

CHEWTON. 5 MAY 2003

DEAR ELEANOR AND ALAN

HEREWITH A LITTLE LIGHT READING
AND LOOKING!

I'VE HAD A COPY OF JANET'S BOOKLET ON OUR FAMILY TREE FOR SOME TIME, SO I THOUGHT IT ABOUT TIME TO GET COPIES FOR YOU AND CATHY, AS YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TIME TO HAVE A GOOD LOOK AT IT DURING ANY FLYING VISIT.

THIS PRETTY WELL TIES UP ALL THE LOOSE ENDS ON VARIOUS ANCESTORS. ALTHOUGH WE'VE HAD A LOT OF BITS AND PIECES OVER THE YEARS, JANET AND ALLEN EVENTUALLY GOT INTO ALL THE AVAILABLE ARCHIVES, AND DID A GREAT JOB OF PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER.

THE PHOTOS CAME OUT OF MY OLD OAK CHEST! I KNOW THAT ELEANOR AND CATHY GOT COPIES OF A LOT OF SLIDES A FEW YEARS AGO, BUT I THOUGHT YOU MAY AS WELL HAVE YOUR OWN SHOTS NOW, RATHER THAN KEEP THEM STACKED AWAY SOMEWHERE.

I FOUND A WHOLE LOT OF PHOTOS OF MUM AND NANA DRAMS, THAT PAPA TOOK AND PRINTED HIMSELF. SO, I SORTED THEM INTO 7 LOTS, ONE FOR EACH OF YOU. THEY ARE ALL SIMILAR, WITH MUM AT VARIOUS AGES, PLUS SOME OF NANA DRAMS.

I ALSO CAME ACROSS THE TYPEWRITTEN LETTER FROM ELEANOR, WHICH YOU MIGHT LIKE TO PUT IN YOUR SCRAPBOOK!

AS FOR MY SCREED ON 'MEMOIRS' - YOU CAN KEEP IT FOR FUN, OR CONSIGN IT TO THE WPB. - BUT IT MIGHT KEEP FOR POSTERITY.

A LOT OF THIS DELVING INTO THE FAMILY AGAIN WAS PROMPTED BY A PHONE CALL I GOT ABOUT 3 WEEKS AGO FROM A LADY WHO NOW LIVES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY. SHE IS A GRANDDAUGHTER OF ALEC GILLON, (PA WALSH'S COUSIN ON THE BURKE SIDE), AND HAS INHERITED A LOT OF ALEC'S PAPERS ON THE FAMILY TREE OF THE BURKES, ROSSES AND GILLONS. (ALEC IS STILL ALIVE, BUT AT 92, HE'S GIVEN UP ON FAMILY TREES). ANYWAY, THIS WOMAN, (SHE WOULD BE YOUR 3RD. COUSIN), WAS AFTER SOME DETAILS ON THE ROSS FAMILY, WHICH ALLEN WAS ABLE TO GIVE HER. AND SHE'S SENT SOME GOOD COPIES OF PHOTOS OF THE BURKE FAMILY THAT WE'VE NOT SEEN BEFORE. SO IT GOES ON!

Love & Regards / Dad - Brian.