

I want everyone of you to have a very, very Merry Xmas, and to try and help everyone around you have a wonderful time too! Will you do that for me?

And so now kids, until next year, the Best of everything for you and yours.

Your sincere Pal,

Pete

Hello Kids!

Well here we are at last. The month we have been waiting for—the month when old Father Xmas comes around bringing joy and goodwill to everyone.

It is my Sincere wish that each one of you will have the brightest, happiest, merriest Christmas you have EVER had. I suppose now the school holidays are here you will all be too busy to write to me, and really, I must admit I can't blame you. There are so many wonderful things to do in the holidays aren't there?

Just had a very interesting letter from Jean Flanders, of Bowraville, and also a fine drawing. Jean has been ill in hospital but is getting well again now. Another interesting letter from Bowraville, was from my regular pal, Carol Donovan. She told me all about the Ambulance Ball, the success it was, and the dresses the girls wore. Carol has just had her tonsils out but hopes to be able to spend her holidays in Sydney.

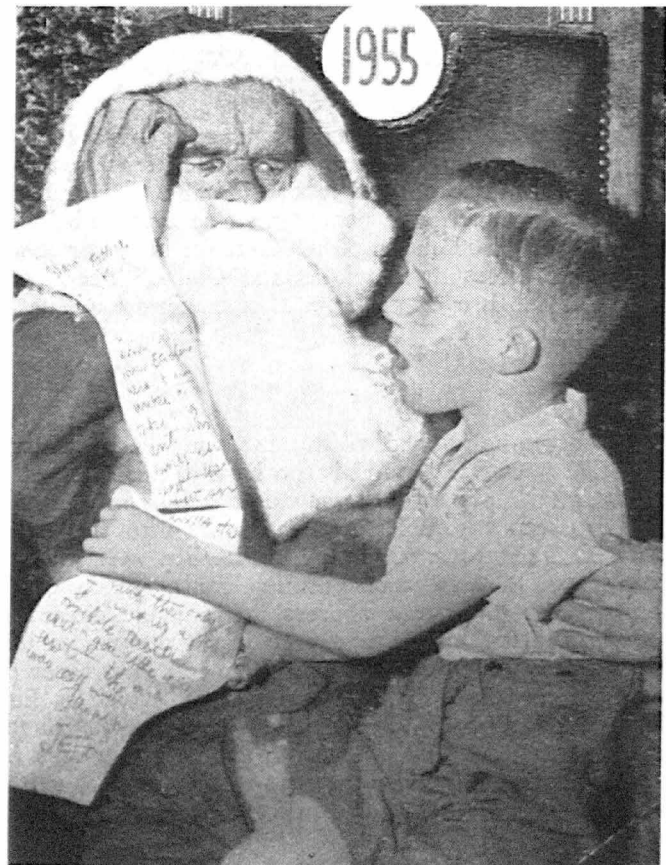
Believe it or not, I just had a *third* letter from Bowraville. This one was from fourteen year old Theresa Flanders. Theresa tells me she is one of a large family (seven brothers and two sisters) and is in second year at St. Marys School, Bowraville.

One of her brothers is a wireless operator in the army, at Canberra.

I also had some nice letters from Beverley Hynch, Bertram Prince, Donald McIntosh, Fred Binge, Albert Dennison, Geoffrey Prince, Ian McIntosh and Pamela McGrady of Boggabilla.

Thanks a lot pals for your lovely interesting letters. I would like a lot more from you.

Betty Welster of Menindee sent me a photograph of her Auntie and herself, but unfortunately, it was not clear enough to use. Will you remember pals that any photos you send me *must* be clear and new.



This is what happened when the Editor took his little boy along to see Santa Claus. Just look at that list of things will you? We must tell you though, they weren't all for himself but for all his friends as well.