



SCOTTISH BRANCH  
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

28/9/45.

73 Bank Street  
Lochgelly  
Fife, Scotland

My Dear Mr. Ayring

Very many thanks for your prompt reply, and a great many thanks for your request to forward 10 names from my area. It is indeed a most generous offer, and I can assure you before hand that into each home, any of your food parcels go, they will be gratefully appreciated.

Attached to each name and address is a brief report of the case.

1. MRS. WHYTE (age 84)  
58 HALL STREET.  
LOCKGELLY.  
FIFE, SCOTLAND.

Mrs. Pack  
& Melber

<sup>report -</sup>  
Mrs. Whyte is same age & has been in Hospital undergoing an operation & when I enquired at Hospital I was informed it had been successful. He is due home this week 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. The extra contained in Food Parcel will help him & his ~~wife~~ wife considerably.





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II M<sup>RS</sup> GOLQUHOUN age 89.  
135 STATION ROAD.  
LOCKGELLY.  
FIFE, SCOTLAND.

M<sup>rs</sup> G has a daughter who lives with her, but has been confined to bed now for some considerable time. On being visited she is very cheery & wants all the local news.

III M<sup>RS</sup> HENDERSON. both over 70.  
41 STATIONHEAD ROAD.  
LOCKGELLY.  
FIFE, SCOTLAND.

M<sup>rs</sup> H has been confined to bed now with Varicose Ulcers, for several months. It is impossible that two ration books such as we have, can provide any extra diet for her. Her husband who is also an Old Age Pensioner works away in his garden & looks after the home.

IV M<sup>RS</sup> JOHNSTON. both over 70.  
8 PARK STREET.  
LOCKGELLY.  
FIFE, SCOTLAND.

Husband & wife reside at 8 Park St. very reserved folks & having few relatives would.



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be delighted with this special  
treat from Canada in the form of a  
food parcel.

V. Miss SCOTT.

Over 70.

5. HAMILTON STREET.

LOCKGELLY.

FIFE SCOTLAND.

Mrs. Boring  
Mrs. Young  
Penny  
Mrs. Cramer

Mrs SCOTT lives alone. Some time ago  
she had a major operation. (Removal of Breast.)  
made a marvellous recovery, but the  
usual complications have set in.  
I visit her regularly. I can assure you  
the surprise gift of a food parcel from  
your members to her would be graciously  
accepted & appreciated in order to  
augment her meagre rations at present.

VI. Mrs. GREENHORN.

age 70.

18 DUNDAS STREET.

LOCKGELLY.

FIFE. SCOTLAND.

Mrs. Fried  
Edna

Mrs. Greenhorn nursed her husband for  
many weeks. She seems not to have  
recovered from the great loss sustained  
by his death some months ago, & has  
been in bed suffering with nervous  
debility for several weeks. A daughter  
lives with her. The daughter is the  
Quartermaster in the local Red Cross  
Detachment FIFE 56 to which Mrs. Young  
once belonged. I'm sure a food parcel  
would give her a new lease of life.

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List of Names Continued.



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VI. Mrs D. ROBERTSON.  
65 HALL STREET.  
ROCHGELLY  
FIFE SCOTLAND.

Mrs. Jamieson  
Banner  
Rochgelly

Mrs Robertson's husband was a Prisoner  
of War in the FAR EAST, suffering very  
badly from "BERI-BERI". From the Red  
Cross information received before the release  
of the P.O.W. it was never thought he would  
survive the tortures <sup>Received in Far East</sup> & ordeal of coming  
home. However he was sent home by plane  
since being at home he has many "OFF"  
days, & naturally it has been a great  
strain on his wife. The Red Cross  
supplied the usual Invalid food parcels  
to him. Call FAR EAST. P.O.W.

Mrs Robertson would be very grateful  
for the Tip-Bits in the food parcel received  
from you to augment their diet at present.

VIII. Mrs SHARP  
7 HALL STREET.  
ROCHGELLY  
FIFE SCOTLAND.

both over 70  
Mrs. Mueller

Mrs Sharp has been an invalid & confined to  
bed for many months. It has been a great  
strain on Mrs Sharp. They live alone. They would



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be most grateful for the Gift of a  
food parcel.

VI.

Mr. A. MARSHALL

65 STATION ROAD.

ROCHGELLY

FIFE. SCOTLAND.

This dear old lady had a son a  
Prisoner of war in Germany. I sent  
all the quarterly parcels & wrote a  
great many letters for her during her  
son's absence. She was very grateful  
to the Red Cross, and helped many  
times with her widows mite, when  
collectors made their annual appeal  
for Red Cross Funds.

