nearly finished, Our NEW CHURCH is going up faster than I thought, quite a nice looking building, stone, outside, and Buff Colored brick work inside. Bert has another CAR small sized, looks all right. Good going, get here as soon as you can,

As ever,

Your Father. *William M. Leonard*

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and seem to have forgotten every-
body. We were so happy over you
finally reaching ^{SYDNEY} at last, and to

hear you hope to contact Audrey (?)
Mrs Pratt has been here and told
us the same old stories. I got out
my pen (father gether did

I got so tired nearly fell over, but
father got me a cup of hot milk
and I got relief.

People were so kind sending
gifts for Ymas day, but they
did not get those dishes home but

it is not so bad when dishes
are ordinary, and postage to
~~normal~~ - now father calls
to supper.

The news church is
coming on famously - Of
course we have been absent
since we have "under the weather"
and it has been unwise to leave me.
I get tired easily and someone
has to be near



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I got just now a
copy this morning - so its real
counter
Love from Mother E. B. Leonard