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Dear all,

As I haven't been home this week-end, I think it's time I wrote, especially to thank Mary for the gift. I'm afraid they're finished now. I was up in Glasgow at the week end, & saw them all there. They're all fine. Addy is going to marry quite soon; in November I think. His girl's father died about 3 weeks ago. I've promised to go & visit her, as she has lived in Presturck. I actually met Adams by chance on a Putting Green near here & he asked me up.

I was unlucky coming back. Due to the air raid warning in Glasgow the trams weren't running so I missed the last train. However, I managed, after some difficulty, to find accommodation for the night (I didn't want to go back to Sheelston for I wanted to catch the 7.20 bus early on Sunday morning & I might not have got a tram early then). I got here safely tho', a little late, but my excuse was good, as no bl.

There's quite a lot of news in the Gazette this week. - Mr. Hill dead, the Provost's resignation, & I see Jenny Porters has a baby.

I'm still working away here, ~~yet~~ but I'm fed up to the teeth, feeling tired as death most of the time. The birth day went off quietly enough. I came in after work, & found a box of shortbread wrapped up on the bed. I was a bit mystified, but I thought it was Gunnis who had left it. He came in then, & I asked him. He said straight away he had left it, so I gave him a bit, & also two other blokes, when a lad came in, wanting to know where the shortbread he was taking to his wife, had gone. All this took some explaining. I went to the pictures that night & saw "Rebecca". It's well worth seeing. So is "Gas light". Look out for them.

I'll be home next week end, on Sat night.

Full then cheerio & love

Charlie

P.S. The gout is still awful. One day last week the spuds & rice pud. were hard, so 20 of us went on special sick report, saying we couldn't work without a meal. We got 2 dinners that day. We aren't billed out yet.

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Dear All,

I haven't been home for some time now, so I think it's time I wrote. First of all, thanks for the letter. I was sorry to hear of poor old Teviotdale's death. He & I used to go around together quite a lot in Hastings. I should have liked to have gone to the funeral, had it been possible. If you get any more particulars will you send them?

I don't think I'll get any leave for quite some time now, as it has been cancelled. I suppose you've heard on the wireless of this last raid on London.

Things are going fairly normally here; we are fairly hard worked, really. I think you'll be having the same sort of weather as I have here - pretty mixed. Right now, I'm suffering from a touch of flu or something, which makes me feel fairly rotten.

It's indeed kind of the Thomas's to invite me out to Troon. I don't know when I'll manage, but I'll try.

By the way, if you see Jim E. or Jim B., will you tell them I'm sorry I didn't manage to see them off on Sunday, but as it turned out it was impossible I had to go flying.

I gave a friend of mine here a lot of a negative, which he sent home to his fiancée (in a chemist) to have developed. She had both our faces vignettted so I'm sending the copy on. Very handsome what?

Is Alister still palling around with Jim? when Jimmy B goes away he'll be the only cousin Jim has in Linlithgow - and talking of that how is Jim Brocks' calling up going?

Our Exams proper start in a fortnight or so, so I'll need to start studying again soon. I always need to do my studying in the last two weeks.

Well, that's all for now.  
Love to each-

Charlie

you fix another for my day off?

I'm going to do some study now - so this letter as short as usual.

I was glad to hear that Aunt Mathag is improving a bit. If you see her, or write her, tell her I was asking kindly for her.

That's all folks

Love to all.

Charles

P.S. I played for the RAG Water Polo team at Cumnock yesterday night. We were beat

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Dear All.

I'm not getting as much leave as I had hoped. However you've no Hitler to blame for this. I started flying in bombers yesterday - it was alright but the work is pretty hard. We have a big exam in a week.

I had a letter from Bill Robson. He was telling me how he was picked as a bearer for the coffins of two airmen, who had been killed in flying accident. He happened to lift the Union

I was surprised to hear that  
Stell was in Raigton yesterday  
when I was there. I wish I'd  
seen him.

If <sup>(effie)</sup> you haven't got your kilt  
yet, you should have a look at  
the hunting Maclean. I've bought  
a book on clans & tadans & it's in  
it. It's Green Black & White, & looks  
better than the red. I think it's  
get one "après la guerre"

We don't see much of the war  
over here. I'm sorry you're so  
busy with it in Lindichgow. Is  
father still getting no sleep at  
night?

When I read of your description  
of the church tower, I wished  
I had been there to see it. Couldn't

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Jack on one of the coffins, & got  
the shock of his life when he saw  
poor Ted & Widdale's name on it.  
I wrote him yesterday. He seems  
to be getting on O.K. So is Wallace  
& Taylor.

As for me, I'm in disgrace again.  
I'm just finishing 7 more days for  
gambling in the barracks. I & 4  
others, but I was sort of unlucky. I  
came in at 11 one night, & found  
them playing, and joined in. But  
an officer came in to see why all the  
lights were on, & took our names.  
I'll have quite a record once I'm  
throw. And it was only hontoon  
for 1d's.

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Dear All,

The exams are looming large now, they start on Tuesday, and will be over by the week end. I'll probably get a longer leave than usual then. Thinking back, I seem to have spent about half my life swotting for some exam or other. After this I'll go to Bombing & Gunnery school for a month or so, & then Operational Training for another 6 weeks, so I won't be in the war for a time yet. If I don't get my leave at the week-end, I think there's going to be a sort of big dinner affair for course & instructors, which should be pretty rowdy.

I happened to see a small maccante & silver brooch in a jeweller in Ayr & I know she wants one, so I got it. I couldn't get a bigger one in Ayr anywhere as they're all sold out, but you can hold on to this one meantime. It's quite a nice shape any way.

I have almost all my flying in, here, now. just about 2 hours to go to make 70. One flip round

about three should all be finished.

Gunn's had to go down to England on a Court marshal. He was down a week. I knew the prisoner too. He used to be a barbell with me, but he was acquitted anyway.

Well, I'm going down to dinner now, & a spot of smoking in the afternoon will follow.

I'll be seeing you all soon.

Love to all

Charlie.

P.S. I was at church tonight, the first time I've gone voluntarily since the war started. I think I'll start going slightly often.

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