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to run over it and out over
platform.

Hope you are successful with
gravity filters and am glad you
are fattening them up from
Montreal. (See you last time).

I quite approve of cold plugging
machine but whatever we get
must do up to $5/8$ " either hot or
cold. as long as it will go
ahead and bug as soon as you
are assured it is a satisfactory
outfit by inspecting some in
actual use. I imagine heads
for marine boilers might go up
to $3/4$ " or even more. Would
be in favor of even a stranger
machine than one in catalogue
and suggest a careful inspection
of Inglis' first as I know he
can do very heavy work with
his. Was very favorably
impressed with what I could

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In the Field
Wed 6th Feb

My dear Father

Yours very welcome, although
delayed letters of the 24 & 31st
I acknowledged on Sunday, and
yesterday I received cable about
Limes being on his way over
and about bid on marine
engines and boilers. Did not
understand why Limes was
coming but hope that I will
see him over here before he goes
back if he does not remain.
Will likely hear from him
before I do again from you.

I hope sincerely that your bids
on engines and boilers will be
successful especially on
latter as it will give us a
start even if profit not

He says could addition a great improvement and especially spoke about the good light! It would appear that the crane this night have been useful for the marine engines which will no doubt require more head room than you had in mounting shop. However I am sure you have thought of meeting this contingency.

Said yet have you a little further with the Humbers in ordering 8 more. I hope you will be able to dispose of them and get your money back. I am glad Morgan got a little rest but that very much considering how hard he has worked. I still have his letter before me to answer.

I am agreeable to proposed blacksmith shop. I have promised that you provide for the crane.

very great for just over 10 of size should enable you to ~~take~~ ^{take} it up. I should imagine that a 500 lb engine would easily be within your reach especially if triple expansion as no doubt they are.

Thank you also for newspaper clippings which are interesting even if election matters are a little stale although I see by Paris papers that it will be 8 weeks more before soldiers votes are counted. I am curious to hear about Arthur Little throwing hymn book in church? Saw George on road the other day. I see he is again one of controllers.

Sorry you do not like the new parson's sermons but adjustment no doubt will be necessary all around.

Had a very interesting letter ^{from} ~~about~~ Aubrey about his visit to London which I was glad to get.

fair to those in regiment below
them to have their just progression
blocked. We then chatted for half an
hour about the war & the Corps, and
finally said he would see Smith
my S. M. C. and if he was willing to
waive his right to promotion in
my place he would consider my
claim. I said nothing to Smith on
my return as I did not want to
influence him and on Saturday
the Corps Commander saw him
but I believe Smith (who is also
a Lt. Col.) could not see his way to
waive in my favor and there
the matter stands. Smith spoke
to me again about it this A.M.
and I think regretted his stand
and wanted me to see Gen. Curry
again but I want as it is up
to Smith now. It is possible
that something may yet come of
it but I don't want to raise
your hopes so want attempt

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learn from catalogue but
don't let us make the mistake
of buying something too light
for all possible requirements.

The special oil heater in
place of flange fire appeals to
me and with it I should
think heavier work could be
done on same machine, but
this will want careful verifying.

I like the idea of the sign
along the tracks.

I will approve of improvement
to office and to further work
extension there when you see
fit. I quite agree about W. C.

Sorry to hear about Messrs
Greenlees and Parsons. Will
write Harry who is still over.

on combined business rather than shells alone
as one would help even up the other.

Now I want to tell you that on receipt of a letter
from Uncle Jack as well as Aubrey's I felt I should
make a special effort to get 3 months this spring and
asked for an interview with Carps commencing. He
saw me last Thursday and spent nearly an hour
chatting with him in his new room, Washington.

Hegrove me a most sympathetic hearing and
said he would like to let me go and had my place for me
on my own account, yards and also for Wood's sake.
But that he had only made one exception to the new
order (last June) and let General Poornis go and as he
could not say well of a man such a good fighter, while
the peace of C. O. were easily filled and it was not

here. Hugh Munro has done
well over here and was one of first
to get both D.S.O. & M.C. although
there are lots now with both
decorations and with bars to
them as well.

Glad you got word of Hamper
at last. If Limes returns
to Canada he can take Wood's
things from him. I am so well
wait until I hear from him before
writing them.

Far Russian troubles gone
for ever as I fear there will be
no "Russia" soon and her
debts will never be redeemed.

Cannot explain further about
Major Leonard except that he
came from N.B.

Will send little map of Wood's
grave next time I go over.

It would appear to be to our
interest to have taxes limited

Re Marvin E & Bns

Disputing Sudden Vote
+ recall

Re Little vs Mitchell

Huber tractor +
prospects

Draw BRS Shop OK

no word fillers! Re Shell contract

McCabe Hanger + oil furnace
will work later

will only do a
little office

Interview with
Corpe Comdr
about return

not been well

Visit with Cowen
+ Comdr of 50 Year of

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to predict. as you know there
is both of a general reorganization
and 2 corps and the next few
months might bring some
opening for either himself or me
especially now that Gen Curry
knows both better (after all
talks) and realizes as I think
he does how we both stuck out
under Elmsley of Strasbourg who
should not have been
brought in at all. you may
rest assured I will do my best
to arrange it but at some time
feel that I must have a real
go at the times myself before
I pull out for good, as I wanted
never stay ^{permanently} in England or
Canada in military capacity.

only hope you will forgive my being bull
headed. I may see it differently later, but just
now I feel that it is up to me to stick it out
praised I cannot get the 3 months and keep
my command or get another combatant job in
France. I also feel that my heart would be
still in the war and the memory of it if I were
to drop out for good now and that I would never
be happy working as an civilian at home. Now
would the of much use until I feel I had done
my bit - both for our great cause and for dear
Wood's memory. I am much love J. H.

I consider my duty to Wood calls
for me to see it through and to
"carry on" as he said. I also
feel that all are needed here
and that our chance may yet
come when least we expect it,
and I would hate not to have
this command if it did.

Another thing I feel is that
I don't want to go back just when
we are expecting a big turn
effort.

I know you and dear mother
need me for a time at least
and feel perhaps I am taking
too ethereal a view of the
matter and not considering
you and the family enough.
After the great sacrifices you
have and are making and if so