

2001H.6.1a (envelope: 3 ½” x 6 ½” “ good, yellowing)

2001H.6.1b (letter: 7 ½” x 5 ½” good yellowing)

One page (both sides) letter on “Canada “YMCA” stationary with matching envelope addressed to *Mrs. J. Burnett 277 Broadway St. Santa Cruz Calif U.S.A.* Foreign postage stamp.

Postmarked January 15, 1918. Message marked *Witley Camp Furrey. Eng. 14/1/18.* Message: *Dear Mother, Just a line to let you know am still here and very uncertain just now when I will get away as some of my record papers are missing so will have to wait until they find them, there was about four hundred of our Batt' left last Sunday but could not get away myself but guess it may not be long now. Sorry to hear you are unwell again but hope you are better now, was at Dorking and very sorry to hear of Uncle Fred's death although he died on the 1st of Nov had not heard anything about it although received a letter from Winnie when I came back from leave but of course it had been over to France and been lost for awhile. Went to D' again last Sunday and found Aunt Lena had arrived back from Reigate where she had been staying with her sister, she has changed a lot since I saw her last March was saying she could not sleep she is quite a worry to the rest of the Family as she cannot seem to help herself just sits by the fire and does nothing to occupy her mind, think myself that she will loose her mind if she does not try to help herself. Did you hear from Walter lately? Have not heard from him since July I think it was, Winnie said that Uncle Fred heard from him some little time ago and he spoke of joining some Scottish Batt' and going to France but they had not heard anything from him since. Went and saw Uncle Frank while in London and found them all well, but they had received a letter from Can' from Frank Burnett (Uncle F' boy) saying he had lost his wife and nearly died himself but was recovering slowly, had only been married about two years. Well, do not know when I shall get away from here, but shall possibly be over this spring sometime and will come right down and see you all. Hoping this finds you all well. Am your loving son Malcolm.*

2001H.6.2 (3 ½” x 5 ½” good, yellowing, rip in upper left corner, creases on corners)

Post card with a black and white photograph of a town along a sea cliff marked “East Cliff, Folkestone.” Foreign postage stamp. Postmarked March 20, 1918. Addressed to *Mrs. J. Burnett 308 Broadway St. Santa Cruz. Calif. U.S.A.* Message marked *Folkestone March 20/18.* Message: *Dear Mother, Just arrived here on my way to France again after two weeks in Eng' and Scotland and of course have had a fine time, was at Dorking for about a week, all are well there sent you some china from there which I hope you will receive in good shape, will write more when I get back over the other side with best wishes to all. M.*

2001H.6.3a (envelope: 3 ½” x 6” good, yellowing)

2001H.6.3bcd (letter: 8” x 5” good, yellowing)

Three page letter (double sided) on “YMCA” stationary in a “YMCA” envelope addressed to *Mrs. J. Burnett 308 Broadway St. Santa Cruz Calif U.S.A.* At the top is written *On Active Duty and A.M. Prestin.* Postmarked March 26, 1918. Message is marked *B.E.F. France Mar 23/18.* Message: *Dear Mother, Intended writing you from Eng' but somehow there does not seem very much time when one is there, well, I certainly had a fine time, started from here the morning of the 5th and arrived in London the following night between 7 P.M. and 9 so of course was too late by the time I got cleaned up, etc., to do very much that night, went out to see Uncle Frank the next night found them all very well but of course utterly tired of the war as everybody is. Started for Edinburgh the next day after dinner and arrived there about 11 o'clock went to see Uncle Bob the next day but as he was busy did not like to bother him, he asked me to come out to their house and stay with them but did not feel like troubling them so as it is rather lonely by ones self*

