

Chester Mental Hosp.  
Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1939.

Dear Geoff & Susan.

The photos you sent were clear, & you made a round cribb, because the old cribb was round I suppose, perhaps the Whitwood man had better ways of making them.

I think when you have to order a tractor repair twice, that in the mean time they are finding out things about the engine, so it might be as well not to complain.

I had 2 a day of shovelling slack coal into a pile 10ft high for use in the winter.

Mr. Litter gave a war agreement speech which gave people a clear view of the situation, he said he had to break agreements, because other people changed circumstances in fairness to his own people. He expects to be speaking from London by Christmas (so his talk goes).

The song "Hang out your washing on the Siegfried Line" seems to be the war song on the go on the wireless now.

If they do not let me out by Christmas I think it would be as well to put my case in the hands of the Canadian Mounted Police, &



let them come to England & get me out, if they will. I do not think it is safe for you to come to England, after what I have gone through, you do not care whether they use a man right or wrong, & do not take any notice of what you say, just stay with these old known business friends & I suppose Scotland Yard.

I see a ship called Clement got sunk near Brazil from Liverpool.

The war has very soon changed the food situation of England butter, sugar, bacon, tea are quite hard to get, yet I think it is more to make people careful than a shortage yet.

Canada's first battalion is coming over shortly after New Year, so I thought it would be best for them to know why they are going to war, & if England put me into fighting in peace time, then the soldiers are really fighting for me & the trouble is in England not Europe as the saying goes "British never shall be Slaves" so the first concession the Canadian Army should ask London if I could return to Canada, & if not not to go to war till



I return, I don't see why I should be held here by moneyed men, who have probably never been in the fighting themselves.

It would be different even if I were in a hospital that had reasonable meals, why I am classed as a stum is more than I can understand or dole person. & not allowed out by myself.

I am ready to shoot the person who is holding me here for the Mounted Police in return for the Mounted that got shot near Estevan if they like, & then stand trial, as I am certain I am correct.

I know Dr. Buccannon used me wrong when I came in here, but then he passed the business on to Dr. Grills & the committee but I still hold him responsible until he says why he did what he has done to me, & if he will not say then quiet gives consent.

I do not like writing this kind of a letter as it makes you think I am so ill, but when war is on, it is really only a active service message, & I told you in other words



before the war started, & I don't think it will frighten you any more than if you were out trapping.

Admiral Bird is coming to England, you will remember him speaking each week from the Arctic circle.

Winter has just started as regards to clothing & fires, & the notice here is to burn  $\frac{1}{4}$  the amount of coal, so they may only have one fire instead of four, as it is livable under those conditions.

If there is any money from the crop, & you would like to get a gasoline washed with my share it will be alright as it will last a lifetime.

Capt Coxe was here last Wednesday he had had letters from Canada, but was undecided what Dorothy would do, so you might ask her, if Hilda is leaving, although he did say that she had had an offer from Hetchcock & Dickey. I have a friend here that would like to come to Canada an attendant he is 6ft & about 28 years old & a fast worker, in work would be like Cairns McCallum, & looks like



Geoffrey Haigh, he likes outside work, I do not think he would farm for long before taking a town job, just now he is undecided about joining up & going to France, he goes to Liverpool nearly every week end, but now does not like the lighting restrictions in fact a person has to go almost in the dark.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> I held this letter as I thought I might get one from you this morning, but got a paper & John Deere magazine.

Yesterday the butcher was walking along the drive round the hospital & dropped dead. It is raining today, England have had the driest fall for about 30 years.

I believe the now Canadians that came from Germany could answer the international questions better than a British person as they will know the position of Germany before turning to be Canadians, as there must be plenty of clever men in Canada. & also have the English side with being in an English ruled country, & will have a better idea of the Russians and other European



nations being on the same continent.

~~from you~~

~~loving brother~~

~~Bryan~~

P.S. Tonight's post brought me a letter from  
Mr Chapman, in reply to the one I wrote to  
Mr Seal, for which I thank them & for  
pulling their time.



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