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J. P. Beech
Morton

Met a few min Al dea
thuss You are all well send
The list of things I got from you
last year got those from the
Mitchell's table, bread cake & it
bread cost her 9/4 other things too
ready buy word she is I have
plenty money & all I need. I
asked Eric to send you on
some cost for insurance
money but best for
her to Ben

and depending there
either on why may
be unbecomingly good
J. P. Beech
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Dear Alice
with love
better happy.

You said you thought it wd be
nice to have an apt. tree at
farmers. Yes I think it wd be
nice of course you're got to
think of 'who' can meet who:
Eric wd probably not care to meet
Nurse: or perhaps Mr. Dure
the McDonnells wd not for
must think it's over before
perhaps have two sets. I don't
know really I wd like to continue
his lists of the patients from
there. Nurse Robertson also
if she is about. Anyway

There will be lots of time to think
of all that I dare say. How (this)
I'd feel a bit cross for having
under the tree. If I only had
the chance of being in a way
to get it - must meet the new
+ all happy good luck &
love to all no doubt you
Pere will be doing it by
motor car when I return
love of you which was
in haste yours. Be.
and bid you no more news
love good luck to me the

11-2-17

only a few lines today. Not busy, as having a
clearing up, tearing up old letters &c. try to
cross a few. has been so cold with paper
you can't hold paper with your cold fingers
today is a glorious sunny day again after a frost
but not quite so cold. hope it does not rain
till all this dries up. then we won't have so much
mud, all our water pipes frozen, all water has
to be drawn from 2 wells. in the ground now has
been this long for a month, the cap of tea the
light blue this me at 6.30 what we don't drink
then is frozen at 8 a.m. tho' there is a little heater
in each of our rooms. it was so hot when we
came up last year too. of course it has been a
dreadful cold winter all over England also, bad for
the poor people 13.9.17. Fleet, looks like rain
a shower of rain with Fleet yesterday. Snow &
ice all melting on ground. funny to see the
black earth again after so long nearly 6 wks.
may snow again tho' still the same our
hats shake from reports & they are 2 or 3 miles
away, think of that. it is dreadful that nations
are allowed to destroy nature & man's work
like this they sh. be made tight with hands

no need to send a cable if they
are so dead - did you see for
my cable at Tross? no one ever
said so but no doubt. it is
too soon to hear yet. letter take
about a month to come to
fancy how the jelly is much
better. one this time again the
is wonderful I hope she is able
to get up home for a week
it will satisfy her that diabetes
the fit is terrible, a horrible disease
comes on itself too, no reason or
change of food. when she used to
get cucumber, onion raw etc
she never got it, it is wonderful
really, hope she get her hand
at Tross & you see the parcel
I sent back on - will try to find
some more by the time you are here later
on. fancy some idiot says
that I was married, I don't believe
is all the same as

In say they might want to make
the change there for some reason
I supposed they would not wait till
the war was over. I'm sorry
I shall not return while I can be
out here - I don't think Eric
will do that tho' without telling me
officially. the first promise to keep
all out post anyway. I don't
care. I'd sooner be here than
feel I was a shutee if I left home
before it was over. seems to me
that there will be much more
on before thy friend get. I am
quite sure that the place will
be too hard for me aft. all this
it is a terrible strain there. I hope
all my things are quite right in
the cottage anyway think we
packed up all my personal things
carefully & packed boxes I think
Eric will see that no one took them

N^o 2. Aust. Gen. Hospital,
Dunlop.
B.S.F. France
10.5.17.

My dear Al

got yr. letter dated March 11th.
Sorry Mother was not well but perhaps the
journey upset her. May have been too much
hope she gets along alright & that her
knee does not swell again, fancy. She does
love money, does she not? hope they
are happy. So glad you are having a few
weeks in Sydney. The wearers are very nice, I am
sure you'll like the Mitchells but too the mother
does not deserve that. Really she's such a bad
Covey, she can't have much to do now, tho
he drives a car they tell me. D. Stacey goes
back, he is not very great shakes, but fond of
populas. hope you'll see old Eric all the
money, just a chair for Mother & you
Car. I am fairly content here, I sh
have charge somewhere but it seems to me
that all that is fine to Melbourne women. My
pensions, can't tell you any thing from here
letter opened & censored. Love to all of you
back. Don't worry off. Old Father's to fond,

Got the ship's first thank much
of benman & they set 1st class
I got 2nd R.C. I don't care
we ~~all~~ value I & I have been
know we looked 1st class.
was to see for luck & a
for his own to the
Coyones Bes

P.S.
They will prob. open
this, some breach of a season
so his part the wife
hi

Nº 2 a. g. d.

Boulogne

30.8.17.