only took a couple days there then back to London, stopping at Newcastle on the way to see if I could take a look around the big ship building yard but learned there that it is very hard to even look in at the doors as they are doing so much government work for which you can not blame them. Newcastle does not compare with Edinburgh as a beautiful city, Edinburgh is the finest city I have ever seen and should say the cleanest. Did not care for Newcastle so took the next train for London staying there overnight then down to Dorking and stayed the rest of my leave there, glad to say the weather was fine all the time I was over much better than last year of course it was very nearly two months later so could expect it to be better. Uncle was looking better than last year and is very busy as the air raids have driven a lot of people out of London and district I was in his office several times and people were continually coming in asking about houses to rest some of them did not seem to mind what price they paid. Aunt Emma seems to be troubled quite a good deal with [neuralgia] so did not see a great deal of her once not seeing her for two or three days Winnie and May are going along the same old way very quiet girls but very nice ones, Leonard and Family are all well he has three very bright youngsters I think he said that each one were in different classes and took 1st prizes on each so you can see they are quite bright. Did not go into the [Dupdene] this time but Uncle was saying it had fallen into bad repair in lots of the paths the brush has overgrown so it must be in bad shape although it looks all right from outside of course there is no one staying there now it seems a pity but it must be a very expensive place to keep up. One man was telling that when the Duchess of Marlborough lived there she kept about fifty servants and spent a tremendous amount of money in Dorking changing off from one dealer to another so as to give them all a chance so she must have been a great help to all. Leonard took me for several drives in their car which is only a small one but it does cut along, once to Luth Hill and walked to the top but owing to it being a misty day could not get the full benefit of the view, they are more or less spoiling a good deal of country by taking a lot of the timber for war purposes but really has not hurt it much yet, have not seen anyplace to beat that for beauty expect you and Dad would like to take a trip around there again, Uncle Fred and Uncle Bab are both talking of a trip to Calif' to see you but do not know if they will do so or not Uncle Bob will not be able to until after the war as all the Boys are out here and in Palcotine. Just had Wills letter and glad to hear you are all well and that Jess is improving hope she continues to do so. Very nearly forgot but went to Church with them at D' and met several people who remembered to you Edith Box Miss Grimstead, Mr. Miller all asked about you all more particularly of course about Lucy and Arch and you and Dad. Well, have not had very much sleep for three or four nights as troop trains are anything but comfortable, just arrived back in time for Fritzs big offensive but do not think he will break through although he is trying hard. Pages are numbered 1-6 respectively. At the top of page 3 is written Just received parcel but have not had time open it thanks ever so much. At the top of page 5, because page 6 was full, the letter is signed With best wished to all. From your loving son Malcolm. P.S. Sent you some china from D but had to have it sent out in two parcels so hope you get it all right.

2001H.6.4a (envelope: 4" x 6 ¼" good, yellowing)

2001H.6.4b (letter: 10 ¾" x 5 ¼" good, yellowing)

One page double sided letter on "California 'Liberty To All Forever'" stationary with matching envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Burnett 308 Broadway St. Santa Cruz Calif. U.S.A. Postmarked April 15, 1918. Message is marked B.E.F. France April 13/18. Message: Dear Mother, Guess you will get quite a surprise when you see this heading but it was sent to one of the Boys by a friend in Oakland who designed it. Received Dads letter and very sorry to hear your eyes are

troubling you, hope they will be all right before you receive this, glad to hear that Jess is better and hope she got over it altogether. Dad said something about Will and Walter might be called up to the Army should have thought there was plenty of young men there yet to be called up anyway hope this is ones before they are wanted. Have had some unsettled weather lately with quite a lot of rain the last two days have been quite boggy, the 10th was a beautiful day regular Calif spring weather what a change yesterday and today more like Jan. Had a few lines from Uncle Fred yesterday he said they were all well except Aunt, she seems to be rather serious, did not see a great deal of her when I was over as she stayed in her room most of the time. Took the two girls to a show in London but did not have very much time to choose so did not strike a very good one but they seemed to enjoy it all right. While in Dorking met several people who remembered you quite well. Mr. and Mrs. Weller and a Miss [Gronstiad] asked to be remembered to Lucy also saw Edith Boy did not think she was looking so well as last year think Uncle was saying she had lost several near relations so expects that was the reason. Have not heard from Frank for a long time but suppose he is getting along alright believe they have had a very good winter in B.C. suppose Frank is pretty well settled down now with a family to think of. Well, I guess you see by the papers all about the German offensive he has certainly made a great advance possibly it will not do him a great deal of good he can only do it with large sacrifices of men well hope they can stop him before he gets too far. It is nice to see the trees coming out in leaf and the apple trees blossoming do not know what effect this cold wind will have on them, but should think it might spoil a lot. Tried to get a good book of [iricus] while in Dorking but could not do so as they cannot get them now, did you get the teat pot I sent you all right I paid the Custom at the P.O. but have since had it sent back to me so do not know how it will be but if you will let me know will send it to you as I do not want you to have to pay anything on it. Well guess I must close with best wishes to all. Your loving son, Malcolm.

