

LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS

The following are interesting letters received by Richmond Hill Red Cross expressing thanks of service personnel still overseas:

Dear Mrs. Wright:— I received the carton of cigarettes about two weeks ago but I have just come back from leave so I am taking this first opportunity to thank you.

Now that the Japanese war is over I should be able to get home sooner than I was expecting to, so I think it would be advisable if you didn't send me any more parcels.

Please thank all the members of the Richmond Hill Red Cross for me. You certainly have done a good job all the time I have been over here.

Yours truly, Don Andrews.

August 12th, 1945. Richmond Hill Red Cross Society.

Dear Mrs. Wright:— Just a few lines to thank you for the 300 cigarettes I received yesterday. They are always appreciated and this time they are very opportune as I'm going on a 4-day trip sponsored by the Army.

Life here in Holland is fine but not quite good enough to make me wish to stay any longer than necessary. We are treated very well by the Dutch people.

I wish I could say I knew definitely how long it would be before getting back to Canada, but it's still too indefinite and I'm sticking to the old phrase, "I hope to see you all by Christmas."

Thanks again for remembering me and I wish you all the very best regards for the future.

As ever, George Plewman.

August 8, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Wright:— Well, as I had nothing to do this evening I thought I had better do a spot of letter writing for a change. I received a parcel of 300 cigarettes from you about a week ago, so now I would like to convey my most sincere thanks to you and your wonderful organization for the cigarettes.

I have been moved to The Hague now, and since I have been up here I have seen Rotterdam and quite a few of the smaller towns in this area. These places up here are very nice cities with very many modern apartments and stores. There is really some lovely buildings in Rotterdam and they are all made of this new kind of glass.

We have been having lovely warm weather over here these past few weeks. We had it too warm here for over a week, almost like the heat waves we get in Canada.

I am going on fourteen days leave to Scotland on August 19. I have spent quite a few short holidays by the sea here in Holland and it is really grand. There is plenty of good swimming nearly any place you go here, and it is so much easier swimming in salt water than in fresh water.

I expect to get home some time before Christmas, but am not really sure yet. I have met a few of the boys from home over here, and we had quite a chat about the good old times we had in the old town. We hope to be all back in the same old town again soon.

Well I think this is about all for this time, but before I go I want to say to you and all concerned, thanks a million for the cigarettes. Hope to see you all soon.

Yours sincerely, Sgmn. P. Jarvis.

June 10, 1945.

To the Secretary:— Please express my sincere appreciation for the cigarettes which I have just received. This is just one of the many parcels you have sent me while overseas. When I say thanks a million I speak for the boys in this unit who also are indebted to you for your kind consideration. When I say these things they are based on what I have actually seen, and shared myself. Words cannot express actual emotion, but we have always looked forward to those gifts which have brought cheerfulness to us during the hours of anxiety, and which you have helped us share.

Thanking you again and wishing you every success, I remain Yours sincerely, Harry E. Barrow.

London, May 27, 1945.

Secretary of Richmond Hill Red Cross Society.

Dear Madam:— I must apologize for not being able to address this to you. However, not knowing name, I hope I am forgiven.

I want to thank the society for their generosity in sending the cigarettes which I received Thursday, and the grand work the society has done during the war. The smokes came in real handy as I was real short. Many thanks again.

Yours sincerely, Sgt. W. C. Buchanan.

June 1st, 1945.

Richmond Hill Red Cross Society:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Richmond Hill Red Cross for the carton of cigarettes received today. Canadian cigarettes are really appreciated by myself and I am sure by all Canadians serving overseas. Thanks again.

Yours sincerely, J. A. Crean.

Monday, June 18, 1945.

Dear Secretary:—

I received the cigarettes that were sent me by the Red Cross. They arrived in perfect condition and I honestly appreciate them. Please thank

all members of the Richmond Hill Branch of the Red Cross for being so kind in sending me the cigs.

