

EASTPORT MAN RETURNS HOME FROM FRONT

First of Maine Frontiersmen to Join Canadian Forces Tells of Experiences on Overseas Duty

Eastport, April 23.—While more than a dozen former young residents have joined the Canadian soldiers during the past two years of war, and have seen considerable service, the first Eastporter to return home on a furlough from the firing line in France is Samuel Freeman who is now enjoying a few weeks here, although his parents are dead, and he has only a few relatives.

Enlisted in St. John.

Young Freeman enlisted on December 18, 1915, when barely 18 years of age for overseas duty, joining a battalion at St. John, and after several months of strenuous training to fit him for the hardships of a soldier at the front he sailed with the troops from St. John last year and soon reached Liverpool.

More training was had at Otterpool and Shorncliffe, England, and he was transferred to the Canadian reserve to service, across the channel.

Arrived in France.

Arriving in France last July with his regiment, which was assigned to the neighborhood of Ypres, he was soon on the firing line and saw considerable service, and later wounded. Freeman and his regiment were soon in the trenches, being assigned to the hand grenade, or "bouncing" squad for a short time, and it was while on duty at Ypres that he had his first bitter experience with the gas attack made by the Germans and had a chance to find out its horrors from close contact with the deadly fumes, but now so feared by the soldiers of the allies since the introduction of the gas masks and other means of warding off a frightful death while in the trenches. Young Freeman describes some of these assaults by the enemy with a knowledge of one who has been there for some time, and while his furlough runs until late in April he is anxious to rejoin his comrades in France and do his part for Canada, the former home of his parents.

Brave Men Met Fate.

Freeman saw service later with a machine gun squad and relates how many brave men met their fate in the engagements along the firing line, in the trenches, close to the Germans and Austrians, and how many narrow escapes from being killed, and for a 19 year old resident he certainly passed through considerable exciting times.

He was with his regiment at Le Mans and saw service during his few months in the field, and when wounded September 25 last year, by shrapnel thought his time had come, for he was hit on the forehead, back of his head and near the base of the nose, rendered unconscious and blind for the time, and even now his talking is somewhat defective from the effects of the wound in his mouth and nose from the pieces of shell. He will later undergo another operation when he hopes to fully recover before he again joins the colors and takes his place in the ranks of the Canadian soldiers.

Soon after being wounded he was taken to a field hospital, later spent about two months in the hospital, was sent back to St. John last February and arrived home on the 28th, and has improved rapidly since coming here so that he will soon be ready to return across the border, his Canadian uniform having been left at St. Stephen, until his furlough is up.

SALISBURY

Salisbury, April 23.—An interesting event took place at the home of Mr. C. Miles Wortman on Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, when their eldest daughter, Miss Mary Louise was united in marriage to Mr. Douglas Elmore Sherwood, of Canada Station. The couple were unattended. Rev. N. A. MacNeil, B.A., B.D., pastor of the United Baptist Church performed the ceremony. The bride was charmingly gowned in shadow lace over white silk, with bridal veil and carried a bouquet of carnation and maiden hair fern. After the ceremony the bridal party proceeded to the dining-room, where the wedding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood left on a trip to Montreal with the best wishes of their many friends. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. George Wortman, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Steeves, Miss Lucia Steeves, Moncton; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Wilson, Moncton; Mr. Harry Sherwood, Mr. Wyder (Cudmore), Miss Viola Sherwood, Mr. A. D. Wilson, Lillian Wilson, Vernon Wilson of Canada, Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson of Steeves Mountain.

Miss Vera Brownie and Janet Bent have returned from St. John after spending several days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gaynor.

Mr. Chipman Taylor, late of Niagara Falls, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor of North River.

Miss Harriett Duncan, who has been in the employ of H. C. Barnes & Son, for several years, where she has excelled a position with Gross & Newson. Miss Duncan is one of our most popular young ladies and will be greatly missed by her many friends, who wish her every success in her new position.

Miss Ina Browne, who has been spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Browne, left on Wednesday for Montreal, where she will continue her studies at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Mr. Arthur Reeder received a telegram on Friday, that their son, Pte. Arthur Reeder is seriously ill in France.

Mrs. J. L. Kennedy and little daughter Greta, were visiting friends in Moncton this week.

MILITARY NECESSITY



Press despatches state that thousands of young men in the United States are getting married in order to escape military duties.

RED CROSS PROTESTS TO GERMANY

Geneva, April 23, via Paris.—The International Committee of the Red Cross has sent an energetic protest to the German government against the torpedoing of English hospital ships, specifically against the sinking of the Asturias. The committee declares that it agrees to Germany's right to halt and investigate ships that may appear suspicious, but it denies that a ship may be destroyed under any circumstances without warning.

London, April 23.—A German wireless message on the 20th of April, says a statement given out by the British official press bureau, "accuses the French and British governments of employing vessels for attacks on submarines under the use of the distinctive markings carried on the Belgian relief ships. The allegation is entirely untrue, and evidently is intended as a pretext for torpedoing Belgian relief ships at sight and thus further reducing the merchant tonnage of the world."



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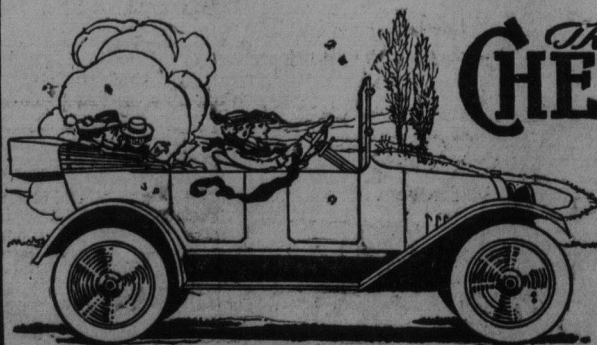
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KAISER THANKS CROWN PRINCE

War Lord Evidently Attempting to Cheer Up Drooping Spirits of His Soldiers

Amsterdam, via London, April 23.—An official despatch from Berlin says that Emperor William has sent the following telegram to the Crown Prince:

"The troops of all the German tribes under your command, with steel hard determination and strongly led, have brought to failure the great French attempt to break through on the Aisne and in Champagne. There, also, the infantry again has to bear the brunt, and thanks to the indefatigable assistance of the artillery and other arms has accomplished great things in its death-defying perseverance and tireless attacks. Convey my and the fatherland's thanks to the leaders and men. The battle on the Aisne and in Champagne is not yet over, but all who fought and bled there shall know that the whole of Germany will remember their deeds and is as one with them to carry through the fight for existence to a victorious end. God grant it."



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