

Ardguy
Ross-shire
Scotland
July 12-1917

Dear Pat:-

Just a few lines as I have nothing else to do. The milks havint got here yet but we expect them almost any day, the horses came yesterday & they look rather hard, they lost four coming & landed 113.

This is a pretty country but not what we would want in a life time. I find the climate rather cold & the air is damp.

I am sleeping in a tent & eating in the open air. do my washing & bathing in the Carron river.

Suppose you are haying & I would like to be where I could chase George around a ten acre field with a cyche. I shall get home next year just in time for haying & should you need a good man I will help you.

I often think of home especially at lunch time. but I am O. K. for a year. keep an eye on Mar & don't let her work too hard & when you write let me know how she is getting along. Suppose the boys are well & growing give my regards to all the folks.

The axes that we have to chop with weigh from 5 pounds up to seven. we are kicking some & I think they will get some more before they get a great lot of timber cut.

Not very good lumber mostly all Norway pine but they have a different name here for it.

I am working about two hours each day on a horse hovel. just enough for exercise. Next Sunday is pay day & I have fifty five dollars coming.

All any one can spend money in this town for is stamps & what clothing they want to buy. nothing for amusement whatever.

I must close now & hope to hear from you soon. take good care of yourself & don't work too hard.

Yours Truly,
L. J. Churchill

Ardgay

Ross-shire
Scotland

July 18-1917.

Dear Bergh:

Will write just a few lines as I am lying around the tent & have nothing else to do. Am having a great old time & getting fat & lazy.

Nights I go down to Ardgay & Bona-Bridge. there are little towns only a couple of miles from where I am living.

There are no picture shows or theaters of any kind simply a post office & general stores but it is a place to go anyway.

Friday they have a concert at Bona Bridge I think I shall play a couple

of popular songs² & sing them. they
have me on the program any way.

I had quite a difficult time getting
used to English money but now I can
handle it quite well.

Suppose you got the photograph that
I sent you from Boston. I called them
pretty good myself. I had a great time
getting here, was nineteen days going
from N. Y. to Liverpool England, wasn't
the least bit sick & I saw all kinds
of boats & animals of the sea.

I find the people in this part of the
world very nice & quite a few of them
know me now. quite easy to get ac-
quainted.

I suppose Almon & Eugene are well
I thought of Eugene on the #3 but was

on the water so I could not send him
any thing for a birth day present & it was
the same on Ma's birth day.

I can picture Dell & Par haying but
my job is swinging an axe when we
get started in. I am looking for a letter
from some one at home about next
Tuesday, as it takes something like a
month to get an answer.

Some of the boys are homesick but
I havnt been taken that way yet. Just
as soon as I hear that every one & thing
is fine at home I will be all right.

You need not worry about me for I
am all right. My finger swelled up &
started getting sore, but a doctor calls on
our camp twice each day & he gave

me some stuff that fixed it all right.
I must ring off now & go to dinner
Give my love to those at home & any
inquiring friends, you must excuse my
writing as I use the ground for a chair
& my suit case for a writing stand.

I miss my perfection Cigarettes & dances
for there is no such thing's here.

Respectfully.

Brother

No. 2 Mill Unit.

Ardgay
Ross-shire
Scotland
July 31-1917.

Dear Mari:-

Just a few lines to let
you know I am well & having
a pretty good time. saw a news
paper this evening that came from
Rumford & there was a little Norway
news in it which looked good to me.

If you have time send me either
a Norway paper or the Democrat once
in a while. I havnt got any letters
since I came here but am looking
for some every day now.

We are having great luck & have

we are working ten² hours a day through the summer months with Saturday after noons off. it makes quite long days but they won't be so long by. am. by.

I may want you to send me a couple pairs of mittens & a few pair of cotton stockings & a pair of woolen stockings later, I am waiting to find out about the duty, I understand we can have stuff sent us without paying any duty but no one is sure about it yet. Should I send for this a little later put in some Every-day smoke & some Mecca or Perfection cigarettes, I am dying for a real smoke.

I may send money home to the Paris Savings Bank if I do, let me know if it gets there & how much. I won't have any there until the 15th of September anyway & I may change my mind & put it in the bank here as the interest is practically the same as that paid in the States.

I am going to a picture show tomorrow night at Bonar Bridge only a half hour walk from camp. there isn't much excitement here altho we have quite good times boxing, playing ball, & pitching horse shots. Every Sunday I have a nice long swim in the salt water just across the road from the camp.

had ever since we started.
Thirteen of the men in my unit
are in the hospital with the measles
I have had them so that let's me
out all right & I havint been the
least bit sick since I started.
You need not worry about me for
I am fine & dandy all the time.

