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27 Rand. St.
Rotorua.
9th June 1989.

Dear Bill,

hey my friend thanks for yr st most welcomed letter and please accept my apologies for my slackness in my reply to your last letter Shit I'm sorry bro! (thanks for persisting)

And your letter raised my spirits 10 fold, as I was O.K. at the time and reviewing your letter elevated me Yahoo!

So, what been happening for me well! lots... all though maybe just some of the same? who know? God knows eh?!

to whom I really don't have any hassles with "T' day!"

Went to a Retreat, hotel at the Order of St Francis (?) who follow St Francis of Assis wow! was there for a nite before I clicked to that. (slow process) It is a Bi-yearly affair and they were celebrating some special time between Easter and something.

Its for Aikies and they shared on Jesus story and our stories a molding of Programme + there stuff for me as was described to me - "a weekend of the 11th Step." me Rev. Rebecca from Tokoroa + Peter from Taupo - went up

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and so was a meeting
 and just serene on the
 way back (is that simple)
 Bill & I have had our
 growing moments time out
 on & off, and "today" life is
 fine? and will pass on your
 love.

Read your ~~stato~~ Article
 in Mainstay good one 'bro'
 and I'll tell you something
 you are and have been
 a strength for me, your
 beautiful guy OK. and
 your sharing with me
 is special, and will
 never forget you, and
 I don't know but there
 seems to be specials in
 my sobriety and that's

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Bill D, and am smiling etc
 at our many times round
 the 'ol' teabot and street-
 corners etc Big book, tee-hee
 - 'tow's the ol' job? far-out
 I just didn't imagine doing
 something like that but
 sounded good. - the:

And loved your sharing
 about your family and
 am glad Kings doing o.k.
 whatever eh? there really
 seems to be some truth
 in the saying - no pain
 no gain (hell don't ask
 me what that's what felt?)

Anyway Bill, I did
 write to yer last time
 but was slack in the
 posting so it's going in

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you whole you down here, work wise?
just a thought. I'm not in always for
a little or anything. You must have felt
a thought out of place aye? Bet's the dole
age, have you met any real people there? What
I mean is can you sit down and tell
the boss how you feel without him raising
an eyebrow. I'm starting to sound like
I'm cured, better go and check my motives
out.
Hei Ko na ia.
I TINO Pia koe
(I think that's right)
ARCHA NUI
Russell

"right now!"
and will write again
soon, 'cause love ya!

till then

God bless ya

or perhaps -
e Te Atua,
e manaaki

yours
with lotsa
Aroha

Riki

Ngongotaha
Country Group of AF

Dear Bill,

Kia ora brother, Ki te pia koe ehua? Ko ki te pāi au. Roughly i said, how are you friend, Then i said, im fine. You can ask ps Polly to correct it for me then, let me know for next time. About coming here Bill, all i can say for myself the place's is unreal, It's catered for those who want to finalise who they are, and those who think they know who they are. But don't take my word for it, Queen Mary is here to use; whatever i put into it (working on my self) its giving back two fold. You'll love the place. It's giving me a closer awareness of other's, A.A. Recovery, my self, my addiction, my family and my higher power. But as i say and know for me, it all seemed so pastic, untill your actually here. I could be still here when you arrive? (So you'll)

(be a) The thing's im learning here are the same thing's A.A. talk about, but here there teaching me how to use them in recovery. But ~~only~~ + ~~know~~ ~~how~~ It's up to me to use them no one else is responsible for my want to recovery. Thank you for praying for me. I must admit i dont consistently pray for anyone, i believe my higher power knows who we are, ^{and} why we are. Today my life is a small prayer, If i live my life with unconditionally love, trust and honesty to my self and others, I now feel i belong in the fellowship's of A.A. & N.A. So i can receive's and share in that love, trust, honest that we have been givin. I know of the hard times, but we got the greatest gift of all. a good person who no longer wants to do bad things. ~~Keep~~ as George says - Rather than a good person doing bad things

What's the chances of me filling in for you while you down here, work wise? just a thought. I'm not in a hurry for a job or anything. You must have felt a little out of place aye? Bet's the dole ^{though}, have ^{you} met any real people their? What I mean is can you sit down and tell the boss how you feel without him raising a eyebrow. I'm starting to sound like I'm cured, better go and check my motives out. Hei Ko na ia.