2001H.6.8a (envelope: 4 x 6" good, yellowing)

2001H.6.8bc (letter: 8 ¾" x 5 ½" good, yellowing)

Two page letter in a printed "Active Service" envelope addressed to *Mrs. J. Burnett 308 Broadway St. Santa Cruz Calif. U.S.A.* Postmarked May 13, 1918. Message marked *B.E.F. France May 12/18.* Message: *Dear Mother, Received your letter O.K. and sorry to hear your eyes are still troubling you what does the Doctor say I suppose rest then an much as you can, so do not try and write until you can do so without them bothering you. Have been keeping well myself except was in hospital for a week through getting a slight cut in my head (not from a shell) it healed very quick would not have minded if it had taken a little longer, that is the first time I have been away from the Batt' in over two years except to go on leave. Did you get the P.C.'s and letters from Eng' which I sent while there also the little tea set very likely it would get smashed on the way. Glad to hear that Jess has benefited by the treatment although it seems to take a long time if it cures her though it is worth staying with it. Am not sorry to hear they would not take Will in the Army and even if they take Walter he will not have to come over here at least not for a long time as they must have all kinds of young men who want to come and more physically fit as well, we have a Company of U.S. engineers working with us now and there are quite a lot of sail road men with them should not think there are many over thirty years of age most of them are eastern men from the New Eng' States, have not seen but very few Infantry but they are on a different part of the line to this, expect we will see lots of them before this is over. Well do not think there is much news so will close with best wishes to all. Your loving son Malcolm.*

2001H.6.10a (envelope: 3 ¼” x 4 ½” good, yellowing)

2001H.6.10.bc (letter: 8 ¾” x 5 ½” good, yellowing)

Two page letter in envelope addressed to *Mrs. J. Burnett 308 Broadway St. Santa Cruz Calif. U.S.A.* Postmarked June 15, 1918. At top is written *O.A.S.* and over postmark is written *A.M. Preston.* Message is marked *B.E.F. France June 13/18.* Message: *Dear Mother, Have not heard from you for some time so thought I would drop you a line, how are your eyes? Hope they are not troubling you too much, did you have to go to a Doctor? Must make it hard as I suppose you can not read much, do not try writing to me as I guess Jess or somebody can drop me a line to let me know how you all are. Heard from Comox a few day ago and hear from there that Frank in expecting Walter up to see him before he joins the Army do not think it is necessary for him to think of joining up yet as there are so many thousands younger should think he could wait awhile yet. See the American Marines are doing fine work never doubted but what they would myself. Glad to say we have been having fine weather for some time quite hot sometimes as you would know if you could see my nose which is beautifully peeled these little caps are not much protection from old sol, but we are keeping very fit being so much in the open air, expect there will be lots of men hate the thought of going back to an office life after this sort of thing that of course does not mean that they will be sorry when the war is over. How is Father getting along, expect he puts most of his time out in the garden and glad he has not that old Bakersfield sun over his head, tell him I get the papers quite often and thank him very much. Tell Will I dropped him a few lines if you should not happen to get it. Well am afraid there is not much news so will close hoping this finds you all well. From your loving son Malcolm.*

2001H.6.11a (envelope: 4” x 6” good, yellowing)

2001H.6.11.bc (letter: 8 ¾” x 5 ½” good, yellowing)