My dear Alice & every boy

just a few lines tonight
to let you know I'm alright. I trust Mother & everybody
quite well & happy. I am still here working constantly
quite happy, but-wild when I hear of some of the fool
folly a peace I ought to have, did you see M. Hall
when you were down? have had very few letters lately
from anyone p. latest June (suppose they must have
been in the mail that was sunk, think I told you
I had a letter from T. Farley, written in trench, has been lucky
so far. Major, never wounded, 3 or 4 others who came with me
some were poor fellows, also sent you a note from your Alman
you knew them at Esp. Bay, he used to call you Aunt,
I have not seen him, said he was trying to get in here
he is a Corporal & doing a terrible job here the week
small Schooner came near ashore. 6 or 7 men on some paper
2 of my worky boys helped to carry them to Hosp. poor
fellows. So near shore. I. not able to get in. nor any
one able to get to them (only Rockets, seems to be no
life boat. They say this is a dangerous coast for
small boat fishing. Boat etc. torrents of rain
Killed all my nice flowers all our gardens,
but a few fine days like today will fix them
all up again. They grow so soon again the
days change to beautiful & fine & quiet.

I wonder are we any nearer the end now
Everything seems to be just the same, I did
wish it might have been over before winter
again, Everything peaceful now aft. the stormy
days, did you see the Mitchell girls when
you were down? the brothers son was killed poor
boy. had luck, I wd. like you to have met Sue Marshall I heard
all about the place, you ct. with her a note asking what she
did with the brass shell, & what they cost her. ask her to tell
you all abt. her. She is good natured & a good sort. silly a bit &
am always lecturing her. for any pace. but very capable
& good. hope they get home safely & you get the things. so very
glad Chris & Fred are so happy. must they have got luck, long
there is no rain again the season, wish you ct. have some
of the rain here. we have long sunshine too you know. I love
the climate - in spite of snow & cold. the most gorgeous full moon
the last night beautiful German over wd. made a little
excitement for this otherwise dull spot - fancy 4 of the bill
aft. I left C.C. got the much coveted military medal. What I
had been dying to get. bad luck was it not? only a couple of
months aft. I left. I'm glad they got it, nice bit, wish I had
it also. no luck now I'm afraid. hope I get something else
before they send me back. not so busy here now this ^{woman}
send me an extra nurse so I don't have to kill myself
like I did the past 4 months. sure if my luck will come
for something better some day. I have peace tho' it is hard
though busy at times very happy try to do all I can
for the sick men. I have. They are very grateful

note from him short lately just the same complaint on getting my
R.R.E. poor old place. George has gone to England I believe
to a Bath. There for good. Perhaps he has had enough of the
Somme & a few other places. He fairly says he is coming
down soon. He is a nice boy & must be getting home
to his people. I told you he was a Major now fancy how quickly
they get promoted & look at us! Had you all got the card
etc from Mentone. I shall have a few nice things if I ever
get back again, did you ask old Eric where he had my
boxes put? I wrote to McDougal but forgot to ask
she to try & send a few things out for Christmas & you
can decide or keep till I come but if I put the
names on give them out in any case less
beard all together than separately it will soon
be done again & sure it will be over by the end
of the year or sure by the next year. I sent
a cable to Mrs Russell the dress or Aick's father
of the nurse's gift fund hope she gets it. She
might like to send more things for the nurse at
Christmas this year, they seem to want to send things
to us they are awfully good she posted the last
3 cases in November of last year & I rec'd it here
in August of this year just majoring that kept
of him? So must mother is better till sent
I am the cable late I have plenty of money
at the end. you must take any amount
at all you need for anything at all for mother
while she is sick if you need it I have plenty
then ask old Eric for it he'll give it to you
Bessie

Nagpur 22/917.

My dear Sister Bessie/

Thanks for your letter of 26th July which rolled in this mail. I was glad to hear you were still going strong and had survived a tour in the Medit. rather unpleasant work these days, however they seem now to be letting Hospital ships alone.

Life here fairly peaceable - I have just returned from a fortnights tour and will have another spell of office and then out again. I am glad you met Col Powell again, he has had a long spell of work but must have seen a lot. Major Whitworth Jones still sits at Suez he is a permanent fixture and deserves a better billet he is really a useful officer. They have posted another IMs man to Ismailia, the, tried to run the Indian show on the cheap for a while but found it did not pay. You should try for a soft job in London now for a change. Funny we had Cor Stacey, camped at Ismailia and the Ferry for some time. I never got to know the unit well officially as it was on East bank and out of

my beat in 1916.

Col Newland was at Serapium at the same time, you remember the place just below the site of the old attack. I am fairly sick of Civil work, though it pays me much better than Military. Nothing but fights over female hospitals, buildings, rat campaigns and such uninteresting things. Mind if London way again, try and find my wife, HOLYROOD, 9 Cleveland Road Ealing or Grindlay and Co 55 Parliament St will always find her. She is at present down in Sussex, with the family, living the simple life in a cottage. The

War girl is a fine infant born Aug 4th 1915

He with a photo.

