

Dear Mum, Olive, Ruby Francis & Ralph -

The merriest Christmas / Happiest New Year
to you all! It was wonderful to get a letter from
Olive! then one from Ruby. Congratulations
on your T.V. I am sure it must be grand
for you both! The children are all busy for
Christmas. School closes the 17th. The children go home
the eighteenth and we are going to Galangue the
21st. The boys especially, are excited about this as
they haven't been back since we left. I found
some reasonably priced nylon in Nova Lisboa.
It has flaws in it and you have to lay your
patterns carefully, but a Portuguese lady & I
have made each of the girls a new dress.
Patty got hers for her birthday. Susan will have
hers to wear to the Christmas Concert. We
also found some water proof jackets for the
boys for Christmas. Nearly anything, everything
is now available in Nova Lisboa. What a
difference in the seven years since we
came here! My goodness Ralph, you are 8 years
old. When we come back to America you will be as
big as Kenny is now. I bet even if you won't be as
old Kenny is 5 ft tall. He won't be in the croquet tourna-
ment last Saturday. He has hard work to get his school
work done because he likes to dream too much. My

is in the second grade and is interested in doing her work.

I just found this letter and was I chagrined! I was so sure that you had gotten it long be-
fore Christmas. Please forgive us. Well to continue, Fatty goes to kindergarten. Mostly
the children are African; There are four Missionary children that go. It is all in
Portuguese or Umbundu. She enjoys it a lot. She comes home and teaches the other children
the Portuguese songs that she learns. Since Tommy is the one member of the family who

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