I'm hoping that I won't be over here long enough to receive any more parcels but just now we are unsettled and don't know where we stand. I think it would be best if you didn't send any more parcels until everything is made definitely clear as to what is going to happen to us.

Yours truly, Donald Andrews.

Dear Friends:— Your very welcome 300 cigarettes were received for which please accept my sincerest thanks. Peace is descending on troubled Europe but, believe me, your kindnesses are still ever welcome.

Sincerely yours, J. Koning.

August 6, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Wright:— Many thanks for the Laura Records which came today. I notice you posted them in April but they went to the continent and back again. No. 2 Hospital was my original unit but I am now with 22. However, they are still fresh and very delicious and not a bit worse for the delay.

Dick, my husband, and I have just returned from leave. We had two weeks this time and went to Eire. Most of the time we spent at the Killarney Lakes and had a wonderful time. The Irish people are very gay and friendly. The scenery I'm sure must be the most beautiful in the world — mountains and lakes, and best of all is the coloring which I could never describe — all never to be forgotten.

But there is still work to be done and I go on duty again tomorrow.

I have no idea when we will be home as Dick wants to go to the Far East and as is usual in the Army one never knows from one day to the next—we can never make plans.

Where is your son now? Seems to me I heard but can't remember. I hope you are well and please thank the Red Cross for me.

Sincerely, Joan Sliger (McCreedy).

August 5th, 1945.

Mrs. O. L. Wright:— Today's carton of cigarettes was indeed a surprise. Now that so many Canadians are on the way home I thought perhaps that the remainder might be forgotten but I see that such is not the case.

My sincere thanks, Harris Hord.

August 12th, 1945.

Richmond Hill Red Cross Society.

Dear Mrs. Wright:— The other day I received a very nice gift of cigarettes from the Red Cross, and I want to thank you very much for sending them to me, it is deeply appreciated.

I am stationed in the ancient yet modern city of London. The city is trying to patch up the damage that has been inflicted on it, but will take a long time before it gets back to normal. This wonderful old city really took a beating.

For the last two days London has gone wild with joy again on hearing the news that the Nips want to quit. The people are out dancing and singing in the streets, and thousands of people just milling around.

I want to congratulate the Red Cross on the wonderful work it has done, and I know it has been deeply appreciated by the boys on this side.

Once again let me thank you for the wonderful gift of cigarettes.

Yours sincerely, Mac Cooper.

Dear Friends:— Just a note of appreciation and sincere thanks for the carton of cigs. The Red Cross is an admirable association and have and are doing a fine job. Thanks again, L.A.C. "Cliff" R. Casement.

Dear Mrs. Wright:— I do sincerely hope that on behalf of myself you will convey to all concerned my sincere appreciation for these and various other lots of cigarettes sent me. I do thank you so much.

Sincerely, Lieut. J. Koning.

BLOOM ON BIRD

The dry, parched, wrinkled skin often seen in dressed poultry is largely due to poor handling between the farm and the processing plant. Fright, thirst, undue starving before killing, and shrinkage during transit destroy the sales appeal that dressed poultry present when the bloom is on the bird. To retain bloom, market poultry should be carefully lifted from the roosts after dark and preferably shipped at night. They should be given a normal feeding the night before and water right up to the time of killing.

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MEAT RATIONING IS NOW IN EFFECT

As of midnight, SEPTEMBER 9, 1945, it is unlawful for any person to buy rationed meats and for anyone to sell rationed meats except on surrender of valid ration coupons or other ration documents. Sales between suppliers, however, are coupon free until midnight, Saturday, September 15.

MEAT COUPON VALUE CHART

All products shown below are derived from beef, veal, lamb, mutton, pork or combinations of them. Any product or cut shown below has the coupon value indicated, whether or not it contains dressing.

