

No 748067

Lt. Col. Curdson.

Sefton Hotel

Babbacombe

Torquay.

S. D. Brown

Dear All.

Here I am in Babbacombe now. I don't half move around. This is a receiving centre for R.A.F. & I'm on a sort of Special Police job now. We should be moved again this week, so will you reply right away. We haven't been paid for 3 weeks now, & I'm flat broke, in debt in fact, (this is due to moving around), so will you send me £2 money order by return, please. I lost a few things in the fire & had to replace them, too.

This S.P. job is 2 hrs on & 4 off for 24 hrs, & then 24 hrs rest; it isn't so bad. I've fallen in with 4 Englishmen here, & am not running round with Scots, as usual. It's a change.

The grub here is not so good.

I've also just had 4 days janken (confinement to camp with fatigue) for not cleaning buttons one morning. I was fed up with it, but you're not a proper airman till you've had some. I got floor scrubbing, so did 7 others; you see we'd been allowed to do as we liked in one place, & were shifted to another hotel (H.2) where things were tight, & no slacking.

Here again we do pretty much as we please, off duty.

If you write Aunt Mary give her my regards

I don't have any more chance of going to Rhod, now. Too bad.

I met an old officer of mine down here. He was surprised to see me on b.B. said I'd been one of his best men, (to another bloke)

I'm enclosing an S.A. withdrawal form for the £2. Ask Gavin for some more forms & send them, will you?

When is Dad going to have an easy time again? I am sorry to hear he is still as hard worked as ever. He'll be wearing away to a shadow.

A few of my friends are posted tomorrow. That's why I'm sure I'm moving soon. Rumour has it, it may be Prestwick. I'm not sure if I want to come north until I get my strops back.

According to newspapers, wireless etc, the attack should be soon. I wonder if Hitler will hold off much longer.

I think I've given you all the news I know, & it's uncomfortable working on the beach, so good bye. (I'm on duty in 2 hours too.)

Much love

Charlie.

Send that money on soon, if you please

Thanks.

X

L.A.C. MCLEAN.

Scrub floor in police
office Bombay Court

22.7.40. A. Richardson bpl

This is what I got.

Edwardside
Lindethgow
2 Aug.

Dear Isabel, I thought you might like a line or so from me while you were in camp, so here goes. I hope you are enjoying yourself thoroughly; I'm sure you are, judging by all you get to eat. How is your swimming going; I suppose you'll be in every day. Mrs Benne was telling me that she had seen you, when she visited camp, and that she never heard such a noise in her life.

I go off to my camp at Comrie on Saturday, I hope the weather doesn't keep on as it's doing. We have had quite a lot of rain here.

Aunt Mary, and cousin Buntie from Texel, are coming to visit us to-day so I'll have to get home early to-night (I'm writing this in the bank) By the way, Effie & I are getting on very well alone, and are dining like lords. Every one else is away.

Getting letters seems to be the fashion

in your camp. Would you like your mother
to send you one every day? I'm sure you'd
never be able to do anything for reading letters
& writing replies.

I had a P. C. from Leven ce matin
Alistair dit qu'il a acheté un petit yacht, qui va
bien vite. Le prix était 1/9. Comme je tant
voudrais aller à Leven, le voir s'amuser en
le faire nager. Maman a écrit une lettre à
Effie. Elle dit que Père-Père joue au golf tout
les jours. Marie nous a envoyé une carte postale,
elle s'amuse bien aussi. Helen Arkley est à Leven
aussi.

Eh bien, j'ai beaucoup à faire, et il
me faut cesser.

Avec mille embraces
C.

Corrections if you please.