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my Dear Pat & Mar:-

Just a few lines to right altho they may not hit you just right. They are trying to get us to go to France from here in the forestry work, of course its lumbering just the same as we are doing here but we must enlist in the army & will be under military rules for the duration of war.

Another thing it will take ~~about~~ more than a year to finish up here & they want us to stay & clean up which will probably

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be the middle of September.
I may stay here until September
& then come home. but chances
are very good to be drafted & sent
right back, nevertheless I think
I will come home in either July
or September & take what ever
comes my way.

Don't let this note scare you
the least bit for I can get home
any time after June fifteenth &
if I decide to stay until September
you will know it's all for the
best. The world is in a bad
mix up & its up to young men
like my self to do their bit
& if we don't do it willingly we
will be drafted to it.

We are getting along fine & having
the best of weather. The winters

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are fine in this country
Enclosed you will find a few
pictures which were taken
not long ago. guess if I keep on
sending pictures home I will
have you well supplied.

Now don't take this note too
serious for I am simply writing
to let you know & understand
plainly why & what for I might
stay here until September.

Another thing there might be a
great change during the next six
months.

Guess this is all for now so
will close

Sincerely,

L. J. C.

P.O. 2 mill Unit.

Ardgay
Ross shire
Scotland
Feb 26-18.

My Dear Dad:-

I received a couple
of notes from you & mar Sunday
& should judge from reading
them that you were having some
winter in the states.

I am sticking around the camp
to day & the sun is shining but
an awful wind, you can sit
in the camp & hear a tree blow
down every little while, I don't
dare to go in chopping for fear

and might hit mt. ² all I get my
money just the same & this is not
the first job I was ever on & I
take no chances.

If nothing happens we will
finish this lot the last of April
& then we are going on another
small lot which will last until
about the first of September.

Some of the boys are going
home in June but I may stay
until September. They have offered
me more money if I will stay
& if everything goes on as well
as it has during the past don't
look for me home until September

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One doesn't know what cold &
snowy weather is in this country.

I have seen snow ankle deep
here once but it only lasted a few
days but I haven't seen any cold yet.

I haven't had an over coat on all
winter & now. March is near & the
farmers sow their oats during the
latter part of March so I guess I
won't see any severe cold now.

I haven't worn out hardly any of
the mittens which you sent me
so you don't need to send any
more mittens but if you send
anything make it a couple of pairs
of leather gloves & that will be

enough to last me⁴ until September
we had a lot of American tobacco
sent us from some people in Boston
also cigarettes so I am still living
in an up to date stile.

Wish I was going to take
that trip to Twiston with you
& I also wish you could go down
to Bonar Bridge with me to
night & listen to that piano
which you spoke of. She is
the queen of Bonar & besides
this lovely piano she has a nice
bar room & hotel so you see
my home is a real one. She &
her sister run the bar & hotel &
I am ~~very~~ too welcome any time.

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guess I won't say any more about
my hotel & bar just now only
you can imagine me having
a pretty good time. see

About all the girls whom
I knew in Boston, Portland &
Worcester write me that they
are married & I have only one
left in Rumford. This news is
very nerve racking to me for I
am afraid there won't be any
left when I get back.

I have ~~two~~ standing invitations
awaiting me in Norway to make
back out a nice long visit when
I return. I won't bother to

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mention any names but no
doubt you get my drift all the
same.

Tell the boys I got their cards
& was pleased with them. I
suppose they are quite gone now.

Well dad guess I have written
enough for now so will pull
the string. Give my love to all
at home

Respectfully Yours,
L. J. C.

Yr. & mill Unit.

P.S. you dont need to send
any more stockings or mittens
or clothing of any kind for I

have plenty to last me out.
but if you get a chance send
a couple pair of leather gloves.