

Esther M<sup>c</sup> Call.

Ballochmyle Hospital.

Mauchline.

Ayrshire.

4<sup>th</sup> February.

I have to call you "Nurse McCall"  
but I shall always think of you as "friend."

We cannot all be great, and grand of intellectual mind.  
We cannot all conduct the band, and some must stand behind.  
We cannot all be meteors that dazzle those on earth,  
But even little tiny stars can shine for all they're worth.  
And every one combines to make the sky a lovely sight,  
to put a touch of beauty in the darkness of the night.  
We cannot all be musical and strike a breathless cord.  
We cannot all do mighty deeds, and reap a great reward.  
We cannot all be orators with every word perfected,  
But in the circle of our friends our name can be  
respected.

With so much "thanks" during a happy visit.

From. J. Lawler. R.T.R.  
Ballochmyle 20/1/44

TO OUR ESTHER.

Kind Barted & True, is our Esther I'll say.

From Morn till night, she treads away.

Then someone will shout Whaur is Shearer gann ta,

"I just like the "Devil" Big Esther whaur say,

He will be oot at the door, whae a snawball for me.

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Go tell him Nurse Maist, his Medicine is oot.

But gin the time "Shearer" swallows it Big Esther is oot.

& away at the foot, But I'll get you Shearer, Esther

whaur say. But Esther as cute as a Marchion. I'll say

whaur have travelled a mile oot off Shearer's way.

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LONG LIVE ESTHER.

Gunner George Shearer

2 Captain St

Skerton

Lancaster. England.

FRAE WEE WHITE

I've been in Ward 2, quite a while,  
And I've always found a smile,  
For the nurses in Ballochmyle.

R. L. White.

7/2/41

To Nurse E. McBall.

Many thanks for your kindness  
and cheery smile in ward 32.

H. Cooper.

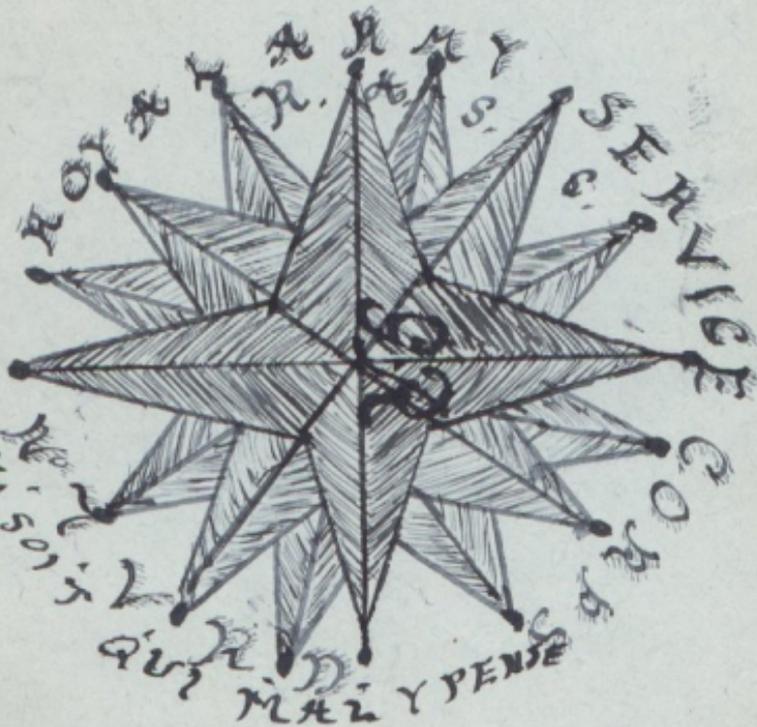
Fl Hussars (P.A.C.)

Thank-you Nurse McCell,  
And may I have the chance  
to return the hospitality  
some day.

"Tiny" (Troopa Balk.)

1st. THANKS

HOME FORCES



H. BLUNDELL.

1871



DR. F TOWERS.  
4<sup>TH</sup> ARM. Div:  
24/1/44.