She has not been well for some  
time now. A visit from me and a  
surprise in store with regards to your  
food parcel would help her a lot and  
I know she would appreciate the daunties.  
It would be a right change from  
"Humdrum" everyday rations here.

VII.

Mrs BAND

15 DAVID ST.

ROCHGELLY

FIFE. SCOTLAND.

Mrs Band lives alone. Keeps fairly well.  
Enjoys members of the Church Guild all up on  
her. A food parcel would help her a great  
deal. especially a change of diet



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Lot of most needed foods.

Fats cheese, meat, salmon (a rarity here.)  
two fruits, milk etc.

I'm sure you will get a great  
deal of help & guidance from your members  
with regards to contents of Food Parcels.

Again thank you &  
all your members for your quick  
response, & I'm sure each individual  
who receives a Food parcel will  
reply. I shall visit them all before  
the end of the year.

Would it be too much to ask  
that the alternative address should  
be! — The Local Red Cross.

Lochgellat,  
Fife, Scotland.

Sincerely  
J. H. Weir. SRN.  
Vice President, Area No 10, Fife.



Mr. William White

84 Westwood Ave.

Perthcaldy

Fife

Scotland

6/12/48

To

Mrs. R. Peacock

Melba McArthur

Dear Friends,

if I may  
take the very great pleasure in calling  
you so, I would like very much indeed  
through the medium of these few lines, to  
express, on behalf of my Mum & Dad  
my sincere thanks for the parcel of food  
stuffs they received yesterday. I would  
also advise you that it was in very  
good condition. To see the expressions  
on their faces when they opened the  
parcel and heard their exclamations  
would I'm sure have given you much  
joy at being the cause of giving so much  
pleasure to two old folks. After they



they had got over the surprise, their immediate concern was, how could they thank these people in Canada for being so kind. I promised them I would see to that.

The parcel I'm sure could not have arrived at a more convenient time you see, they are old people Mum & Dad. Mum is 78 and Dad is going on for 85 (seventy eight and eighty five) and at present moment are both unfortunately in bed. Mother has been a montyr to backache for almost twenty-five years and Dad who has never had a illness in all his long ~~for~~ life had to go through a serious operation in September and has been confined to bed ever since.

I don't want to trouble you with an account of our family history or burden you in anyway with our troubles, as all families have enough



troubles and sorrows of their own.

I only want to let you know the joy and thankfulness felt by one of the recipients of your parcels, and the circumstances under which it was received.

I can assure you no greater joy and gratefulness has been felt in any other home for your parcels than the one received by Mum & Dad.

I will close now, thanking you once again and who knows, but some day your good gift and kindness may be reciprocated.

Yours

yours sincerely  
William W. Whyte.

P.S. Dad was a coal miner and the family are all more or less connected with the coal mines.



1/5/49

William Whyte  
84 Westwood Ave.  
Herkcaldy,  
Tife  
Scotland

To

Mrs. L. V. Peacock.

Sec.

Spirit Valley Women's Inst.

Spirit River

Alberta

Canada

Dear Friend

I am again complying with mother's earnest wish to thank you very much for share of food parcel you sent. (per Miss Weir BRCS)

When I was up at Lochgelly visiting mother last week I had to promise before I got away that I would write and thank you. Well here I am carrying out my promise and incidentally I may say, apart from keeping my promise to mother, it gives me the greatest of pleasure to express my thanks and appreciation for your kindness and thoughtfulness to mother.

I am sorry to say we lost our Dad on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. and mother is missing him terribly.

Thanking you once again

I remain, yours faithfully  
W Whyte



5 Hamilton Street  
Lochgelly Tife  
Scotland

Dec 8/12/1948

President of the Womens  
Institute Spirit River Alta  
Canada

Dear madam

Please convey my sincere thanks  
to M<sup>rs</sup> Cramer M<sup>rs</sup> Boon garden  
M<sup>rs</sup> Kilding Young M<sup>rs</sup> Speers for  
the lovely big Parcel I received last  
week I may say I am very grateful  
as one living alone does not have  
a big choice these days

Wishing them all a very happy  
& mas a thanking them again  
for their great kindness shown to  
me  
Your Sincerely  
Margaret M Scott



TELEPHONE:  
LOCHGELLY 59.

ELDERLEA,  
163 MAIN STREET,  
LOCHGELLY.

13<sup>th</sup> April.

Dear Mrs Peacock,

I would like to thank you very much for the nice food gifts which I received per Miss Weir of the British Red Cross. My husband is awaiting a bed in a Sanatorium. He is in business for himself as Joiners & Builders so you can imagine what it means for a man so active, to be confined to bed. I think it is the War years, what with shortage of men,



Fire Watching, and never knowing when you had to get out of bed for the siren, has told on him.