I TINO Pia Koe

(I think that's right)

AROMA NUI Russell.

7/5/89

Kia Ora Bill

Sorry for the delay and the mix up.
I did write a letter to you, but as
you know the wrong one got posted.
It took me a long time to even begin
to write that one, that didn't get sent
away. So I was a bit annoyed with myself
when I realized what I had
done. But enough excuses, we put
it off long enough and have been
feeling rightfully guilty for it, so
here goes.

I'm OK, not great just below normal.
Learning to cope with this new life.
I'm still working for abcon antics
here in Auckland. I'm a packer in
the warehouse, I do all the other little
jobs as well, get the lunch, move this, move
that, sweep here, sweep there, that sort of
thing gracefully ha. But it's not bad in
writing this letter from work.

Since we moved to Mt Albert from
Grafton, we had to make a few
changes we had to stop going to
a couple of meetings, I was doing
about 7 a week most nights. I was
becoming dependent on them,
now we cut back to at least 5.
I go to guitar lessons on a
Thursday night at a local school,
it only costed \$14 a term, and
it's something we been wanting to
do.

I brought a set of weights but
haven't been able to use them
regularly as it gets dark quiet

early and we haven't got a light in
the garage. I'm still thinking
about school cert but i'll leave that,
and going back home to Gaylene
and the family until i'm sure i
can cope with it.

I was back in Rotorua for the
Queens birthday. Merv ask if you
had written. Rick was going out
deep sea fishing. Arthur was laid up
for a while with a deep cut in his
foot. hes getting about now ok.
but it still hasn't healed. Every
one else. look good and so forth.
I'm "still" intolerant.

But , end up being grateful. It's
a step up from the old caravan.
I'll do for now. Well Bill have a good
day, and , look forward to hearing
from you. It has taken be a long
time to write to you, today alone
ive written out atleast 3 or 4 pages
for each of the pages you'll received.
And each time , started again , i droped
something or add something. But im
gold, youve been , and you are a good
mate. THANKS MATE

AROHANUI BROTHER
Kia Kaha . Russell

P.S. I'll stop while im ahead :

5/9/89

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MT ALBERT
AUCK.

Kia ora Bill.

THANKS FOR THE LETTER'S. ITS GOOD TO HEAR FROM you. I'm AT WORK RIGHT NOW. AND I'M GETTING THE GUILTS FOR NOT WRITTING TO YOU. FIRST I HAVE MOVED JUST UP THE ROAD. I REALLY DONT KNOW HOW LONG ILL BE HERE FINALLY. NO THATS A SMALL LIE I HOPE TO BE going back TO ROTORUA any day now. BUT I JUST CAN'T MAKE DECISION'S. PERTH LOOKS LIKE a real nice CITY. You SOUND GOOD in your letters too.

I'M GOING THRU A BIT OF A rough PATCH. BUT I KNOW ITS NOTHING A DRINK WILL MAKE BETTER. TELL YOU THE TRUTH BILL; THE ONLY REASON i can't make my mind up IS, Because I'M SCARED if i go BACK TO ROTORUA I'LL all going to go back to how it was. ANY way. IS ONLY BECAUSE i can't live a day at a time. But THEN just THINKING ABOUT IT i SHOULD TAKE A LEAF out of your BOOK. AND DO IT AYE. I HOPE YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY. THE GOOD NEWS IS, OCT 4 IS MY FIRST BIRTHDAY. I've BEEN waiting 4 yrs for this. Just thinking about it makes me feel like a WINNER. NOT TO WORRY I KNOW ITS JUST THE BEINGING but IT IS a personal MILE STONE FOR ME, Bill I HAVE TO GO NOW. When i GET time i'll write you a descent letter AROHA NUI Russell.

13/9/89.

