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My Dear Albert,

Another letter to add to the pile we have been getting quite a nice lot of letters from you lately & they were very welcome, one of them arrived home the night Roy arrived from the Islands, so I read it out to the whole family, we were all very excited to see Roy & to know he is here for good, quite a lot have arrived to go into essential industries we have applied for Roy to drive the engine, his 28 days leave is not up yet so we don't know how he will get on but we think it will be alright, a house will be built between us & the site reserved for Lindsay & Dulcie, they will be making the houses, that they are building for the men will be 4 rooms bath room & pantry with sink. The appraising is still going on & they are fending lovely Pines. We need, one clump of trees 26 in 6 chains

in some places they are few & far
 between but altogether a good
 average, Dad is going in next week
 to sign up & put down the first
 stand royalty \$200 I believe then we
 can start the bush. By give the blade
 business is slow we get word every
 week that the power control has ~~left~~ left
 Christchurch & still it hasn't arrived
 we have got half of it here & still waiting
 for the other however they can start
 on the first stand I believe with out
 the blade the appraising is getting
 well back they have still got to go
 behind the Trig yet, a very long walk
 about an hour and a half in the morning
 & about an hour & 20 minutes in the
 evening it is dark when they go & come.
 Lindsay is still with them, also
 Tutta Whutu you know him, we are
 trying to get him to stay on after wards
 to drive the Timber truck & also the log
 truck he used to drive the old "Thornycroft"
 at Punni's he is a very good man I
 have 4 boarders now, I am kept pretty

busy baking bread & cooking & the
 biggest worry of the lot us to make the
 ration's spin out. Roy Dixon is also
 out working with the appraisers, they
 have so many lines to cut that they
 asked him to give a hand, the surveyor
 is also out in the bush, in fact
 there are men scattered every where.
 Dad, Ivan, Roy Tomsett & the two
 6 men's run the mill & keep the
 wolf from the door we are going through
 a tough ~~hard~~ financial period
 but we'll get through. Dad will write
 when it is all over to tell you all about it.
 To-day they are cutting up the big white
 pine that was standing in the yard
 & it has turned out a corker, the
 rot was only a little on the outside.
 Evelyn is slowly getting better it is
 her nerves, she is still in at Geoff's
 she has medicine pills, & baths (radium)
 to take. old Mrs. Spring is still looking
 after the children & they are very good
 with her. To-day is a wintry cold
 showery day & we have big fires going

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Rendalls are about to shift their mill. I believe Len is getting married in a fortnight's time, Roy's wife has come out from England, 'Ellie Henton' & Margaret Stowers are married. By five the Bedford is running well like other days Dulcie & I went in with Ivan he had 25.00 ft of white pine on & it just walled up the long Fitzgibere hill, we enjoy the trip & Dulcie is lovely to go out with. Lin & Dulcie are an ideal married couple she looks after Lindsay & is always 'buying good working clothes for him. She comes first always, & Lindsay is just wrapped up in his domestic life.

I don't think there is any more to write about just now so I had better ~~close~~ close. Thank you for the Mother's Day airgraph you are the only one who remembered it. fondest love from all at home ^{and}

Mum

I hope you got my airgraph, will send another before very long.

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