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My Dear Albert

Well here we are once more. Dad got your letter & it was most interesting we are all very well at home. Youngs were here last Sunday & they are very well they are coming to stay with us over Easter. Beal is going to pig hunt etc. I hope he gets something as he is so keen. How do you like your new surroundings we heard some one speak over the air the other night & he had just returned from Alaska & Italy, the food didn't sound too hot dried this & dried that. I send you 6 chocolates (24) through the post office & the same day I sent you Tobacco & a cake, I hope you get them safely, last Monday the head chief from the State Forestry was out & he said he would send 1000 men out to appraise the bush, they are going to measure up a million ft, we have to board them while they are here 2 or 3 days.

Lin & Dad went out & looked over a  
 lot of the timber they said it was  
 wonderful tall straight trees Lin reckons  
 we will only just know what real  
 saw-milling is like when we cut it  
 last week. Lin & Simon Emery look  
 down your big white pine the butt end  
 just towers over you, I believe they had  
 to put in a great wide scarf & then  
 saw & then scarf again it was so  
 wide however it is down now, & the  
 next thing is to get it into the mill.  
 we are finding it quite hard to get rope  
 for the tractor. Gough Gough & Hamer  
 will be putting the Blade on after  
 Easter the Blade (angledozer) is finished  
 & in Polovná the power control is now  
 almost finished so we should soon be  
 making roads. The weather now is  
 perfect, lovely & sunny. Ivan heard  
 a stag roaring up on Bill Watts hill  
 the other night for quite a long time  
 Rita is coming home on Thursday  
 for a months holiday her holidays  
 have accumulated so she gets a



nice long one she is coming home & dividing it up between youngs & here. I was in town the other day & I ran into Toby Darvell. by god he is nice he was asking after you. I ran her been very busy stitching up the old Ford 10 again the chassis was broken on both sides so he has been welding it together. Did I tell you we are getting the "Bedford" engine reconditioned it will make a wonderful difference 'it didn't have much compression. & it was a good truck so it was worth doing up.

Jimmies still have no bush in sight there is a rumour that they are closing down at Innes how true that is I don't know. Matt Hendersons are having a bit of a tough time they burnt the big end out on their tractor & it is now a fortnight & they havn't been able to get another, spare parts are so hard to get, did I ever tell you that Jack Henderson's heart is so bad he hasn't done any work for a long time he is on Social Security. The Bull is cutting to day.

& it is running like a machine this  
 morning a tooth broke out of the  
 winch & I van built another one up  
 in a few minutes & with the  
 welding outfit & it is as good as ever  
 again that welding outfit has saved us  
 pounds. Well about the Russians are  
 doing well arn't they I think they will  
 be in Berlin first don't you, Italy seems  
 to be a puzzle not very much headway  
 so far as usual, what is wrong have  
 we lost our punch or else waiting  
 until it is too late I hope you were  
 well <sup>away</sup> from the hot spot, I wish this war  
 would finish & we can get back to normal,  
 the bummy things that we buy now  
 the chap working for us bought a bike for  
 £14 & the thing is falling to pieces  
 you never saw anything so shoddy in  
 all your life, Dad is making a  
 nice double bed wide panels top &  
 bottom he cut very wide ~~low~~  
 boards & hand dressed them it is  
 beautiful hearty, Pinner, the old bed  
 that we use has just about fallen to



per pieces & they are pretty expensive  
to buy & the fittings on our bed  
can be used but looks jolly good  
Lindsay & Dulcie are very happy he  
is building a porch over the back door  
& Dad made a sink for him she  
has all conveniences now excepting  
hot water but then she has a stove  
with a boiler so that is pretty <sup>good</sup> she has  
cold water over her sink, she looks after  
him well that is good to see well old  
son I had better stop now next letter  
I hope to tell you all about appraising  
Blade etc. so for this time ta-ta  
with fond love from all at home.

Your

Mum  
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Evelyn was pleased to receive  
anograph from you.