



ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

January 6 1918.

My Dear Par:

Received a couple of letters from you yesterday & was glad to learn that everything was fine & dandy. You were pretty lucky to get a team as you did for it must cost something to feed a pair of horses just now. You certainly have started farming all right. nine cows & calves is a pretty good beginning isn't it?

Well there Mr. Twitchell finally upon a gallop did he & do you know I can picture him strutting around blowing off steam to that effect.

I don't know her but I know who Fawn Allen is all right.

You must have plenty of snow there
just now but here will have none.
I am working every day but Tuesday
I am going to Invergordon & have a
tooth out. I had to go down Thursday
& have an abscess lanced on the
root of it. I cannot have it filled but
am going to have a gold bridge put in
there sometime. The water & climate
is bad for our teeth in this country.

Our scaler Jenkins has been sick
for a month & I guess he is going home
he has been bothered with his
teeth & is homesick besides so the
best thing he can do is get out of here.

He is only a kid & if he had brought
his mother along to take care of him
he would have been all right.
This is no place for chicken hearted
men or boys, a man must be rugged

+ tough + iron sided to get along.
 it's not the work for its nothing but
 a snap but its the roughness, climate,
 + the relay things go that seems hard
 at times. Nevertheless we are as
 well off if not better than the boys
 in the front. so we cannot grouse.

I am getting along fine + see no
 reason why next July wont find
 me back in the states fine + dandy.
 well there is nothing more to
 say only I havnt received my Xmas
 box yet but am looking for it every
 day now.

Guess I will ~~leave~~ go to supper
 give my love to all at home + in
 a few months I'll be over + call on
 you.

Sincerely,

L. J. C.

"2 will unit."



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January 19, 1918.

My Dear Mar:-

As I am lying around camp with a bad cold I will try & write you a note to pass some of the time away.

I haven't worked since last Wednesday. I went down & saw the doctor & he told me not to try to work again before Monday.

I am feeling much better today but Thursday & Friday I was pretty sick. Guess I will try it again Monday morning if I keep on gaining, but this is a bad country for colds.

I got two boxes this week
one from Beryl & Dell & the
other from you & Pa. I was
pleased with them both but
some-one had stolen some of
the things which Dell & Beryl sent.

I suppose you are having a
fine time farming. I was
glad to learn that you have
such a nice place. Have you
running water & a bath room?

I have five months more here
then I am coming home & help
cut the hay. I may be drafted
before I've been there a month
but I'm coming home just the
same.

Lacy Jenkins started for home
yesterday he was homesick &
they couldn't be bothered with

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the likes of him.

Now I doubt if Par would be able to meet me in Boston for you see it's right in a busy time for him & I want to spend a few days there & in Portland before going home, so probably the first you will see of me is walking in for another real feed.

Well did you know that Carrie Palmer was married a few weeks ago & I have heard of it a dozen times all ready, so I guess it's so all right. I had a letter from Lois & she tells me that they miss you folks awfully & wish you were coming back. she also tells me that they have five cases of small pox in the town of Norway.

I am going to enclose some pictures which will probably be the last which I shall send from here.

Look out & not work too hard & live the very best you can & tell me what you can I bring home to you from Boston to lat. I guess I have written enough so will close hoping this finds you all in the best of health.

Yours Truly,

Lovell Churchill

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Jan 26 1918.

My Dear Ber + Mar:-

I received a note from you yesterday the first one for three weeks & I was of course glad to get it. The snow has all gone here & we are running around bare headed & in our shirt sleeves, they have been plowing all day just across the road from our camp so you see we don't have any cold weather to speak of in this part of the globe. I had a letter from the union yesterday & they tell me it has been an awful winter in America

They also told me that the brothers would keep me in good standing as long as I was connected in government service & I under no consideration would be dropped off the books.

I had a very nice letter from Mrs. Capt. Tribou it really was a dandy & I was pleased with it. Well I was surprised to learn that you were doing business with cattle but they will do through the winter all right but in the spring you must go up to Harris on Friend St. Boston & get a nice pair of chunks I would like to buy a team & work them on the farm

in the summer & strike for the
woods with them in the fall.
I don't know just what I will
do when I get home if this year
isn't over I probably will be
drafted before another winter
but one can never tell.

I suppose you are going to plant
a lot of stuff in the spring
one cannot plant too much at
this particular time for all kinds
of food is badly needed every where.

I have had one bad cold this
winter but am all right now
am working pretty hard just
now for I have a hard chance
& the team is right after me. I
keep about two loads ahead.

I have only four months &
a half more & believe me I can
stick it out that long all right.

when my contract expires you
will never know of my having
anything to do with a portable
mill job again.

I must thank you for the
yearling hippy I realize she
is a dandy but think she is
of much more use to you than
I if you better keep a claim on
her. I will ring off now
hoping you are all enjoying
the best of health I am as ever

Yours Truly,

Lovell Churchill
No. 2 mill unit.



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February 9 1918

My Dear Pat & Mar:-

Have just got shaved & washed & the next thing is a letter home. Altho there is nothing much to write about, only the work is going on fine & I am just the same.

We are having some very nice weather but they say March is a dirty one usually, so we are preparing for bad weather but there is only four months after next Friday, then I can come home with a completed contract & a good recommendation from the boss.

I shall be glad when I get to carpentering again. I like chopping but a year of it is a long time.

Some of the boys are talking of staying until September first but I some doubt if I do, I can tell much better when that time comes. I am sending eighty dollars to the bank Friday I am making an awful try for five hundred guess if nothing happens I will get it all right. I shall get some new clothes when I land in Boston or New York & I want to spend a few days in Boston besides.

I am sticking pretty close to camp. we have a victrola which was given us by the Y. M. C. A. & a very good selection

of records so I spend a great deal of my time listening to that.

For two or three seasons we are working only nine hours from now on. The days are quite long now we are getting ten hours of day light at the present time & by the middle of June we will have about twenty two hours of day light.

The coal shortage in America must seem pretty tough especially the working class of people but it will soon be getting warmer & then they won't need it.

There is nothing more this time as news isn't very plentiful at times here. will close now

sending my love to all.

Yours sincerely,
L. J. C.

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