GROUP A - 1 LB. PER COUPON - 2 OZS. PER TOKEN

PORK—Cured

Back (sliced) boneless

PORK—Smoked

Back Bacon (sliced) Side Bacon (sliced) (rind on or rindless)

COOKED MEAT

Any uncooked Group B item (bone in or boneless), when cooked Pork Butt boneless Pork Ham boneless

GROUP B - 1 1/2 LBS. PER COUPON - 3 OZS. PER TOKEN

BEEF—Fresh or Cured

Round Steak or Roast bone in Round Steak or Roast boneless Round Steak, Minced Sirloin Tip boneless Sirloin Tip, Cubed or Minute Steaks boneless Sirloin Butt boneless Flank Steak boneless Strip Loin boneless Rib Roast, 7 Rib Bones (rolled whole) boneless Prime Rib Roast, 5 Rib Bones (rolled) boneless

VEAL—Fresh

Cutlets or Fillet Roast boneless Strip Loin Steaks boneless Front Roll boneless Leg Roll boneless Loin Strip boneless Tenderloin

LAMB or MUTTON—Fresh

Frontquarter (rolled) boneless

PORK—Fresh

Butt, Whole, Pieces or Chops (rindless) bone in Butt, Whole, Pieces or Chops (rindless) boneless Ham, Whole, Centre Slices bone in Ham, Whole, Pieces or Slices bone in or boneless Picnic, Hockless boneless Back, Whole, Pieces or Slices boneless Side Pork, Whole, Pieces or Slices boneless Trimmings, Extra Lean (skinless) Tenderloin

PORK—Cured

Cottage Roll or Butt, Whole or Pieces boneless Picnic, Hockless boneless Ham, Whole, Pieces or Slices bone in or boneless Ham, Centre Slices bone in Back, Whole or Pieces boneless Skinless Roll boneless Ham Butt Roll boneless

PORK—Smoked

Picnic, Hockless or Hock on boneless

COOKED MEAT

Any uncooked Group C item (bone in or boneless), when cooked. Cottage Roll or Butt, Whole or Pieces boneless Skinless Roll boneless Ham, Centre Slices bone in Ham, Whole (skin on or skinless), Pieces or Slices bone in or boneless Back, Whole or Pieces boneless Side Bacon (rind on or rindless), Whole or Pieces

COOKED MEAT

Any uncooked Group C item (bone in or boneless), when cooked.

GROUP C - 2 LBS. PER COUPON - 4 OZS. PER TOKEN

BEEF—Fresh or Cured

Shank, Hindquarter boneless Rump Roast, Round or Square End bone in Sirloin Steak or Roast bone in Flank, Trimmed bone in Porterhouse Steak or Roast bone in T-bone Steak or Roast bone in Wing Steak or Roast bone in Rib Roast, 7 Rib Bones, Whole bone in Prime Rib Roast, 5 Rib Bones bone in Rib Roast, 6th and 7th Rib Bones bone in Rolled Rib Roast, 6th and 7th Rib Bones, Outside Roll boneless Plate Brisket (rolled) boneless Brisket Point (rolled) boneless

VEAL—Fresh

Shank, Hind boneless Rump, Knuckle Bone out bone in Sirloin Butt Roast bone in Sirloin Butt Steak bone in Leg, Sirloin Butt End bone in Loin, Full Cut, Flank off, Kidney and Suet out bone in Loin, Short Cut, Flank off, Kidney and Suet out bone in

LAMB or MUTTON—Fresh

Sirloin or Chump Chop bone in Loin, Whole, Flank off, Kidney and Suet out bone in Loin Roast or Chop, Tenderloin End bone in Patties

PORK—Fresh

Picnic, Hockless bone in Butt (rind on), Whole, Pieces or Chop bone in Loin Chop or Roast, Tenderloin End bone in Loin Chop or Roast, Rib End bone in Round Bone Shoulder Chop or Roast bone in Shank, Front boneless Neck boneless Veal Loaf or Patties Stewing Veal

PORK—Cured

Butt (rind on), Whole or Pieces boneless Ham, Trimmed, Whole, Butt End or Shank End bone in Loin, Trimmed (rindless), Whole, Pieces or Chop bone in Side Pork, Whole or Pieces bone in

