

26 May 1918
In the field.

My dear Father
Will try and briefly answer a few of your long and interesting letters from April 15 to April 22nd and cable of 22nd May which came on Friday telling me about 6" American shell work for 10 months which returned me very much as was a little uneasy about the large marine engine tender which I would only consider if it brought corresponding boiler business. However I have carried that by cable and short letter so won't say more.

Adding Machine. am pleased with sample of its work and am sure it must be a great help. If Mr Holmes would institute a large slide rule for "multiplying & dividing" it would be a great help too with the adding looked after.

Rates of Wages. Note the proposed increases which I suppose are necessary. Buchanan @ 3000 hrs @ 75¢ = \$2250 per year with some overtime is getting more than I am at \$1.80 per month. Have not yet heard from Holmes about rearrangement of your & my salaries as President & Vice President. So they still total \$15,000. I am sure you are not bound any longer to old arrangement.

Would like the £50 you drew from B of M to meet my draft returned from W & E. as the B of M £ included what we got at our marriage and what I have saved out of pay and I want it kept in tact in case we ever get the chance to housekeep.

Your explanation of having received balance of Wood's English B of M £ is satisfactory. I shall have a bill of his from Hill Bros for £114 to meet but cannot quite manage it at present although absence of any "leave" decreases my expenses.

am glad you get cables and will try and continue as weekend rate again allowed.

I see you are ordering Wood's tablet (for memorial) I suppose from Mitchell.

Will forget what you said about Hobbs sabbat. I see by enclosed F. Ward back in London so you will likely get some news from him. He has done well out here.

Right hearing about Mrs Spenser thru T. Smallman.

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Galami's letter from G H E which I appreciated very much but was sorry to hear from him about Plants son; but hope better word since. am sorry I have never seen any of these boys.

You must keep at your golf and hope you will try and keep in shape and be ready to give me a game when I get back.

Glad you did not tender on letters for A R Williams

Re Tractors Note all you say and glad you are disposing of those you contracted for. I will reserve any further remarks at present. Watson has displayed great energy and deserves much credit, as you all do for the way you have gone about it, of which I quite approve, although the policy of tractor ^{in place of boilers} buying ^{is} still open to discussion. Will call on Mr SALE if in London but very doubtful this summer. It is now just a year since I was in England. Have noted his name & address

your letters & papers as I can no longer carry an accumulation I am sending them to Mrs Langfield monthly to keep, so I have not means of immediate reference back to anything you may have sent. Please remember this in future. Papers are only heavy to carry and soon accumulate.

Dear Mother am so glad she is better. you must take care of her as well as yourself and get her worked out of the church organizations or else the Red Cross as she is attempting to much.

Boys We cannot do better than hamper % to them when time comes if they "wake up" in London. How do you like Travers? They might give London branch to Harry and do worse.

Re Mills Would like a copy of yours if you care to send it. you already have mine, as doubtful if I get back before war is over

Re War & Income Note remarks and can suggest nothing but pay, but you should see that you get all we can dust out of business in cash. Why not pay a dividend on common stock this year. I think it over. I understand now why regular business was taxed as well as the munitions

and July 8-18
see letter off

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Sally to hear about Gates & Browning ⁱⁿ Please remember me to
them when you write.

So you are back to steam (in part) at E L & and candles &
gas at Lakewood !!! It seems very funny.

Re Bailins Try & do something to get more bairn work,
small machine bairns ~~get~~ add flanges and a few
modern tools to bairn shop equipment.

Re Joe Hutton Feel his death very deeply as one of the old
links. Wood & I admired him greatly as a man.

Re Match Slides Have no more, and do not favor ordering
more; as do not consider it good taste. It was a most
present and should not extend beyond. I have thought it over
pretty fully. I sent to what men in England I could locate.

K. W. L. Hope you purchased 20,000 more on Apr 13th. How
much is that now - I make it $(70,000 + 20) = 90,000$

9th April yes it brought back many memories to us
all. I am glad you now have all the dear effects.
as I look back over the years and our life together
at home, at school & college, in business and lately
in France, my feelings of pride in him, his
character ~~his~~ his achievements and his sacrifice
and the beauty of our part friendship and
intercourse make me very proud and happy to
have had him as a brother and seem to diminish
the regrets and longings I know we all will feel
in the future without the light of his earthly presence.

(copied) His splendid spirit seems our comrade yet
Freed from the power of Urainessor pain
Forbidding us to mourn - or to forget."

Re St John Sue G H E all the same agent
you can. He is our most faithful agent
has done well and deserves our support.

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10.45 P M After tea I went to a car and
drove to — with him about 40 miles to
visit a CCS where his nephew was very ill
but out of danger and am just back.

A lovely ride through this most beautiful
land of villages, tree shaded roads & stately
chateaux all in their spring array with
selling seen behind them. Why this
war & destruction?

Very much love and don't forget
the golf. Jbb