School Field,
Rugby
15th Sept. 71A

Dear Dad & Mon.

I have settled in very easily and have made friends, who are all giving me things for my studys. I have have decided to take German for my option, and it's dread because some of the time we are using the language labs. They are teaching us conversational German the sort German I would use on a trip.

I have found out alot about the school and today I went to talk to the workshops man and he said I could go in and make things for my studys, like couch. Mr Buckney is going to organise judo and swimming for me at the town sports centre, he has been very nice and helpful to me and is going to check up on my S.A.T. possibilities.

I was over talking Mr & Mrs Newton the other days and they invited to Sunday lunch with them, today at their house, and Harry Johnston. Tim Council came over to see me twice and we talked for a long time. He is going home a days early at the end of term because there is no plane on the following day, so why don't you change my reservation so I can go home with him.

When Dad comes to England in November tell him to come to the school on a Sunday and then he can take me out to lunch and later he can come and visit the Newtons with me. When he comes tell him to bring my 'Bank of Bermuda' bag the one that I put the Boac strap onto, so I can carry my books around in it.

Mom and I had a good time in London

Mr + Mrs C.T. Collis,
Green Hill,
Devonshire
BERMUDA

BY AIR MAIL
AIR LETTER
PAR AVION AEROGRAMME

6p

SECOND FOLD HERE

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD
NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE;
IF IT DOES IT MAY BE SURCHARGED
OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS (PLEASE SHOW YOUR POSTCODE)

FIRST FOLD HERE

shopping and going to shows and going out to dinner.

I now know where all my subjects are are except for economics, even though some are in many different rooms all over the school grounds.

I hope Aunt [redacted] Carole and Valerie & Julie had a good ~~trip~~ trip and Grandma and Uncle Graham are alright. Mom and I were laughing about how she had planned to leave you many dishes of food and only left you two, [redacted] I hope you guys, dad Graham and Charles are okay and having good time

Love John.

Rugby
23rd Sept. 74

Dear DAD & Mom,

I received both your letters and enjoyed reading them. I hope Grandma Grandpa arrived safely with mom and enjoy their stay. I have now made friends with almost all the boys in the house, at least the younger ones know my name, 'cause I don't know their's.

I made my couch for my study last week and have put it in and put foam on it, ~~along~~ with all the material I have been given, I have begun to face my study up and it's looking pretty drad.

When I arrived I was placed in one of the top maths set, but last week they moved me to the ~~E~~ advanced set, which wrote the 'advanced maths' o'level as opposed to the regular one I wrote, because he said I could keep up easily ~~with~~ with them, but then they moved me back ~~because~~ just because I had never learnt 'Calculus', which I will soon learn in the class I am now back in.

Today I went into town and bought a pile of gym clothes including a squash ~~racket~~ racket, because I just started to play and played one of the best in house and it took him a long time to finally defeat me, and he said I played very well especially for someone who just started. I also bought an overcoat, it's a drad army surplus and only cost me, or you, £4.50.

I found out that I could have bought anything nessessary by writing it on a chit and if Buckney signed it I could take it to a store and just given it to them and it would have gone on ~~the~~ the school fees at the end of the term. ~~For~~ the light and some binders I used that but since they only come at some shops I have done the rest with cash

Mr + Mrs C. Collis
Greenhill
Devonshire
BERMUDA

BY AIR MAIL
AIR LETTER
PAR AVION AEROGRAMME

REMEMBER
to use the
Post Code

6p

SECOND FOLD HERE

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD
NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE;
IF IT DOES IT MAY BE SURCHARGED
OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS (PLEASE SHOW YOUR POSTCODE)

TO OPEN SLIT HERE

or checks. Next letter, I am going to send you a list of 'wants' for Dad to bring me, but for now would you please send me in your next letter, a picture or sketch with measurements of one of those kite you tie behind boats and fly so I can make one in the workshops. I am going to make it so it can be dismantled and brought home. Mr Newton wants to see it so I can tie it behind his landrover and tow it in a field. I'll stop writing in a couple of weeks if you don't. Hope Graham, Charles, Grandpa + Grandma and you are well

Love John.

21st Oct '14

Dear family.

I guess you haven't had a letter for a long time now, huh. Well I have had a lot of work. I got my half term report today and everything on it was good except the physics. Anyway Mr Newton and I are going to work on that. I hope.

On Wednesday Exeat begins and I am going home with Duval. We aren't going to his house but a sort of second house in Norfolk, and his parents are already there. I wish you people could tell me when Dad is coming over cause I don't know! Oh, that reminds guess what the word for father is in german — "fahrter", I knew you'd like that one dere, man.

Have you bought the scuba gear yet?! I hope Dad intends to bring my drums when he comes or I will disappear and won't be there when he arrives. Make sure he calls me from London first. I am going to call you — or will have called you — tomorrow. How's the new bat, what have you called it? We had this dreadful pillow fight in the senior dormitory, the other night, and with 75 people we really had a fight.

For Economics I have to subscribe to "The Economist" and get it every week so

Mr + Mrs C. Collis,
Greenhill,
Devonshire,
BERMUDA

REMEMBER
to use the
POST CODE

6p

BY AIR MAIL
AIR LETTER
PAR AVION AEROGRAMME

SECOND FOLD HERE

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD
NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE;
IF IT DOES IT MAY BE SURCHARGED
OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS (PLEASE SHOW YOUR POSTCODE)

TO OPEN SLIT HERE

for the holidays you people better swipe the ones from Backs office for me. Me and Duval (still saying it) and these other cats are hire a taxi to the train station in hope of beating the crowd. Mum I haven't had a letter from you in weeks. How is the rest of the family and when do Grandma and Grandpa arrive back in Bermuda. How is Grandma Collis and the kobbs. Until tomorrow when I call

love John.