PORK—Smoked

Picnic, Hockless bone in Ham, Trimmed, Whole, Butt End or Shank End bone in Side Pork, Whole or Pieces bone in Shoulder Roll (skin on) boneless Dry Salt Belly boneless Dry Salt Lean Backs boneless

FANCY MEAT

Liver Kidney Sweetbread

COOKED MEAT

Any uncooked Group D item (bone in or boneless), when cooked. Loaves made from chopped or minced meat. Cooked meats, jellied meats, in loaf form or otherwise (excepting those cooked or jellied meats listed in Group D). Bologna Wieners Sausage, Smoked or Cooked

GROUP D - 2 1/2 LBS. PER COUPON - 5 OZS. PER TOKEN

BEEF—Fresh or Cured

Leg, Long Cut bone in Leg, Short Cut bone in Leg, Shank End bone in Loin, Full Cut, Flank on, Kidney and Suet out bone in Flank bone in Blade Chop or Roast bone in Breast bone in Shank, Front bone in Neck bone in Forequarter, Whole, 7 Rib Bones bone in Rack, Whole bone in Rack, Shoulder off, Knuckle Bone out bone in

VEAL—Fresh

Leg, Long Cut bone in Leg, Short Cut bone in Leg, Shank End bone in Loin, Full Cut, Flank on, Kidney and Suet out bone in Flank bone in Blade Chop or Roast bone in Breast bone in Shank, Front bone in Neck bone in Forequarter, Whole, 7 Rib Bones bone in Rack, Whole bone in Rack, Shoulder off, Knuckle Bone out bone in

LAMB or MUTTON—Fresh

Leg, Full Cut, Whole or Half bone in Leg, Short Cut bone in Loin, Whole, Flank on, Kidney and Suet out bone in Loin Rib Roast or Chop bone in Flank bone in Frontquarter, Whole or Half bone in

SAUSAGE—Fresh or Cured

Pork Sausage Commercial Sausage

PORK—Cured

Rack or Shoulder, Neck on bone in Rack or Shoulder, Neck off bone in Rack or Shoulder Chop bone in Breast bone in Neck bone in

PORK—Fresh

Picnic, Hock on boneless Loin (rind on), Whole Pieces or Chop bone in

PORK—Smoked

Dry Salt Long Clear boneless

COOKED MEAT

Dry Salt Short Clear boneless Dry Salt Clear Back boneless

PORK—Smoked

Picnic, Hock on bone in Jowl

COOKED MEAT

Any uncooked Group E item (bone in or boneless), when cooked. Brawn or Headcheese Liver Sausage, all types Blood Sausage, all types Cretons Francais

GROUP E - 1 LB. PER COUPON - 6 OZS. PER TOKEN

PORK—Fresh

Lacone bone in Hock bone in Jowl

Mess Pork bone in Short Cut Back bone in Jowl

FANCY MEAT Heart Tongue

CANNED MEAT (sealed containers)

Sausage... 1-14 oz.-4 tokens Corned (Ground) Pork... 1-12 oz.-3 " Corned (Ground) Pork... 1-16 oz.-4 " Roast Beef... 1-16 oz.-4 " Stews, boiled dinners, hashes... 1-15 oz.-2 " Stews, boiled dinners, hashes... 1-16 oz.-2 " Pork Tongues... 1-12 oz.-3 "

Meat Sandwich Spread... 1-7 oz.-2 tokens Meat Sandwich Spread... 1-3 oz.-1 " Ox Tongue... 1-32 oz.-1 coupon Meat Balls... 1-16 oz.-3 tokens Beefsteak with Mushrooms... 1-16 oz.-3 " Beefsteak with Onions... 1-16 oz.-3 " Beefsteak with Kidneys... 1-16 oz.-3 " MEAT PIES For any size Meat Pie, 8 oz. per token.