Kind regards to all the old friends
except the sister

Yours truly
C. H. A. D. B. B. B.

RUSSEL & AITKEN.

ALEXANDER NIMMO.

T. C. WADE.

Woodroft

Larbert, 4th December, 1917.

Miss A. B. Pocock
Officers Hospital
Cobham Hall
Cobham
Kent

Dear Miss Pocock,

You need not worry in any way about the money which I advanced to you. I wrote to Dr. Sinclair telling him what I had done and it is not causing me the slightest anxiety.

Your letter is extremely interesting and I am glad that you were able to see so much of Scotland. It was rather late in the year to see it at its best, but the Autumn has its beauties in Scotland as well as the Summer. A run to Loch Lomond is a favourite outing for Australian soldiers who come to Glasgow. I know that part of Scotland well and have frequently been over it. I believe I have cycled along Loch Lomond a dozen times at least. I am sure you would find the journey up to Fort William to Mallaig a most interesting one. I think that the scenery up that line is the best on any Railway line in Scotland. The part I like best is the view from Lochearnhead looking down Lochearn and the run from Lochearnhead up Glenogle. The journey from Fort William to Mallaig has also some very striking bits in it.

Mallaig is not a specially interesting place. When the Railway was opened there the Company built a large hotel and thought visitors would come there and stay but the Shore is not at all attractive and the hotel proved a failure. When my sister was out in Australia she tells me that on one occasion she was driving with Dr. Sinclair's man (Barker). He took her through country roads and said that he did so because he thought she had not seen country roads before. He seemed to think that Scotland was so crowded that it was all streets. If he went by train from Glasgow to Mallaig he would find how much he was mistaken. From Helensburgh to Fort William there is not a single town and it was said, when the Railway was first opened, that it would not pay even though every sheep along the line took a season ticket.

If you had been able to go across to Skye there are some extremely interesting parts there. I have once or twice spent a holiday in Skye but the part opposite Fort William is the most uninteresting part of the Island. Dunvegan on the west side of the Island is lovely - The Quirang on the north is most interesting from a geological point of view and the great home of the hill climbers in Scotland is the Cuchullan Hills. Many who cannot afford to go to the Alps in summer go to Skye in the winter and climb these hills with ropes and ice axes. These hills are all about 3000 feet high and their peculiarity is that for the first 1000 feet there is heather and grass but for the remaining 2000 feet it is almost entirely bare rock.

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I think you were extremely fortunate in meeting Lady Cameron of Locheil and being shown over her place. Locheil, of course, is very closely associated with Prince Charlie. I think one of the strangest things in history is the fact that the beautiful Jacobite songs of Scotland should have grown up so soon after the rising of 1745 and have become so popular while at the same time Scotland became the most loyal part of the United Kingdom to the reigning house. You will no doubt know Campbell's poem - "Locheil's Warning". It should be specially interesting to one who has seen through the Locheil house. It has at least one well known quotation in it -

"Tis the sunset of life gives me mystical lore
And coming events cast their shadows before".

You will no doubt have heard the song of "The March of the Cameron Men". It, of course, also refers to the Locheil Clan. In fact Scotland is full of historical and poetical associations and before you go back to Australia you should take another opportunity of seeing more of it. My mother and sister will be very pleased to see you any time you may be able to be back in Scotland.

Russel Sinclair's eldest boy Eric is at present in No. 4 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Welwyn, Herts, and is getting on splendidly. He was shot through the lung but the lung is now healed and he is quite convalescent.

Please give my regards to the Sister who was with you. Somehow or other after she had gone I discovered that I had never asked her name.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Scallander Walle

8 Ruys made by men in Renche (French)
you can give these round

- 1 Shell. Snaph; safe 1 pr boots too high wd do Alice
- 2 Brass shell cases, very interesting
- 1 Turke Shovel Ismailia, Canal cross; 1915 Jan
- 1 " leather bag. " " "
- 1. Picture (kitchen)
- 1 little stick papyrus - used by old Egyptian
- several P. cards of everywhere -
- some Snaps " " Keep for me -
- my Helmets. Tin. (Khaki Egypt) Tin one from C.C.S

Cartridge cases, bullet from Canal and
Gallipoli. my cups from Isma
1 Buntz - take all envelope
Aluminium pieces from Marseille bought for
use there.

Dear Alice Muslim Collar Sluffs well as
Alice for school -
I am sending you by a Doctor's order
who goes back the week some Brooch
I bought in Sidon. Fine little one
of the same. Some Rubie one - they are
like pins & very good & pretty, also some
of my old cloth Towel Pillow Case
help pack them -

as orders now I leave
17. 12/17. Colham Hall on 2nd Jan
for some other Hosp. in England as
matter unless we get the chance of Gen