Two page letter in “Active Service” envelope addressed to *Mrs. J. Burnett 308 Broadway St. Santa Cruz Calif USA.* Postmarked July 6, 1918. Message is marked *B.E.F. France July 5/18.* Message: *Dear Mother, Received your letter of the 20th some time since so though I would drop a line to let you know we are all right, glad to hear your eyes are better and the new treatment has helped Jess but it is too bad about Walter thought he was well over the age so far, but I guess the U.L. realize what they are up against so they are going to get all available men who are physically fit right away, have not written him yet as you seemed uncertain about how long he would be before he came over the water. How is Will standing the extra work, etc. must make quite difference to him hope he makes out alright. Well, glad to say have had a quiet time lately although there has been an expectation of a big attack here but so far it has not developed, that is I of course mean an attack by Fritz. Think I told you about [Chrissie’s] sister’s arrival from India and I believe she is very glad to be back although believe she spent most of her stay there in the Hills so did not get the excessive heat, the last time I heard from her believe she said something about her Mother being down with the [Grippe] but as that was some weeks ago suppose she is over it by this time. Believe they are all well at Dorking, now would be the time to have a trip there wouldn’t it but guess I was lucky to get away when I did as they are not getting much leave now and very much doubt if there will be very much given for awhile. Well, guess there is not much to tell you so will close with best wishes to all. Your loving son Malcolm.*

2001H.6.12a (envelope: 3 ¼” x 4 ½” good, yellowing)

2001H.6.12.bc (letter: 8 ¾” x 5 ½” good, yellowing)

Two page letter in envelope addressed to *Mrs. J. Burnett 308 Broadway St. Santa Cruz Calif. U.S.A.* Postmarked July 29, 1918. On the top of the envelope is written *O.A.F.* and over the postmark is written *W. Anderson*. Message is marked *B.E.F. France July 28/18*. Message: *Dear Mother, Very sorry to hear you were not well when Father wrote hope you are all right again now. Could not quite understand about Walter as in one part of his (Father's) letter he said he had been sent on a special mission somewhere and in another he said he had started for Eng.? Or France with some other men, also spoke of having heard from him from Panama and Jamaica so it looks as if he is having quite a trip- guess he will be in quite a different climate there. We have been having quite a spell of cloudy weather with frequent showers between two and three weeks now and does not look like changing at present. How is Will getting along suppose he finds it rather hard work without Walter to help him hope he gets along all right. Had a very nice letter from Mr. Grant a few days ago in which he spoke of visiting you quite frequently, he wanted me to write something to be read out to some of his flock but would not try to for that as I can't even write a decent letter. Have not heard from Frank for some time, glad to hear the youngsters are going to school guess he is the proud Daddy now? Well, glad to say things are looking better on this Front now the French and Americans have done splendidly but of course the war is not ended yet but should think this will knock some of the confidence out of Fritz. Have not heard from either Dorking of London just lately but expect they are all well. Well am afraid there is not much news so will close with best wishes to all. Your loving son Malcolm.* At the bottom is written *W. Anderson*.

2001H.6.13a (envelope: 4" x 6" good, yellowing)

2001H.6.13.bcd (letter: 8 3/4" x 5 1/2" good, yellowing)

Three-page letter in an "Active Service" envelope addressed to *Mrs. J. Burnett 308 Broadway Santa Cruz Calif U.S.A.* It is postmarked August 7, 1918. The message is marked *B.E.F. France Aug 5/18*. Message: *Dear Mother, Have not heard from you for some time so thought you might still be feeling unwell so thought I would drop a few lines to let you know am still O.K. and have got a new job for a while to help look after the canteen as the regular man has gone on leave so am rather glad of the change. We sell all kinds of ordinary things like tobacco cigarettes, canned goods etc. I suppose you are feeling like we are very joyful over General [Teoch's] great advance also how well they (the Allies) fight together that is where the one supreme command comes in. We see lots of American Boys here now just a few minutes ago there a Battalion marched by although it is raining hard they were singing and sounded in good spirits they are a fine looking lot young and well built. Have you heard from Walter lately? Cannot imagine where he is bound for he did not have very long in [quick] did he? Hope he is having better weather than we are as it has been raining off and on for some weeks now. At present we are well back from the line so are not troubled with shell fire in fact have been back for some time making a new system in place of the lines that Fritz took in his first advance do not mind if we never get any closer as my curiosity concerning shells is satisfied. Glad to hear you got the China alright sorry did not have very much choice as the people in the store told me it was hard to get on account of shortage of labor. Have not heard from Uncle Fred or any of them lately but suppose Stacy are all well as expect. I should have heard. How is Will getting along hope he is not finding it too hard but guess he does not get much time off to enjoy the holiday season as I guess this is the time of the year that Santa Cruz is well patronaged. My Platoon Officer is an American and was at S.C. twenty years ago he was asking me if I knew a place called (Felton or Fenton?) once there possibly you know it. Have not heard from Frank for some time but*