Rugby

28th Oct. '74.

Dear Grandma.

Im sorry I haven't written to you before this but well you know. I hope you can read this. I am really enjoying school and having alot more to do than I thought I would. The work is not much harder except for the fact that it is 'A' level.

For half term I spent 5 days with a friend most of the time watching him fish and it was very boring. I have been in the work shops ~~as~~ alot of my freetime because as you know I love to work with my hands in jobs like that.

I get a lot of letter from girls in Bda and read them during Prep, - prep is what the English call homework - sorry for treating you as not knowing incase you knew what it meant. Dad should be coming up here soon and I look forward to see him.

Are you going on a trip before I come home. I hope you will be there when I get home.

Mrs C. Collis,
Sunnydene, Beck,
Reid Street exit,
Pembroke,
BERMUDA.

REMEMBER
to use the
POST CODE!

BY AIR MAIL
AIR LETTER
PAR AVION AEROGRAMME

SECOND FOLD HERE

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD
NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE;
IF IT DOES IT MAY BE SURCHARGED
OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS (PLEASE SHOW YOUR POSTCODE)

TO OPEN SLIT HERE

As a social service, which everyone has to do on ~~the~~ Thursdays, I do stage maintainence and its alot of fun because they are building a new stage and we have to take the old one apart. This letters only short but---!

love John.

Rugby
11th Nov 'Mt.

Dear Mom,

I guess it's a long time since I wrote. Anyway I am, I think, still enjoying School. I got you last letter the other day after a two week spell of nothing from nobody. The exeat was very boring in fact I have never been so bored in all my life, I was so glad to get back to school.

Dad, of course messed up our arrangements well you know when I called he asked me & I said call at 6, well! he didn't call til 9.30 and had been waiting by the phone for 3 and ½ hours. - If I didn't wait, I probably wouldn't have got the call. Anyway we agreed that I would walk to the station after chapel and meet him, chapel was late so I ran all the way down there and he had just left. So I walked back slowly thinking and formulating a big speech about all the inconvenience he had caused me and then he turned up in a taxi as I was walking along. We had fun and saw Mr Buckney and Mr Newton. After he left I went to where we had put the drums and had the whole thing back together in ten minutes and was playing them.

Everyone wants me to play the drums in their groups and now I am in 2 groups. I know Charles will have been too cheap to buy any records and has probably almost broken the record player, but I am send with Head 2 record and a Mad - Most of the stories are old though.

How are Grandma and Grandpa. You said they were leaving England on the 10th or 11th and the Sunday before will be very hard as there are many things to be done that last one. But if she left England on the 11th I could spend the night of 10th and the day of the 10th as she and ends 9.00 A.M. with them. I had by the way, already had myself invited to spend that one night with a friend but would much prefer to spend it with Grandma & Grandpa. Write and tell, or they can phone from

Mrs. C. Collis,
Greenhill,
Middleton,
Derbyshire,
BERMUDA

BY AIR MAIL
AIR LETTER
PAR AVION AEROGRAMME

REMEMBER
to use the
POST CODE!

6p
VC10

SECOND FOLD HERE

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD
NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE;
IF IT DOES IT MAY BE SURCHARGED
OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS (PLEASE SHOW YOUR POSTCODE)

FIRST FOLD HERE

London.

Thanks for the tea its good and so far we haven't had any sugar shortage at all. Oh yeh, you won't see my mid term report as it is only a guide to the tutors as to how well the student is doing and then on the day we get them Newtons sees us privately and then keeps them.

Anyway its was nice to see Dad but next sunday I am going to wait for him in my study. I hope everyone, Grandma Collis the ladies, Grandma & Grandpa Ross, Graham & Chan are all fine. And you!

love John

P.S. Graham take care of my bike I'll be home in 4 weeks

Rugby
27th Dec 74.

Dear Grandma, Grandpa.

I got your letter and was glad to hear dad got home safely. Has he told you everything?

I had a bad accident the other day and got head smashed in. I had to go to the school hospital, have the doctor check it out. He wrapped one of those long white bandages around my head and I had to walk around for a while with this thing on.

Anyway I got it off today and it feels fine. I am studying for my exams, which start on Saturday. I am glad I am going to be able to see you in London, as it will have been a long time since you last visited us in Bermuda. I have arranged to spend the night in London with a friend so if you are going on the 10th I won't have to worry about a hotel. Well anyway I can spend the whole with you, if you think you could stand it?

I have met all sorts of people here and some have some funny connection with Bermuda. You know the sort of thing, one of them has a cousin there, and others. I also have a friend who lives in Cape Town. My tutor, Mr Newton, is the best tutor in the house, he's sort of more friendly than the rest. As well as giving me extra lessons in Physics to help catch up to the syllabus they do here, he also is friendly to talk to.

I am looking forward to coming

Mr + Mrs G. Ross,
c/o Greenhill,
Middle Rd,
Devonshire,
BERMUDA

REMEMBER
to use the
POST CODE

BY AIR MAIL
AIR LETTER
PAR AVION AEROGRAMME

SECOND FOLD HERE

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD
NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE;
IF IT DOES IT MAY BE SURCHARGED
OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS (PLEASE SHOW YOUR POSTCODE)

TO OPEN SLIT HERE

home and to spend some time back in
Bda. I am glad you said my bike looks fine
because I was beginning to wonder, I hope
Graham has kept it clean and tests that
it works every now and then. It is going
to be fun to ride it again.

Even My house master is pretty
nice to me and helps me along some times

Anyway until I see you in London
- Say hello to everyone for me -

Love John.