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August 5th 1943.

Dear Bob.

I guess I had better write you a few lines to let you know I am still alive, but for how long time only will tell. It is very hard to find time enough to write a letter here where I am now, we are usually busy while there is daylight hours. Reville is at five thirty here, and when you have to get up at that time to earn about seventy cents it really hurts. I am in a new regiment here and I like it very much, there is really a good bunch of fellows here, and one of the best things about it is you can leave any

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thing around ~~your~~ ¹⁹⁴ tent
and you are sure of
finding it there when you
go back, all the other
places ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~was~~ was in
they would steal your
boots of your feet if you
didn't keep looking, and it
was hard to do that all
the time.

I just came back of a nine
day leave a few days ago
and I had a very good
time, though it was quite
expensive, I had twenty
four pounds to go with
and it just saw me through
the leave, that much money
would be good for a month
in Canada, but this is not
Canada, so what can we do

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about it, nothing but grin
and bear it.

I had a nice scotch lassie
all the time I was on
leave, and was really
treated like a king by her
and her people, but I found
it hard to understand her
talking the first couple of
days, but I soon got over
that, it will be two and
a half months before I
get another leave but I
intend to go back there again
to spend it, for good things
only come once in a while.
I saw Joes Blaw, Don Morris
and Buddy Waucette on the
boat but I haven't seen
them since, I really don't
know where they are now.
They were the only Ingonish
boys I had seen for a long
time.

I wrote to Sanford after I
came over here, but the
letter was returned to me
saying that regiment was

not here & now.
Let me know when you write
if Chester, or any of the other
fellows have gone over.
Tell Mildred and Grace to
drop me a few lines sometime
I don't promise to answer them
but certainly will do so if
I can get the time, if I could
tell you what I am doing
you would understand that.
but I'm not allowed to say
anything of my training, so there.
Tell Purnell I am going to
write to him sometime soon.
The smoke situation is very
bad here at the present
time, the limey cigarettes are
really terrible tasting and are
expensive as hell, and just
getting back of leave I am
very low in scratch, so
you can take this as a hint
if you care to do so, sometime
when you have a little
extra send me a box of
fags.



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Remember me to your good
mother and all the rest
of the family also Cal if
he is still at your house
I guess that will be all
for this time as it is really
hard to find anything to
write about. the things that
would be interesting are
the things you cant write
So cheerio for this time
and dont be too long in
writing
I remain as ever your
Sincere Friend
Gilson.

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