heard from [**Riggie Carwith**] he had given up ranching and was at that time in Van' but expect to go back to the Poland. Well, I guess this is all at present with best wishes to all. Your loving son Malcolm. On the back of the third page is an addition P.S. Tell Mr. Grant has not managed to get his [**souvenir**] as they are not very plentiful where we are now. M.

2001H.6.14a (envelope: 4" x 6" good, yellowing)

2001H.6.14.b (letter: 10 ¾" x 5 ¼" good, yellowing)

One page letter (both sides) on "California 'Liberty To All Forever'" stationary in an "Active Service" envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Burnett 308 Broadway St. Santa Cruz, Cal. U.S.A. Postmarked August 15, 1918. Message is marked B.E.F. France Aug 14/18. Message: *Dear Mother, Received your letter and very glad to hear your eyes are better though can tell by your writing that you are not very good yet. Hope you can give [**Stern**] a good rest which out to help you. Glad to hear Walter has arrived safely but wish he had got into something more suited to him, although they do not have the long marches they used to have, do not know his address or would drop him a line. I think the last time I wrote you we had just started building a new line have not done anything on it myself yet as I am still in the canteen but of course only until the regular man comes back but it is a nice change. Where we are now there are a lot of [**aerodromes**] back of us and do not think I have seen or heard so many planes as I have here day and night of course Fritz keeps very busy but see very little of him in the day-time, they caught one of his giant planes in the search light the other night and managed to bring it down in flames it carried eight men and a big load of bombs which they did not have time to drop the men were all burned to a cinder, I believe it had five engines and made as much noise as a squadron of ours. There is a boy belonging to our company who has a cousin in the R.A.F. who flies a fast scout and goes bombing and machine gunning Fritzs roads etc. and generally when he is coming back from his strikes flies over our camp and dives right down over us so low sometimes until you could nearly reach and touch him he is a very clever Flyer hope he does not break his neck some of those days. Expect Will is finding it hard work hope he can stand the strain, should very much have liked to have been on your outing well will hope to be with you on one yet. Glad to hear Jess is better it must be a great relief to her and all of you guess she finds plenty to occupy her spare time. The weather seems to have settled now and have had it fine for some days now so it will help the French people to gather their crops which are splendid the country looking fine with the golden grain and green grass. Guess I never told you I had got a stripe so am a L/Corprel of course there is not much benefit in it and only 5 cents extra pay but get out of some fatigues. Well guess this will be all at present so will close with best wishes to all. Your loving son Malcolm.*

2001H.6.18a (envelope: 3 ½" x 5 ¼" fair; very faded, creases)

2001H.6.18bc (letter: 9 ¾" x 7 ½" good, yellowing)

Two-page letter on lined paper in "Canadian YMCA" envelope addressed to Mrs. J. Burnett 277 Broadway St. Santa Cruz Calif U.S.A. Postmarked October 27. At the top is written O.A.S. and written over the postmark is W J Anderson. Message is marked B.E.F. France Oct 25/18. Message: *Dear Mother, Thought it was about time I was dropping you a line to let you know am still all right and hope thing finds you all well, how the time flies will soon be into another winter which will make our third out here was hoping for a while that this might finish any time but it does not look much like it at present although he is still going back and if he keeps going like he has been expect he will not hold a great piece of France by the end of the year. The last time I*