The waiting list for a bed in the sanatorium is considerable, but we have word now that he will be going in a few weeks time. While our home conditions are good, he is inclined to wonder & try to take a part in the business. I am fortunate my family of four are growing up. My eldest boy is nineteen and is in the business. My next girl has just finished 5 years at High school & will be going to college, the other two girls are fifteen & thirteen years.



TELEPHONE:  
LOCHGELLY 59.

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ELDERLEA,

163 MAIN STREET,

LOCHGELLY.

Our country has not got on  
its feet after the War, and with  
our present Government I think  
things will get worse, I am  
sure had we had Mr Churchill  
for a Leader & Conservative

Government the country would  
have been in a better state today.

Today I cooked the Rice, not  
since before the War has Rice  
appeared in the shops. Certainly  
there is an improvement but  
not luxurians. I will close  
now, again thanking you for  
your kindness



I remain

Yours sincerely

(Ltr) J. J. Wilson

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PS Enclose some callings J.W.



SCOTTISH BRANCH  
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

43 Bank St.  
Lochgelly  
Fife  
Scotland.

6/6/49.

My dear Mrs Peacock.

It is with great thankfulness that I acknowledge your grand Gift Parcel. It was a great surprise but much appreciated.

I think it is wonderful the grand gifts we are receiving from you all in Spirit River.

I am very sorry to tell you that Mrs Jennings, 4 Brucefield Ter. Lochgelly died last week. She wrote you, thanking you for the Food Parcel, which I divided among the very ill & old folks on my Welfare list. She was always so cheery & grateful for all gifts such as Food, Books & Jig Saw Puzzles. She was well looked after by her mother, in whose house she lived with her husband & son (5 yrs old.)

This may be a little help to you all in Spirit River, to realise the benefit received by your generous offer of Gifts



to my Welfare cases, & how they are  
enjoyed and looked forward to.

I have 24 cases on my list & everyone,  
men & women enjoy my visits &  
I can tell you what a help it has  
been to be able to hand over some of  
your Parcels in the Food line. Jellies,  
Rice, Fruit, extra sugar, Meat, & other  
dainties. I get some Food Parcels  
through the Australian Redcross for  
my Tuberculosis cases.

Well we are now into June & hope  
for good weather.

I trust you are all well in  
spirit & hope and ask you once again  
to accept of my most Grateful thanks

Any chance of any of you being in  
Scotland? Let me know & I'll be  
delighted to meet you in Rockgelly.

Mrs Young's mother has once  
again got a loan of an Invalid Chair  
from local Redcross Medical Loan Depot.  
in order to get out during the summer  
months. We have a good depot here.

I'm very grateful for donations received  
from people to buy Invalid Chairs,  
Rubber rings, Bed rests, Bed tables,  
crutches etc, in <sup>fact</sup> all that may be required  
for an Invalid at home.

Yrs Sincerely  
Linda's regards to all. Jane & Weir.



Monday

25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 1949.

H. Brusfield Ter

Lochgelly

Fife

Scotland

Dear Mr Peacock,

In writing this letter it gives me the opportunity to thank you for the parcel of foodstuffs which I received kindly from Miss Weir.

Lochgelly, Peat Cross. The milled choc Rice, Yello, certainly are appreciated these days as they are difficult to get. I shouldn't exactly say difficult Mr Peacock, as it is, everybody are rushing for them, and by rights first come, first served isn't it.

Miss Weir certainly does his job very well and I look forward to his visits eagerly, as she always has a kindly word to say about everybody and keeps up a very interesting conversation, which makes me forget about my trouble for a little while.

Well Mr Peacock,

I have been in a Sanatorium for 4 years with Tuberculosis, but thank God I am now home, I say thank God, Mr Peacock, because there

is no place like home. If everyone has a home like I have they would say the same, because I have a Mother & Dad in a million & also a husband who understands me and my trouble.

My Son Alan is 4 1/2 years old, and will be going to the school in the Autumn. He is a fine wee chap, fair hair and grey eyes, & sturdy as an athlete.

Mary a laugh I have with with him, he is at the stage where he imagines a great deal what he is going to do when he grows up.

Some times a policeman & how he catches the bad boys for telling lies & misbehaving themselves, of course he is always the wee hero, then he usually ends up, being a law officer like his Dad, root-toot, tootin' all over the house. My Mother says she has lost a few lbs of sweat running after him, because



when its time for bed Alan  
is nowhere to be seen I must  
say, need a weary moment.  
Well Mrs Peacock,

I could  
keep on writing like this  
but my hand is getting  
pretty tired now. So once  
again - I thank you.

