

Ardgay
Ross shire
Scotland
December 2-17.

Dear Pat & Mari:-

Just a few lines as there is nothing else for excitement. I only worked about one day last week as the weather was so bad. it rained all the week & last night it snowed about three inches.

This morning Lacy & I went over the mountain taking a few pictures. enclosed you will find some holly leaves which I picked this morning.

You will see by the leaves there are two kinds all over all holly this time of year in the states but buy it insted of picking it off trees.

Everything is going pretty smooth & the time is flying, only six months & fourteen days before I sail for home. I heard Thursday that Bill Frothingham was married & I was some surprised. Just Raymond Penfold & I are the only ones left of the old bunch that used to hang together.

I went up to the hospital yesterday & saw Buck from Norway, he chopped his right knee with

an axe. I carried him in some chocolates & grapes
found he was getting good care & getting along well.
if wasn't an awfully bad cut but it doesn't take much
of a cut in the knee to lay a man up.

We had a very nice dinner Thursday for instance.
french fried & mashed potatoes, roast turkey with
dressing on the side. the desserts were two kinds
of pie, three kinds of cake, doughnuts, sauce &
pudding with nuts candy & fruit served an hour
later. No one left the table hungry & no one
ate any supper. The government gave us this dinner
as they do all our food. we have been used pretty
good or at least I have no kick coming.

Well I guess there is nothing more so will close.
I am looking for some letters to night as the papers
came last night. Am fine & dandy hope this finds
you the same.

Sincerely Yours,
L. Well.



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Dear Pat & Mar:

Just a few lines
this afternoon. received a couple
of letters from you Monday & was
glad you were all well.

Enclosed you will find a few little
photos taken on & near the job, which
will give you some idea what this
place is like.

was reading the description of
the farm which you went to see &
it must be a pretty good one. So you
still want a farm do you? Well
it's all right if you think there is
money enough in it. But it seems
to me the farmers have been up
against hard luck for the last few years.

was surprised when I learned of Wilbur Loomis' death. knew he was not well but didn't know he was that bad. So Almon went to Bates College. I wrote him soon after landing & never heard from him guess he must be busy.

We hear bad news about the war just now, guess there is a whole lot of trouble ahead of Russia is to blame. but in time I guess everything will come our way.

I got a picture of the boys taken on a pony's back & it was a good one but it got badly bent coming. I also had a little parcel from a friend in Dixfield which contained chocolates, chewing gum & ect. which came in pretty handy. I had to laugh when Beryl said she told her we had a

tough place for winter with nothing
to eat. I got plenty to eat & we all
do. but there are some things
which we don't get nevertheless
there is always enough of something
& we have good camps. so don't
believe anything Dole says. we

He was home sick & left without
any reason at all so he is handing
that smell around so people won't
know he is a quitter.

we haven't had anything that seems
like cold weather yet. our meaty pipes
which run along top of the ground
have caught just once so far.

Last week it rained all the time
& this week it has been fine.

Just there is nothing more this time
hope you will like the pictures

Sincerely

Ys. 2 mill unit. L. Churchill

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Scotland
December 16 - 17.

My Dear Par:-

Received your letter
telling me of your trade & the
farm which you got. it sure sounds
like a good one but don't be like
O. K. Clifford & cut the pine before
it is ready. for pine will be worth
just as much five or ten years from
now as it is at the present time.

Was awfully glad when I learned
that Dill & Berryl were going with
you for war must have been lonesome

without them. when² I get home I will try & fix up the buildings, so if you have any good spruce fir or hemlock get out enough this winter to do the job. haul it sawed & stick it in good shape so it will be dry & straight.

I suppose you will buy a team along this winter sometime, its too bad you sold the others the way things turned out but there are other teams just as good & when you buy get a good one.

I would have known it was you trading when you spoke of having a cow throwed in, according to that you must have about five cows & heifers, which is pretty good for a start.

Are you planning to feed the hay this winter or sell it & have you got a silo?

I'm sorry for George & don't know just what he will do with Al. to star him along in tight places like he sometimes gets into.

I worked yesterday afternoon setting windows the boys bought some windows for this camp chipped together & paid for them, I didn't help pay for them for they wouldn't let me but wanted me to put them in which I did. we have a very good camp now the best one in the ten units & have just six months more to live in it.

I received a box ³ yesterday which
contained shrimps salmon & bread.
Now I was glad that you thought
of my stomach but we have plenty
of salmon & bread so you don't need
to send any food but if you want
to send anything make it gloves &
tobacco. you no need to send anything
very often but once in a couple of
months you might send me a few
cuts of every day & a few of standard
navy. Don't send anything after the
fifteenth of April for it might
not get here before I would be starting
for America.

Lumbering is a hard proposition

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in this country. no snow but mud
hull deep which keeps everything
wet & dirty. Some of the boys think
if the war is still on at the end of
the coming six month & they want
us to stay right here lumbering, that
they will stay another six months
or a year. I think when my contract
expires I will go home but can tell
much better at that time. it all de-
pends on the situation of war at that
time.

The Germans are yet strong. Russia
is on the shelf & it puts the Allies
in a dangerous situation at the present
time, but when the Americans get in

strong I think it ⁵⁻ will change things
some or at least I hope so.

won't write any more this time
but take good care of your self & don't
work too hard moving.

Love To All.

L. V. C.

No 2 mill unit.

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Dec. 30-17.

My Dear Berfyl:

Received a couple of cards from you yesterday & that is the only mail which I have had from home since I can remember probably two weeks but I am looking for some to night.

I'm glad you have such a nice farm & when I get home I will fix up what ever day wants. I hated to have dad leave Paris for I was afraid he would be homesick but if you & Dell are going in company I guess he will be all right.

So you think perhaps I may get a tea set well I had to laugh when I read that for I thought you knew me much better than that. Well do you know I am having a birthday tomorrow & if I'm not mistaken it means twenty two for yours truly. I have given up all hopes of capturing a broad guss I must have been designed for an old time bachelor.

New Years is a big day in Scotland & England I am going to spend it with a scotch lassie which is very bonnie. Do you understand scotch?

Nevertheless she has a very nice pianola & that is the only one in Bonar Bridge.

You can see altho I am in a foreign land where excitement is unknown, I shine just the same. the boys whom I had to spend holidays in camp simply because they lack invitations find it pretty tough & wonder where I got my pull.

I suppose the boys remembered me at Christmas but I couldn't send them anything worth while when I get home I will fix it up with them.

Mom tells me that she is fine & dandy & I think perhaps a farm life will do her good & I'm sure it will dad is he doesn't try to do too much. The weather is still warm with no snow it seems more like September than December. I am fine & have not lost a meal since I left home even when I had blood poisoning my appetite was the best my finger is yet tender & I keep it bandaged when at work but it is coming fine.

Well I guess there is nothing more this time so will ring off. Love to all of home & inquiring friends.
Sincerely Yours,
Brother.

Ys. 2 Will Unit.