heard from Jess she said you were going to move into your new house so expect you are well settled down by this time the other one Jess sent me a picture of looking good to me so if your new one is better it must be alright. Suppose you hear from Walter quite often I had a P.C. from him some time ago but have not heard from him since was wondering if he had been sent over here yet. I wrote and told him not to be in too much of a rush to come over as he would soon have enough of it. How is Will getting along hope he has got over his attack of Spanish Flu' was lucky myself when it was all the rage here as it missed me, well we are a long way from where we were at that time now and are amongst Villages hardly damaged by the shells some with some civilians but he has cleared most of them out before he has left them, we are getting plenty to do in our line as he has smashed the lines up in some places badly but we keep creeping along behind and put it in shape goin. Have seen quite a lot of different groups of prisoners and can see the difference in the type of men from the old [Somme] men taken in 16 a large lot of these are mere Boys and seem glad to be taken there looks to be very little spirit in them think it is only their iron discipline that keeps them going at all but hope that breaks soon. Tell Dad that I get the papers all right and that him very much, well, hope this finds you all well and with all good wishes, From your loving son, Malcolm. Written in a heavier had at the bottom is the name W J Anderson.

2001H.6.20a (envelope: 4" x 5 ¼" good, yellowing)

2001H.6.20bc (letter: 7 ¼" x 4 ¼" good, yellowing)

Two page (both sides) letter on "Canadian Service Chaplain" stationary with matching envelope addressed to *Mrs. J. Burnett 277 Broadway St. Santa Cruz Calif U.S.A.* Postmarked December 21, 1918. At top is written *O.A.S.* and over postmark is written *A.M. Preston.* At top of first page is written *Please be sure to write your name and address on envelope. A.M. Preston Lt.* Message is marked *St. Gheslain. Nov 19/18.* Message: *Dear Mother, Received Dads letter and very sorry to hear you are not well he said something about you having had a fall should have thought you had had more than your share of falls at Rosedale when you were in that run-away, well hope you have recovered long before you get this. Suppose you hear regularly from Walter have sent him a letter through the Records office asking him to let me know where he is but so far have not heard from him so not know whether he is out here or not if he is he might happen to have been very close to where our billeted too bad if he was and did not know it, well, there is not much chance of my seeing over here now as we are two days orders to move out of here for the base and then I guess we will be away to Blighty shall be jolly glad when we get our heads set for the good old West Coast. This place we are staying at present is a great coal mining district and should say there must be thirty or more mines within a two mile radius so you can see it is a very busy place where they are all working off course they are not many working at present as the railroads connecting them to the main lines are all blown up so it will be some time before they get them all fixed again. The Belgians told us that before the war there were about 400 cars of coal shipped out of here daily. Well, we were not sent with the Army if occupation and for one am not sorry as I think we stand a better chance of getting home earlier. Glad to hear you haven been getting such good weather there, we have no cause to complain as it has been wonderfully mild here with very little rain but it has changed the last few days and is quite a lot cooler. Sent you some lace some time ago I think there was a tie for all three of you and a collar for you which I sent afterwards so hope they arrive O.K.. Heard from Madgie B. a few days ago they were all well and Bicoe was in the Army but had not left by then so do not*

suppose he would do so as her letter was written on the 11th Nov. Well, hope this finds you better and with best wishes to all. I am your loving son Malcolm.

2001H.6.26a (envelope: 3 ½" x 6" good, yellowing)

2001H.6.26bc (letter: 10" x 8" good, yellowing)