TO NURSE McCALL, OF BALKOCHMYLE.  
WE KNOW THE ARMY MAKE'S YOU SMILE.  
BUT THIS I SAY, AND MEAN IT TOO  
THE VERY BEST FROM MRED, TO YOU.

To My ESTHER, God Bless Her

SHE BRINGS IN BAGS OF MYSTERY,  
AND PUTS THEM ON OUR PLATES,  
THEN GETS US INTO TROUBLE FOR EATING DINNER LATE,  
NOW BOYS, I GIVE THIS WARNING  
TO ALL WHO READ THIS TRIPE,  
WE ALL LOVE TO SEE OUR ESTHER, GOING OUT  
THE WARD AT NIGHT

THE REASON SOON I'LL GIVE YOU,  
AND IT'S NOT VERY HARD TO SEE,  
WHY NURSE McCALL, IS LOVED BY ALL, EVEN THE  
POOR CHINESE,  
TO MAKE US CONSTIPATED SHE GIVES US  
CHUNKS OF BREAD,  
THEN CASTOR OIL, AND EPSOM SALTS, TO MAKE  
US JUMP FROM BED,  
THE BOYS IN HERE COMPLAIN, OF BLISTERS  
ON THEIR FEET,  
THRO' RUNNING TO THE TOILET, IN TIME TO GET  
A SEAT  
WE QUE UP IN THE PASSAGE, WITH BUCKETS AT  
OUR SIDE  
AS SOME USUALLY ARE OVERTAKEN, BEFORE THEY  
GET ASTRIDE  
SO NOW YOU'VE READ THIS WARNING JUST  
LET HER PASS YOUR BED  
AND NEVER, NEVER, ACKNOWLEDGE HER, WITH  
SLIGHTEST SHAKE OF YOUR HEAD

P. T. O.

Piper W. McCall  
Ballochmyle 15/2/46

TO NURSE E. Mc CALL

TO A HEART OF GOLD, AND EYES OF BLUE,  
MY GRATITUDE NURSE, IS EVER SO TRUE,  
FOR KINDNESS RECEIVED AND FAITHFULLY GIVEN,  
YOU ARE TO US ALL, A GIFT FROM HEAVEN

TO OLD BALLOCHMYLE MY THOUGHTS WILL  
OFT' STRAY,  
AND I'LL NEVER FORGET THE VERY FIRST DAY,  
THAT INTO THE WARD, YOU CAME WITH A SMILE,  
AFTER BEING OFF FOR QUITE A SHORT WHILE

I'D HEARD QUITE A LOT OF OUR NURSE Mc CALL,  
FROM THE BOYS OF THE WARD, WHO DECLARED I  
WOULD FALL,  
IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, AND THEY WERE QUITE  
RIGHT,  
FOR YOU ARE MY ALL, MY DEAR, NURSE Mc CALL

PIPER N. Mc FARLANE  
K.O.S.B.<sup>3</sup>

BALLOCHMYLE

23 / 2 / 41

TO ESTHER McCALL.

IT WAS IN WARD 32

I FOUND SHE WAS TRUE

NOW AM GONE OUT

AND I AM AS EMBARRASSED AS YOU.

ALTHOUGH YOU ARE OUT OF SIGHT

YOU ARE NOT OUT OF OUR MIND.

T21446 CPL. BELL G.

(287) GOY. RASC.

22-1-44.



ADIO SEÑORITA  
MCALL

Eddie.

To Nurse E McCall

Burns in his time spoke about the Bonnie Bonnie  
Lass of Ballochmyle

But I in my time speak about the Bonnie  
Lassies of Ballochmyle (Hospital)

That is the place where you always get a friendly word  
a kind action, prompt attention and a pleasant smile  
from all the Bonnie Nurses at Ballochmyle

So I say Good Luck and  
God bless them all.

J S Munnie  
to S/S Empire Lynx. M. N.  
23/10/41



FROM JOHN M. McLAY. 29/11/41

DOMINUS VOBISCU

J. J. McBORMACK,  
XII COMMANDO,  
Nov. 1941.

