

Dear Jud.

14 Sebastian Pl.,  
Halifax, N.S.,  
Feb. 11.45.

No doubt you thought I had died but I am still living, altho I can't give you one good reason why. Congrats. on the arrival of a Justin junior. Boy, a few years makes a big change, Jud old man. Well Old timer, things are as busy as ever on the road, and the old equipment is sure taking a beating. Sometimes I wonder how in the hell we stay on the rails. Changes are taking place all the time here Duncan Strahan is Asst. Supt. at Moncton and B.B. Archibald is Asst. Supt. to Fullerton. Alf. Currie is still running in your place in St. John, and old Joe is still as nutty as ever. By the way our new schedule goes into effect March 1st. God only knows if we will benefit from it or not. Time alone will tell. By the way there are so many new fellows on the road now I hardly know a soul and between you and I Jud the majority of them are lousy. Not worth the powder to blow them to hell.

Your old friend Geo. Smith is none to well these days, he nearly passed out a few months ago. I guess with all those women around him and not being able to do anything about it nearly drives the old ram crazy, ha-ha. All jokes aside, the girls are doing a great job. Its the young fellows *own* fault, they figured no one could do the work.

Halifax is still as busy as ever and I may say very lucky this winter in regards to snow as compared to other parts of the country. Believe it or not I dont think we had it below zero all winter here and very little snow, altho plenty of rain.

Dick Burnham told me he had received a letter from you and also dusted me out for not writing. Good Fellow Dick.

Mother and father wish to be remembered to you and mother wants your wife's address. She wanted to sent something to the baby but did not know if your wife was living in Halifax or Kinkora.

Well Jud it looks like the boys have finally got the Indian Sign on the Axis at last and I dont think it won't be long before Mr. Hitler and Co. yell UNCLE. The Russians are sure giving them hell right now.

From all apperances, I expect to see a Federal Election in the spring. It looks like Mr. Mc.K. King has out lived his welcome. Jud I certainly hope they don't let the Frenchmen run the country after this war like they did before the war. After all why should the rest of Canada be dictated to by a bunch of people who refuse to defend it in a time of war. If I had my way those birds in Quebec would be made to speak English regardless if they liked it or not. You dont hear those frogs asking you now if you speak french like they did before the war. Believe me Jud it makes my blood boil to see some of those cheap politicians trying to appease them.

Well Jud, news is scarce and I can truthfully say there is nothing new or startling since you went over.

Trusting to hear from you soon and wishing you all the luck in the world.

As Ever,  
Your old friend,

*Tom Desmond.*

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