Letter No. 99. Will write Mrs Cumlich in a day or two. Can't remember book.

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Dear Mother.

There is only time for a few lines before I start my mornings rounds, but want to say at least "A Happy New Year" to you on this its first day.

By this time no doubt Uncle Sus arrived safely home, & will have given you all the news. The last night as you

have heard I had dinner with him & Temple @ their Soul, & he very thoughtfully had a nice iced bottle of wine, but earlier unfortunately Clyde Frew turned up also. Not but what I was glad to see him, but it made conversation very general, & so I forgot to mention many things I had wanted to say, for somehow we seemed to see very little of an another. Rec. your letter No. 105 O.K. but haven't time to answer it now.

Haigh I don't think there was anything special to mention. And while I think of it as making enquiries again regarding your switch am told that if greyer hair the sample it will cost nearly £4. To me it seems an awful price.

Yesterday & to-day have been much milder & really it is a heat not to have to go shivering around.

On Sat. I had my hair shampoo'd in the a-m. & so it was late when I

got to bed. Mildred returned in the afternoon from Cheyne Place.
Sunday I went to 6 p.m. service before coming on duty & Mr. & I are going to try & get to the 8 a.m. service this a.m. being New Years day. It is now 4 a.m.
To-night we are having a little dress-up party for the patients. Then to-morrow there are to be 3 operations, & 4 the following day, & so I have a busy week ahead of me.
No more to-night but just wanted to send love & may the coming year be a happy one for you. Always yrs. lovingly
Lottie.

At first I had intended
to have dinner here but
when I found owing to
there being so many
convalescent patients
I could stay to take
there being so little to
do, decided to have
dinner with Mildred @
Cheyne Place Mrs
Macdonald having
invited me. I left
here about 5.45 & started
to find the place. I had
been there but only
after dark. Tried to get
a taxi but none were
to be had. Then made

for a bus, but had to wait ten min.
& fifteen when I changed at Victoria
Station, & as I had a good ten min.
walk after leaving the bus it was a
few min. past seven when I arrived.
Fortunately dinner wasn't until 7½.
This is really the first time I have
really had anything to say to Miss
Macdonald & really was sa'ter glad
of the opportunity of meeting her - she is
a fearfully erratic woman, clever, &
certainly wonderfully good company.
Mildred had on her new evening
gown - which is most becoming,
dark (& yet bright) blue velvet, with gold
& blue net trimming. She really had
to have one & I think I must get
one soon. We were much amused -
when we heard Uncle was coming
thought we had better get there. Then
I being on night duty it wasn't
necessary, but when Uncle suggested
taking me to theatre she rushed out &
bought, to be told when the tickets were

bought that uncle
wasn't dressing, as he
found it wasn't necessary
these days — Really we
just howled after all
all planning. Of course
don't let on to uncle.
They go to-morrow night.
As a matter of fact she
has decided I think to
phone & say she must
either go in uniform
or dress as she has
nothing else @ Cheyne
Place.
Well to go back to the
dinner — it was plain
but very nice — grape
fruit — turkey, vegtables

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chestnut dressing etc.
Plum pudding - nuts
raisins etc. Cocktails,
champagne. Played
bridge for a while & I
left about 11.15 p.m. so
as to make sure of a
bus. They walked with
me to where I got the
1st one, but as changing
@ Victoria couldn't get
another - being a
holiday they stopped
earlier than usual.
After waiting ages,
decided to walk, for
couldn't get a taxi -
when suddenly I
spied some people, getting

out of one so flew over, only to be told the man wouldn't take another fare. They are most independent these days, for having only a limited amt. of gasoline always can get plenty of fares. However having walked half a block he caught up to me & said he would take me, & on hearing where I wanted to go knew the place & evidently had always had good lifts from there & so was most amiable. Then came the trying time - I was so sleepy I positively felt sick. However got through the night & to-day had a fine sleep, & certainly Xmas was a great success altogether though the only absolutely satisfactory place to spend it is at home. However the patients appreciated so what we did it made it worth while. They had quite a gay dinner here - up patients having it with the Sisters who were in & all having champagne - & port - Everyone went to bed with a whiskey & soda -

To-morrow I go to do a
little shopping, hope to
get your coat or at
least some thing.
Its late so must say
good bye for the present.
Had a line from Mollie
saying drew had
arrived & enclosing $5.
for me for Xmas.
Haven't yet decided
what to get.
Heaps of love dear
always & best wishes
for the New Year
from Lillie.