Two page letter in envelope addressed to *Mr. Will Burnett 277 Broadway St. Santa Cruz Calif U.S.A.* Canadian postage stamp. Postmarked October 4, 1920 from Courtenay B.C. Message marked *Courtenay B.C. Oct 2/20.* Message: *Dear Will, Received your letter the other day and very glad to hear from you, somehow it seems very hard to settle down and write now for me for one thing I guess Arch writes you or Jess quite often and he is a much better correspondent that I am so know you will get a lot more news out of his than mine. Well am very glad to hear Mother is better but suppose she will never be very strong again, poor Mother she had always had such a lot of sickness but she also had the courage to carry on in spite of it which is a thing where many fail, I expect Jess has felt the strain of nursing come rather hard sometimes it must be quite a relief to have a competent nurse to help her, glad to hear you are getting such good weather we have had a very wet Sept- see by tonight's paper the weather man says we had ten inches during Sept which he says is a record, we have kept telling ourselves that it would clear up at the next change of the moon but we have had several changes and it is not settles yet. Suppose Frank is quite settled down by this time will I guess he was about tired of being where he was anyway he is not cut out for a fresh farmer if he had stayed do not think that he would have had to hunt for a job have kept going right along since the middle of Jan of course was rather lucky as I was with the one man all the time until last month since then have been working on a new school which is being built here quite a large building costing somewhere around \$50000.00 there has been a great increase in the amount of people around this district and a lot of property has changed hands so where one time I used to know most all the people around do not know a ¼ of them now. You spoke of going for a swim as the water is too sold anyway the weather has been too bad to think about it lately, did not go down to the bay at all this summer although there were quite big crowds there for some time did most of my swims in the river every night in the warm weather, often wished I had a car so I could go out to Kyi Bay of an evening but prices have been too high altogether even a Ford being up to over a \$1000 they have just dropped a \$100.00 the only reason I think is because people have got disgusted and stopping buying. Glad to hear you and Dof are doing so well you will soon be able to retire and live on the interest well it is getting late so must close with love to all. Your affec bro Malcolm. P.S. Drop me a line once in a while and let me know about Mother if you can spare the time.*

2001H.6.28a (envelope: 3 ¼" x 5 ¼" good, yellowing)

2001H.6.28bc (letter: 10" x 6 ½" good, yellowing)

Two page letter with envelope addressed to *Mr. Will Burnett 277 Broadway St. Santa Cruz Calif U.S.A.* Canadian postage stamp. Postmarked June 20, 1921 from Courtenay B.C. Messages is marked *Courtenay B.C. June 19/21.* Message: *Dear Walter and Will, Received your letter with check and good wishes and both of us wish to thank you both very much although we think you have sent too much, took the check to the Bank and they allowed me \$11.50 exchange so was wondering if you should think of making a trip up this way anytime it may pay to send some money and take advantage of the present high rate of exchange of course it is hard to say when the rate will be at for a gain but it does not look and had inveiments for a few hundred. Very sorry to hear Mother is no better must be hard on her and all of you not being able to speak Arch*

is talking of coming down in the fall do not know for certain, he is getting along very well working nearly all the time only sometimes help up for rain as we have had plenty of it here and from what you said about your trip you must have been getting your share too bad you should have had such poor weather. Where had Walter gone for his holiday as I suppose he has gone by this time, hard luck for Jess not being able to go with you all. I guess even if it was cold it would have done her good. Have not heard anything of or from Frank since before Xmas wrote his about then and sent all the kids and Sue small presents but never heard whether they received them or not. Glad to say am working fairly steadily although there is not as much building as last year and there are more men still from all accounts this district in the busiest on the Island and Vancouver is full of unemployed in fact all the cities have their troubles in that way. There is going to be a great hay crop here this year and the ferns are about five or six feet high already so do not know where they will stop, have some garden stuff in most of it looking very well altho tomatoes are rather backward on account of the cold and wet season do not hardly expect they will ripen, well guess there is not much news so will close with all good wishes and many thanks to you and Walter. Your affec bro Malcolm.

2001H.6.30a (envelope: 3 ½" x 6 ½" good, yellowing)

2001H.6.30b (letter: 9 ¾" x 7 ¾" good, yellowing)

One page letter in envelope addressed to *Mr. Will Burnett 277 Broadway St Santa Cruz Cal U.S.A.* Canadian postage stamps. Postmarked April 24, 1922 from Courtenay B.C. Message is marked *Courtenay, B.C. April 23/22.* Message: *Dear Will, Your telegrams arrived telling us the sad news, while we have been expecting to hear it for some time it comes as a great shock to know that she has gone. Very sorry we are not closer so that we could be with you on Monday but will be with you in thought and sympathy. Your affec bro Malcolm.*