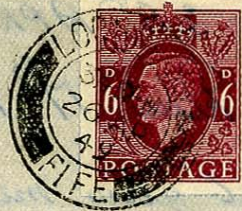
"To a friend from  
a friend" I say  
Good night

Yours Sincerely  
M<sup>rs</sup> M. Jennings

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED  
THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT  
BY ORDINARY MAIL.



" MRS. L. V. PEACOCK "

SECRETARY

SPIRIT VALLEY N.I.

SPIRIT RIVER

ALBERTA

CANADA

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Sender's name and address :-

MRS M. JENNINGS  
A. BRUCEFIELD TERR  
KOCHGELLY  
FIFE  
SCOTLAND

To open cut here



59, Wall St.

Lochgelly,

Fife.

Scotland.

Dear Mrs Peacock & Miss McArthur,

On behalf of my Grandmother & Grandfather, I wish to thank you for the lovely present we have just received. It came as a great surprise to us and we were so amazed and delighted at the same that we didn't know what to do with it.

My grandparents are getting old now and are therefore unable to write and express their thanks to you both as they would very much like to have done. My Grandmother is almost 79 and my Grandfather is 84. My Gran keeps a little better than my Grandfather now as he has been in hospital for an operation and he was just about better when he went down again with pleurisy and since then he has had a relapse but he is a little better now and is getting up for a while now.

You will probably be wondering who I am.



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Sender's name and address :-

Mrs Jenny Whyte

55 Hill Street

Highgate

Fife

Scotland

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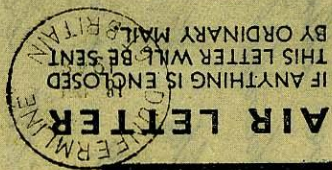
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Canada

Alberta

Spent River

Mrs. R. Fenwick



BY AIR MAIL

I am their Grand daughter and I stay with them and do what I can to help them. I also work in a nearby town as a typist - clerkess. It is a silk factory and we are the firm who made Princess Elizabeths wedding dress. We also export a whole lot of material to Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, but of course there are other countries too, too numerous to mention. I am also 19 years of age.

I shall close now thanking you again and wishing both you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Years.

Yours Sincerely,  
Jennie Whyte



4. 4. 49.  
18 Dundas St  
Lochgelly  
Fifehire  
Scotland.

Dear Mrs Rescock,

I have to-day received from Mrs Stein of the Red Cross a few very useful articles of food stuffs cheese, tea, icing sugar and rice. These things are very scarce here and I can tell you I will have a great treat to-morrow for dinner with the rice. I have hardly seen it since the war and recently I was lucky enough to get a  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb from my grocer. I am 73 years of age and live with my daughter. I have been in bed for the last six months for lack of blood. but I <sup>am</sup> feeling stronger now and able to get up for a little. I received a parcel some time ago from your W. G. and I can assure you I was very grateful and to-day I don't know how to thank you for your great kindness also the kindness of your Daughter in law. These articles will help in a great lot as we don't get much rations for two. I suppose you will know our friend Mrs Young who is a member of your W. G. I am not a good letter writer but from the bottom of my heart I thank you both very much for your kindness  
Mrs L. Greenhorn.



Grande Prairie  
June 19th 1949

Mrs L. V. Peacock  
Spirit Valley H.S. Sec.  
Spirit River, Alberta

Dear Mrs Peacock:

Just what can I say that will truly express my surprise and thanks for your wonderful cheque of one hundred thirty seven dollars twenty five cents. Yours was the largest collection turned in so far. I am pleased to tell you that with the help and kind cooperation of so many organizations I have now passed our quota mark of \$2,000.00 I have to date \$2,091.78. With so many calls for fire relief, Red Shield and the Red Cross just finished it is a marvel that we were able to collect so much. I will be glad when all boxes are in and checked and sorted and returned to Calgary, I have already written over one hundred letters, and still writing. The blood



1919  
Francis  
June 1919

clinic was here last week, I  
was real busy with that also.  
truly it is one thing after  
another, but we should be  
happy to be able to help.

In the name of  
The Gauen Society, the Grand  
Prairie Women's Institute who  
are sponsoring the Campaign  
and myself as convenor I  
sincerely thank you

Will I be seeing  
you at the St. J. Conference at  
Lebanon on June 29th. Hope so

Sincerely yours  
(Mrs. H. H.) L. MacDonald.

P.S. I never read the instructions on  
envelope until I got your letter, it is  
just as well for I can't print in  
block letters anyway. I had a laugh  
over that.