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Kingsgate  
Kent

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Wimereux-sur-Mer.

December 17, 1946.

Dear Mr. Asgby,

Many thanks for your cheery letter of November 26 last. Sorry you missed the Pathe film: but there wasn't ~~tm~~ much of it, really: only about three minutes. Are you interested to hear that Billy Bunter is coming back again? I have been asked to write "Greyfriars" stories of book length to be published in 6/- volumes, beginning in the spring. I have just finished the first volume, and Macdonald, who used to draw for Gem and Magnet, is doing the pictures.

No, my dear boy, I can't ask you to call and "see Frank Richards in the flesh": I am too old in these

days for visitors. When I tell you that more than three hundred people have suggested the same thing this year, you will guess why I have always to make the same answer. We must keep, as Hurree Singh would say, to the pen-palfulness.

But if you would be interested to hear Frank Richards chin-wagging, he will be doing that same on the air in Dec. 23rd, at 8 a.m. to 8.15., having been asked to tell Australia that Billy Bunter is coming back. Short wave, probably 19 or 25 metres. Hardly worth getting up early for--but there you are!

We are getting a fearful north-easter here, blowing us almost to bits.--snow and ice all over the place. But what's the odds so long as you're happy?

Best wishes for Christmas and the  
New year,

Yours sincerely,

Frank Richards