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My dear Spencer

How the time does fly one
can scarcely realize that it is
nearly a year since we left
Borobora. We have had nine
days incessant heat with an
almost Borobora like supply of
mosquitoes by night & consequently
we are all feeling limp &
more or less out of sorts.

I have just gone over the
last lot of the for the third
time, it is splendid stuff
I don't think you have ever
done anything better than this
introductory chapter it effectively
knocks into smithereens one of
my pet theories about the

swastika and language. In this
point I think you are slavishly
conforming I accept you the only
as a demonstrated truth &
show there is some sort of
my own understanding (also possible)
I cheerfully admit. I shall probably
write that I shall probably
change some share in the

the other side of your -
In regard to meaning of
these names we find hardly
the Tenn and the up the meaning
of the term Narramanga I find
often to get the meaning of
the term Chingili from our
boy Jack had he called the
Chingili's or some other of the
Narramanga regions to interpret
the term Narramanga as may

has got as it for I am strongly
of opinion that the names come
from north. I agree with you
that it is scarcely likely that
there would seem about every
worded but on the other hand
I cannot conceive a two calling
that the man who say the
name would probably say with
a neighbour to whom they had
refused regards this by way of
revelation would definitely refer
to them as the man whose legs
always affected the put in pieces
of time the names would be
The Luriche I know do not
the names applied to them or they
did not when Spirit became
acquainted with it. I do not
remember trying to get as they

meaning of the term but I have
an idea that it is applied
contemptuously. Probably the Arenta
could explain it ~~some~~. Unfortunately
when I asked the Alice I was
never much concerned about the
meanings and you did not direct
my attention to that point.

Its a funny thing that we never
heard the term Uramalpa amongst
the Arenta who always speak of
them as "Achechida" foreigners &
"Shangers" -

Anthropologically my trip to the
Mission Da was disappointing the best
old man was away working around
the farms & I could only devote
one morning to the good work. In
a day or two I will send
you some notes about Badauras

two sons their wanderings down the
 Peninsula & a tradition about the
 Pludes. I could find no satisfactory
 evidence of a belief in reincarnation
 but curiously they believe that spirit
 children (Bulga) move about in
 the woods (Bulka) from which they
 escape & go into women just as
 in Cent. Am. Their spirits they
 say are sent by the dead
 ancestors (Kapa) - They count
 up three thus One Naciga Two
 Bulcia Three Mangura They
 call the sun Ichentia like the
 Jurecha & the same term was
 used by the Adelais In the
 the Gandana An ancient woman
 of the tribe is resident on the
 mission She attended P. Mourschous
 School when Adelais was only

in Swaddling clothes. The
"Nare" also takes
The "Dumay" "Kohimata". Surely it
is "Mawakata" that so many
Nare so far apart. I should
believe in the "Dumay" term. The "Mawingga"
Shoreland "bedlam" about every
natural father who has seen and
the "Nare" "Nare" which they
undoubtedly are amongst themselves
part of our case or on island
four miles from the mainland
called by the whites "Hordong"
& one old fellow seemed much
annoyed that it was not
called by its proper name
"Mawakata". The "Tom Hordong"
does not appear to be known
to the "Mawingga". We are
having a new boat built at

the Station a small Schooner
& I have named it the "Mawingga"
such to the delight of the old
men. I can take old James
squalling in Men Camp in
the South & I am seriously
thinking of putting in a
week with him some day. I
could at any rate gather a lot of
bedlam. Curiously the women are
afraid of a hawk just as the
Armita women are, the bird is
responsible for the mourning for
& during that period women are
forbidden to eat the flesh of
any of the larger animals. She
may only eat very small rats
& lizards and no fish. If she
breaks this rule she is said to
suffer severely & of ch. set

meat ~~or~~ or fish given to her by
a man while in that condition
his weapons would never be of any
use to him again

I am glad you had a chat
at the Post Office authorities the
New man from Queensland and
I am to thank the public court
for the benefit of the Dept
instead of the other way about
According to our regulations if
you sent a telegram addressed
Gellan Moola we are compelled
to refer it back for a better
address although I am the only
one of that name in the place
& you would be charged for
the conveyance. The man to whom
you hand the note at the
Sundry Office is not supposed to

Draw your attention to the
 insufficient address although he
 knows perfectly well that the
 receiving office will reject it
 that your message will be
 seriously delayed & you would
 in additional expense. So if
 you see me at any time
 address F Gellen Nevada
 or Gellen Ryan St Nevada
 in future I shall address you
 Spencer University Carlton. Why
 do you use such heavy note paper
 I have had to pay 4^d each on
 two out of your last three
 letters. You can only send two
 sheets of your paper for 2^d
 glass in front of me register
 89 * I am mapping out
 while you are probably enjoying

a sea breeze at Framingham
Norman wrote yesterday asking
for your address. He wants to
send you a sampler of
some cigars. He tells me
that poor old Rossi at
North Adair is in a
very critical condition &
cannot last long. I feel very
sorry for him. The thought that
I may succeed him gives me
only pain.

I had a line from old Stey
the other day. He asked me
to convey his kind regards
to you. Normanton is much
the same as when we left
the supply of mosquitoes is
undiminished. The one bit
Scotch loam is still the

root. I often think of them &
of the noisy shell. Coates writes his
sketch account.

Elys general health has been
decidedly improved by the operations
but I am sorry to say there
is not much improvement in her
eyes, however I think as she gathers
strength - she is a fair, flower like little
creature - they will improve. This
long spell of heat is playing
up with my wife & today she
is scarcely able to move about
fortunately we have had a very
mild summer & on the hottest
day one does not feel unpleasantly
tired as at Bordeaux.

Thaps all Iron has got over
his accident without any serious
results please let me know how he is

At Lunga is attracting a good
deal of notice there are now 300
men on the fields & syndicates are
being formed in Adelaide to
send out prospecting parties - Old
Scotty Russell whom you will remember
on the Horn Sept^h has found
a good auriferous patch & secured
one nugget over 10 oz in weight.

If one may credit the newspapers
reports some fine reefs have been
discovered in the vicinity of
Newstead Depot. I find respect
Bradshaw to retire from the Alice
with a few thousand made out of
the fields in which I lost so
much money - money that would
be worth 100 shillings in the pound
to me if I had it now. Two
hundred regards to all at Fremont
Glenelg Yrs ever J. G.