

20-3-44.

Dear Mother:

This is a case of meeting your mail part way. Am again in the big city where I got my glasses made - whence I wrote you a letter the other day that should have gone home in record time. Got your letter of 2-3-44 (#58) here today - by the simple process of telling the lads in our RCAF post office here to stop any mail going through for me. The post office here is sort of my headquarters as they are on our strength although detached. As transport is an essential I borrow a car from them when here. One just couldn't get around otherwise.

So Martin is getting to the stage where he appreciates his birthday! - Unlike his uncle Al who tries to forget them now. Had a shampoo in a barber shop tonight and it occurred to me at the time that the barber didn't have enough to work on to earn his money.

The first question in your letter is re the Hamilton Carscallen. I hear that he has recently returned to Canada to be C.O. of an OTU (Operational Training Unit). He is a Group Captain now i.e. a full Colonel in the army or a Captain in the Navy.

If Power wants a man to demob. the RCAF I would suggest Ned Corbett who used to be at V of A. ③ Dr Wallace ④ Vince Allen of the Trade Commissioners Staff ⑤ John S Harris (SL) in the RCAF, son of Harris of the Harris abattoir of Toronto. He is the smartest chap (combined with level headedness) I have met since being in the service, ⑥ Bob Hill, Mgr. of the Dominion Life branch Montreal (He gets things done) ⑦ Denton Mannie, who has plenty of drive & gets things done too. He would do a good job because he has a political axe to grind. It would however precipitate (or should I say "hasten") his rise to the premier-ship of Canada.

⑧ Air Vice Marshal Frank S McGill, now at AFHQ - a cracker-jack of a business man although he has risen to one of the higher positions in the RCAF which is controlled by permanent force personnel. - So - the next time Mr. Power asks about it just refer him to me.

This brings me to your next comment which is only justified because everyone, even in the prime of life, should have a will. I think your plans are admirable.

Next come Whitewold lots. Please pay the taxes - at least that is my suggestion - out of any money you may be accruing to my credit - or let me know if that is not sufficient and I shall send you more. I think it is worth the gamble to hold them until one year after the



war. If they are not OK then we can let them go.  
I haven't played a great deal of poker in my day - but enough to  
take a fair gamble - and then write it off and forget about  
it if I lose.

Hats to the Alpine Club if they are raising the ante (still poker talk.)  
Don't pay any more. I'll find out what it is all about when I come  
back. You have re-instated me for 3 years now, that should satisfy them.

No - your prophecy about me climbing between April 7-16 is not certain of  
fulfilment - unless I happen to go to Sicily then to complete some business  
re concentration of war graves of RCAF personnel in the Canadian Army Cemetery  
at Agira.

Glad you mentioned the negative taken on Xmas day as I had forgotten  
sending it and spent some time looking for it. (Pen is dry and I

FROM:

(Sender's full name and address)

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Mrs. S.N. Carscadden  
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CANADA.

If anything is enclosed in this  
letter it will be sent by ordinary  
mail.

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cannot lay my hands on any with this side of Naples. I have here a  
copy of the photo you mentioned of you and Glad. The negative is safe  
in my negative filing case at Woodside.

Today I had lunch with Major General & Mrs. Vanier, Canadian  
Ambassador or attache or something to the French Court. They have a  
very beautiful Villa - and said that their consciences pricked them a  
bit about such a splendid place in wartime. I told them that anyone  
away from home should have no scruples about making themselves  
as comfortable as opportunity provided. They had just received a  
recent copy of "Mayfair" which depicted many social events at home.  
They did not want any visitors to see it - so decided that it  
should be burned. They are a very fine couple and I think very worthy  
representatives of our Country. Bye Bye Mumm, Love to all - Glen.