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507 Coventry Rd.
Birmingham.

Jan 10th

Dear Mrs Billinghurst,

I am writing
to you to say how grieved we
are to see by the Standard
the sentence passed on
Miss Billinghurst yesterday!

Ever since hearing from
her at the time of her arrest
we have of course anxiously
watched the papers for
news.

I cannot bear to think of our
women hunger striking in gloomy
Holloway at this time of year!

It was bad enough in the
Summer-time with a quantity
of friends to support and
cheer out, "no" at the same
time!

I am afraid from what Miss
Bellinghurst said when she
wrote that you are not very
well yourself and naturally
this will be a great trial
to you! Do hope you will
be of good cheer, for I firmly
believe our leave one will
be with you again before
many days are past.

I don't quite know what the
regulations are in the first

division with regard to letters etc.
and I will not write ~~unless~~
unless you let me know, in case
my letter might be given to
Mrs. Bellinghurst and as she
would rather have kept back -
for only a certain number are
allowed.

When I was "in" my sister used
to collect letters from friends
for me - without a beginning
(I mean the usual "Dear Miss etc")
or a finish & then include
them with her own.

I will write in this way and
send it on to you if you
let me know by P. O.

One has to be careful about

hearing letters as they are
Kept back - no Suffrage needs
etc -

My sister joins me in sending
our heart-felt wishes for
the prisoners' speedy release -

And if you are able to do
as write her - our best love
to her and all our
admiration of her wonderful
pluck and Self-Sacrifice.

With very kind regards &
much sympathy to you in
your recent sad bereavement.

Yours sincerely
Kate Cardo.