Taplow, Bucs.

Cliveden.

10th January, 1944

Dear [Cousin?]

You couldn't have sent me anything that pleased me more than that lovely little book of Carols. I am delighted to have it and longing to use it. Thank you so much. It's the very thing I want for the Hospital here and for Plymouth.

I am coming over to see you all just as soon as the war is over. I can't write you any really interesting news, because the censor would object. But the news is so much brighter that we are full of hope that this new year will see the end of it – in Europe at least.

Little did I think I would live to hear that southern accent on every street over here! I can't tell you what it has meant to me." I never move far without some of my compatriots and pick them up on the street, in the House of Commons, in trains — in fact, everywhere! I love them all and I think they enjoy it too.

My boys are all safe and well, thank God, and were with us on Boxing day. We had a quiet Christmas, but a happy one.

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Nancy Astor

[Envelope]

Postmarked, Plymouth, Devon. 13 Jan 1944

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