Bill I have dediced to move back to Rotorua this coming Saturday. Luckily I didn't send this letter to you so you're up to date. You can write me at Gaylene's - But I'm not sure if I'll be there either. I'm not handling the pressure of living a normal life that well at the moment. But God willing, if I stay sober those fears will slowly disappear. I'm not sure what I'm doing. But going to meetings.

Ronell.

P.S. get a well known
= on FAMOUS AUSTRALIAIT
TO WRITE A "FORWARD"
FOR YOUR BOOK = ANN
HAVE THIS PLAT IT IS NAME
OF THE FAMOUS COUCH!!!
I.E. "FORWARD BY PAUL
HOGAN"

Barry

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6 ENSOL PLACE
ROTUNDA,

N.Z.

21 - 6 - 91.

DEAR BILL

THANKS FOR THE INTERESTING
CARD ABOUT STEAM BOILERS. I AM STILL
WORKING IN THAT JOB I DONT LIKE
BUT I AM LEARNING SO MUCH ABOUT
PATIENCE, DISCIPLINE, AND ENDURANCE I
AM SURE THE JOB IS A GIFT FROM
GOD FOR MY SPIRITUAL PROGRESS.

FOR VARIOUS REASONS I NO LONGER
GO TO A.A. ON A REGULAR BASIS.
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE
I ATTENDED A MEETING BUT I
CONTINUE MY SPIRITUAL STUDIES IN
MANY OTHER AREAS.

MY MAORI STUDIES ALSO CONTINUE
ON A REGULAR DAILY BASIS AND I
AM PLEASED TO REPORT I CAN
SPEAK AND UNDERSTAND "TE REO MAORI"
NOT FLUENT = BUT quite well.

NO BILL, I NEVER USE A WORD

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processor for my book = But if
you can borrow or hire one
certainly you will find it a great
help.

If the book publishers don't want
your book you could consider
printing, publishing, advertising and
distributing it yourself. At first
this sounds a tall order but if
you are not working a regular job
you could use the time to see
friends with access to on knowledge
of printing. You could then per-
haps call on yourself etc (all
sorts of possibilities exist). Keep the
book small = simple. Pay for
various stages as you go. Get an
artist friend to design the cover
etc.

Well = all the best for your book.
I hope you find some of these suggestions
helpful = don't forget to keep on
with your positive spinous planning.

Buny!!

3-7-92
G. Barthistle
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Dalby
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Dear Bill,

Thank you for your letter, sorry it has taken so long to reply. Since our last correspondence I have changed address and just getting things in place.

I am pleased to hear that you have had your book published, a pity you didn't get a reply from Fred's relative. At my new house there lives a bloke next door who grew up with Fred and there are scores of people in Dalby who have stories of Fred. He was quite a character when he lived in Dalby.

I am planning to visit Fred's grave tomorrow. I am off sick with the flu today. He is buried in the "Myall Remembrance Park" which is a lawn cemetery, the graves are marked by plaque.

Glad to hear that you have started an Arts Course. I am interested in study of psychology, I would like to be come involved Drug & Alcohol Counselling sum day. I have applied for a course in the same but waiting on word from a T.A.F.E College in Bundaberg.

5-7-92

Yesterday I went to the Myall Remembrance Park to find Fred's grave, however I was unable to locate it. The only Fogarty I found was his brother Maurice who drowned at the Gold Coast in 1981. I will make some inquiries for you, there is at an old cemetery Fred could be buried there.

Congratulation on 5½ years of sobriety. To me it keeps getting better. My first 12 months was the greatest experience I had ever had, it's worth all the effort it takes. Today I feel my sobriety has been a miracle given to me from God. I can't take the credit for it.

Well I must sign off

God Bless you

Gerard B.

P.S. When I find more information I will send it on.

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2622
August 21

Dear Bill,

The foreword is taking longer than I expected. Harry's old jets get in the way, but I really do expect to send it to you early next month. Hope this is O.K.

I have gone through a mass of old photos - Janitz, Vitkauw, Egger, etc., - & found those few only. But I will check with Dick, who may have others.

Meanwhile
all the best,

S. Stewart