I saw by a London Paper where they
have drafted men in the states & I
am wondering if they got any of my
fellow pals.

We are getting along quite well
on the mill & will be sawing
soon, one of the units are sawing
now & we would have been had
none of our men been sick.

I meant to have told you while home
but forgot it. you need not pay any
taxes for me in the States this year
for I am not expected to pay any there.

Suppose Par is haying & getting
ready for corn shop work, I would
like to be there to the county fair.

Give my love to all at home &
take the best of care of your self
write as often as you can.

Good Night
L. J. C.

Ardgay

Ross-shire
Scotland

Aug 6 - 1917

Dear Pat & Mar:-

Just a few lines
before going to bed. I am chopping
every day now & believe me I am
eating three meals each day to.

We got the mill up & started
sawing yesterday. we have had
great luck owing to the number
of men which we have had to
help us. As fourteen out of our
thirty six have been in the
hospital with the measles but
are getting along fine now.

I wish you could see this country
but as you can't I shall have quite
a tale to tell you when I get home
ten months from now or about that.

I haven't got any mail from you
yet but am living in hopes to get
a letter this week.

Give my love to Almon & Eugene
along with Bergh & Dell. Hoping this
note finds you all well & happy I
will draw this to a close.

Sincerely Yours.

L. J. C.

No. 2 Mill Unit

Ardgay
Ross-shire
Scotland
August 21 - 1917

Dear Pat & Mar:-

Received your letter's
a few days ago & was glad to hear
from you all. Was awfully glad to
learn that you were well & every-
thing was fine at home.

I am getting along all right, am
carpentering all the time now getting
ready for winter but the time goes
rather slow, shall be glad when my
contract is up. Had a letter from Perkins
along with two others the same day
I got yours, so you see I got quite a bit
of news from the ^{lot} all at once.

I would like to be there to the
County Fair, this will make three
years that I have missed it.

There is nothing to go to here
the town shuts up at eight in the
evening so we don't bother to go
down only on Saturday.

Now I guess you better send me a couple pair of leather gloves & two pair of mittens. I guess you can send them by parcel post. there is nothing else that I need so make the bundle a small one.

I don't know where Carrie Palmer got my picture I never gave her any but I did ask her to send my laundry.

It begins to grow dark here now about nine thirty & the air feels like fall. suppose you are getting hot weather yet.

it is getting dark so will close
give my love to all.

Sincerely,

L. J. C.

No. 2 Mill St.

Ardgay

Ross-shire

Scotland

August 23-1917.

My dear Pa:-

Received your letter last night & was glad to get it. I am lying around for a few days with a bum finger, something like I have every little while, the doctor is taking good care of it & I guess it will be all right in a few days.

I was surprised when I learned that Beryl was going away, altho the money is much better but it won't mean so much to them because they will have to buy so many things that was given them while at home. I don't believe they will stay very long for every one of them will be homesick. I have seen the world far & wide & I know what it means when one starts out to make their millions. You & Ma must be lonesome there alone

but if mar gets too² lonsome. it would be
a grand idea to get some one to come there
& stay for I dont like to have her left alone.

I should you sell the place go over in
the village & buy a nice place & get away
from hard work. Or if you want a farm
get one near Paris for you have lived there
so many years you would never be
contented any place else than there.

If you could buy some nice land near
the village & some lumber standing. I
with another man like Hussey or any handy
man. can build you a nice set of buildings
with all modern improvements for a great
deal less than you could buy them all ready
built.

That is a nice place that you all ready have
& unless you make a good piece of change dont
sell. & be sure & look So. Paris over with
a bying eye before you think of leaving.

That place at the crossing looks good to me.
& there are lots of others just as good.

I am not spending much money here
am going to save it & spend it when I get

home. last pay day I sent eighty dollars to a bank in Lisbon N. H. & next pay day I am going to send fifty more. I get four percent interest & can draw it when I get back to Boston. I have got to have my teeth all fixed up when I get back they don't stand this kind of a life very well. I have broken two trying to eat some bread.

I am getting along all right so you need not worry the least bit about me for I am quite able to look out for number one. see

I have had quite a few letters from the different towns & cities in the states & they all contain a list of boys that I know whom have been called upon to do their bit & I hope they will all go. do their little bit & return without a scratch, for now is a time when every one is needed.

