

1486 Barakar

29th March 93

My dearest Pippa

Many happy returns
of the day. At the same time
d. likewise D. the Barakar post
office which is always shut up
so that you won't get my
elegant surprise packet till
next week. I couldn't send
anything else as the village
shop is at present out of birth-
day presents.

At last it is beginning to get
hot; we started punkahs on the

27th which is very late. We have certainly had a splendid cold weather for coolth though thinking we had too much rain to be altogether delightful & do think so.

16th Feb. 1st coal train across the river.
next week. Flood. Bank cut away.

27th Feb. Bank mended. Accident.
Bridge broken -

13th Mar. Bridge mended

14th Mar! Flood. Bank washed away -

20th Mar. Bank mended

21st Mar! Flood. Bank washed away -

28th Mar. Bank mended

29th Mar. Traffic resumed.

The only excitement of this week was a burglary in our house
~~By~~ Two boxes were taken from

under my bed one night while I was peacefully sleeping thereon.

One was my brown wooden "office box and the other was Aunt Nell's box of spoons & forks. The billiard boys took them into the compound ~~and~~ ^{where} they broke them up and took what they wanted which included all the spoons and forks and the diamond pin that the Rendel boys gave me. They didnt get much else and they have since been caught which is a slight comfort but I dont suppose I shall ever see ~~the~~ my property again. ~~Has~~ It was very cool of them as there were 3 dogs in the verandah who calmly

slept throughout the proceedings -
I fear I have now exhausted my
budget unless it will interest
you to hear that Mynne has got
a fly in his eye and is conse-
quently depressed.

Did Dick have any adventures in
the Brisbane floods? There was a
report in the papers that Sir H. Hor-
man went out in a small boat
and disappeared for hours causing
much alarm to the loyal Queenslan-
ders till he came home.

Farewell you aged critter
your loving brother

Ralph.

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