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Tarwin

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Dear Professor,

I have forwarded you four records, Three WAITE BAR, and one ~~COFFIN~~. I had been trying for a long time to get blank records, but only got some last month. They are not very good records, but as soon as I get to Campelli again, I will try and get you some better ones. I have four more blanks at home so will have more time than, I had when I took the ones that I am forwarding you.

Last Oct I forward through Joseph Bradshaw Esq, a small box of birds - I hope they reached you all right. I left Campelli on the 21st and took six days on the trip to Burundie. I had a rough trip in. The grass was very high and full of grass seeds. Crossings of creeks were boggy & almost unpassable with high thick grass. I left Mrs Cahill and Miss Mumford well & they send kindest regards to you.

I took 138 dairy cows out to Oenpelli last Oct. Cows were very poor and often I had to get the natives to lift them on to their legs after they had a drink. They were too weak to get up. With a great deal of trouble I got them to Oenpelli, thanks to the boys that I had with me. Now I am making butter and the cows are as fat as possible. We had a very light wet season only 30 inches and a few points of rain. The natives have had very little sickness so far this year, just the usual colds; no fever at all, so far.

I have old Romula here with me, I brought him down to see the moving pictures & he was delighted with them; and as usual wanted to know all the ins and outs of the whole show. I am applying for leave during September & hope to see you about Oct, I intend bringing Mitchemack with me, if I can manage it. The cheque for three pounds that you sent me, has been given by the other natives, to Mitchemack, to buy some things when he goes to Sydney.

When I told the natives that you had sent them the three pounds, they clapped their thighs with their hands; whistled and said, Poooor - now - or - Roodor - back me who had a share, said, please boss, me gib it alonga Burrumaingeri. (Mitchemack)

um want to buy him something alongs Thidney or
Chidney - They all said, you tell him Probenor
 me + all about want to ^{see} him Probenor come on; no more
long time - It was as good as a play, to see the
 natives trying to milk, some of them became very care-
 less in tiling the leprotes, or the cows hind leg - The
 quite cows that did not kick, gave the boys
 confidence + when a cow that kicked got her leg
 rope loose, she would generally kick the bucket
 and head over heels would go the boy + get
 the milk all over them, The others would laugh
 at the one kicked, and ask him to do it again
 They made great fun out of the milking
 I made a good lot of butter and sent a
 keg (about 135 lbs) of butter to Mr Carey. The natives
 take kindly to milking now, but at first they
 were very much afraid of the cows, Now the trouble
 is to keep them out of the calf pen - they
 go in and play with the calves and have great
 fun - Darwin is the same old growing place
 workers get 14/- per day, and do about 3/6 worth
 of work. Same old back biting and his-
 only mors so. People come here; and with the
 high wages, get more money in a few months; than
 they ever had before + it suddenly strikes them
 that the ought to Administrators; It is

wonderful, how many splendid Administrators
we have in Darwin. (In their own mind) much
better than our present one, I think that His
Excellency has the greatest lot of unwilling workers
under him, that man has ever been cursed with
With the exception of a few Heads of Departments
most of the others should be right up near the
German firing line, they would not be missed -
I am now awaiting a mob of cattle from the
Daly River farmers - which I take on to Campbell
and probably I shall be here for another three
weeks -

I trust this will find you well
yours faithfully
Paddy Cahill