Give my best regards to that Bill Riskey tell him I would love to help get the ice especially when the farmers reunion is held the last few days. get me?

I must ring off now & have a little sleep

Take good care of your self & may, don't
work to hard for hard work is a thing of
the past.

Yours Very Truly,

L. D. C.

No. 2 mill Unit.

P.S. was awfully glad the shower did not
interfere with the nickel lodium on Hanover
at Ha-Ha.

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Ross-shire
Scotland

August 27-1917.

Dear Sister:-

Received your letter & card
& was surprised when I learned that
you had moved away from home.

I am glad Delf has a better job but am
sorry you left the folks for Mar is
so poorly I hate to have her left alone.

I hope if they sell they won't leave
Paris for no other place would seem
like home to either of them.

I am suffering with blood poison
in my left hand. I have got it in good
shape this time, Saturday I had it
lanced & it is getting along as good
as one could expect under the circumstances.

Am not working nor havin' been
since last Tuesday but guess I will
be all right in a couple of weeks.

I have a good doctor tending it twice each day the only fault I can find is, that he is a little rough, but he has so many different calls & cases it keeps him on the hot foot all the time.

Now do as I tell you & not say a word to the folks for what they don't know anything of, will never cause them to worry.

We are getting our camps quite well along now & will be off the damp ground soon. This country is much damper than the states & we get rain nearly every day now. The climate doesn't seem to agree with the Americans & I'm sure the natives here could never stand the hot weather that you get in the states.

I suppose Walter is the same old chip, just as foolish as ever. I can see where you will have some company now all right. all right.

Didn't the folks hate to have you go away abruptly? I can just picture them all alone & you know they never were before. it seems pretty tough to me, for they will miss the boys so. & I'll bet the boys will be home-sick to.

I hope if they sell, they will buy a nice stand in the village or a little farm just out of the village. but I sincerely hope they will not think of leaving the town. You may fall in love with Mt. Falls but I just hate the place, my self.

Must ring off now & have a little sleep. write & give my regards to all.

Sincerely Your,
Brother.

No 2. Mill Unit.

Ardgay
Ross-shire
Scotland
Sept. 6 - '17.

My Dear Mar:-

No doubt you will think I am writing rather often but for the past three weeks I have been laid up with blood poisoning in my left hand. I had it the worst I ever had it, this time. I am getting out of it all right. the doctor certainly took great care of me & he says perhaps Monday he will let me start working on some light job. I don't know how it started but I think I must have got hold of some rustle. this is a weed & is a great deal worse than a bull thistle & is very poisonous. I get my pay, board & medical treatment this all goes with the job. but I had much rather work for my money.

I have a very nice little camp which I built to sleep in & there are seven other boys which are very good fellows sleeping in here with me. they are all from Dixfield, Mexico, & Chesterville me.

Eight fellows in one sleeping camp is all the government will allow so we have four of these camps one cook & eating house an, office & one recreation camp. to each unit.

Lately the G. W. C. A. of London is going to furnish our recreation camp with books & magazines one pool table one victrola & boxing gloves. they also will put on a moving picture show in this camp. well a week, I havint seen a movie show since I left N. Y. city

There is nothing for amusement in these towns & when the days get short these camps are for that purpose. we have one of them to each unit all furnished the same.

Now should you send me anything mark the package like this {Gift Package} & then I won't have to pay any duty. see

I wrote for some gloves & mittens you probably have that by this time. now I guess you better get me a pair of leather top rubbers. ten inch tops size light & when you send them fill the legs with Prince Albert tobacco & perfection cigarette. ~~clothing~~ & tobacco are two things that we do not like here.

don't send anything that I will have to bring back for it is such a job. I have clothing enough so you will not have to send any of that. you keep an account of what you pay out for me while I'm gone & when I get back I will settle for the goods & the trouble.

Tell pay to oil my gun & tools once in a while so they won't rust for I want to use them when I get home.

had a card from Beryl & she said she thought she was going to like Bog Falls but I'll bet she will be back with Pat & Mar in side of one year.

I am getting along all right having plenty of good food now & don't have to sleep out of doors on the ground any more. but I shall be glad when my contract expires & I get back to the States once more & I guess most of the boys will.

Would love to go to Oxford County Fair this year but guess I won't, should you see any of my old time dancers give them my kindest regards & tell them I haven't forgotten how to dance yet.

Take good care of your self for the time is flying. only nine months more of this life for me Love To All.

L. J. C.

Would like to take a walk through the garden looking for green stuff.