

Voyage of 133rd Battalion Across Atlantic Ocean

Most Interesting Diary Tells Interesting Story. Of Day By Day Life Aboard a Transport Ship Bound for England

Atlantic Ocean, Nov. 2, 1916.

My Dear Mary: I will start a letter that will take me quite a few days to write. That is, I will write a little every day. We left Halifax last night, at four o'clock and with us are three other transports and an auxiliary cruiser for an escort. We are all strung out in a line, and we are second in the line. The cruiser is off to our port beam and keeps along in the same position.

Every one is wearing life belts and looking for submarines. Mine, however, is down in my state room. There are lots up here handy if we should need any.

Say, there are lots of the fellows sea-sick. It's sure fierce, and it isn't very rough either. The table wasn't half full for breakfast this morning, and I guess it won't be for dinner either. I am the only one in the Orderly Room this morning, all the rest are on deck.

Most of the officers are feeling bad, too. Don't know whether they are home-sick or sea-sick. I haven't seen the Col since last night. Guess he is dead. Norman is holding out pretty good, although he feels kind of dizzy. Chester went under last night, and was a pretty sick boy. Well, Honey, I don't know as there is much more to tell you this morning, so will go on deck, and then write more when there is more to write.

November 3.

This is next day, or night, I should say. I am sitting down on my cosy bunk, writing. Norma is lying over on his, reading a magazine. I just came down from deck where I have been enjoying the fine fresh breeze and watching the dear old ocean and other ships. The moon is shining bright, and the sea looks like silver in the path of the moon.

To-night the cruiser is leading

the procession and the other ships are strung out in two lines behind like this:

Some fleet, eh? Our ship is the one with the arrow pointing towards it. Through the day the cruiser changes her position constantly, sometimes steaming ahead and then circling back around the fleet and up around to the head again.

I hear that we are to be met by a torpedo destroyer escort from England to-morrow. If we are, I suppose the cruiser will turn back to Halifax again.

We wear our life belts all the time now. If we start on deck now without it we are soon sent back for it. In case anything happened, no one is allowed to go below for anything at all, and if he hasn't his belt with him, he runs a chance of having to swim by his own lonesome. You bet I hang on to mine. I like swimming, but it is a long way to land, and the water is awful cold.

To-day they rigged out all the life boats. They are all ready to lower at a moment's notice. I guess the danger zone extends all the way across now. They don't spread the glad tidings all around, but I believe there are "snakes in the grass" somewhere between here and England. Of course if you get this letter all right, why you know we have either stepped on the snakes or given them the slip. I admit I would like to see one (at a distance).

Well, we have had a fine day and the boys are most all on their feet again. Say, but on the level, it's been fun to see some of the poor sea-sick boys and some of our officers. Dr. Major McIntosh nearly drowned one poor fellow who was standing on a deck below him feeding the hungry fish as he was.

(Continued to-morrow)

STONE CANNON BALLS.

They Were Used in Iron Guns That Were Held Together by Screws.

In these days of huge projectiles turned to fit exactly into cannon that are as near mechanically perfect as modern engineering can make them it is almost impossible to believe that at one time the Turks carried on effective warfare with wrought-iron cannon screwed together and firing stone cannon balls.

Two of these cannon balls are to be seen at the museum of Holart college at Geneva, N. Y.

They were used by the Turks in their war against the Kingdom of Cyprus, one of the numerous Christian states which grew out of the crusades. The stronghold of the enemy was the city of Famagusta. In 1571 the Turks underook to reduce its walls. For nearly a year they hurled stone cannon balls against them. The stones varied in weight from a few pounds to several hundred. In order to conserve the force of the explosion the balls were made to fit the bore of the cannon as nearly as possible, and they were fired with great deliberation.

This method, though crude, was at that time regarded as the height of refinement in siege warfare. The city finally surrendered because its food supply was cut off. It was found that the stone projectiles had done great damage to the walls and spread terror among the defenders. At the siege of Constantinople in 1453 stone shot were also used by the Turks effectively. As late as 1807, when the Turks defended Constantinople against the British, these guns were used effectively, as the records of the British war office show.

News Notes

Subscriptions to the Duchess of Connaught's Prisoners of War Fund, gift from the women of Canada, totalled \$54,127.03, of which Ontario gave \$17,933.44.

Seven young West Zorra farmers were fined in all \$51 and costs for tarring a neighbor in the presence of his bride, whom they also tied to a post in the barn.

John Burnham and Company, New York, associated with other banking interests, have purchased the Western Drydock and shipbuilding Company at Port Arthur.

Lieut. Torrance, of Stratford, returned on leave, says that Canadian battalions of late have included an unduly large number of men under 17 or over 40, necessitating many rejections in England, as well as the establishing of a school for men under military age.

Mormon missionaries are busy in New York.

Chicago is to have an apartment house, with suites ranging in rental from \$8,000 to \$20,000 per year.

A new giant seaplane, embodying the ideas of Rodman Wassamaker, made a trial trip around New York.

News From Terrace Hill

The cadets of Grand View School although not officially recognized by the Government, are making an effort to get fully organized. They intend having an exhibition of drill and music next week. The boys should receive every encouragement.

Mr. Stephen Cayless of Terrace Hill St. is in the field for Councilor at the coming elections in January. Mrs. Fountain of Terrace Hill St. has disposed of her fine residence for a fair amount. Real Estate commands a good price on the Hill.

Mrs. Lorne Brown of Grand St. had the sad duty of attending the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Andrew Smith on Wednesday last at West.

The Rev. S. B. Howard of Tilsonburg and Mrs. Howard were the guests of Mrs. H. T. Ayres Dundas St. on Thursday of this week. A missionary campaign, in connection with the Methodist Church begins next Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Smyth goes to St. George on Sunday next.

The old Sproule property on Terrace Hill St., a well-known residence overlooking the city is being remodelled by the present owner so as to make two good homes.

CARELESS ABOUT GRAMMAR.

A Widespread Fault That a Little Thought Would Correct.

The young woman who is careless about the way she speaks, who thinks good grammar should be used only by teachers and those engaged in "brain work," is making a most serious mistake.

The manner in which a person expresses himself or herself—the use of good grammar or the lack of it—stamps the speaker as either a person of education or of very little learning.

"Ain't Margaret any better?" a young girl was heard asking a chum one day.

"No, she ain't a bit better," her friend answered.

Both girls were well dressed and looked as though they came from comfortable homes. Evidently a care had never come to either of them, and to be in time for a matinee seemed to each to be the paramount issue of life. Now, these girls must have known how crude their speech was, but they were absolutely indifferent as to what opinions were formed by those who overheard them.

Many young persons just out of high school are very careless about their grammar. Perhaps they think no one pays any attention to what they say or how they say it, but the person competent to judge very quickly passes judgment on them and quite frequently lays the blame on the teacher or the school system.

Ambition.

The scroll of fame has various attractions for different minds.

"Here lies one whose name was writ in water"—the despatching and drying John Keats desired that admission of defeat engraved for his epitaph.

"Write me as one who loved his fellow men," was Leigh Hunt's aspiration.

To be remembered as the author of the Declaration of Independence and of the first statute for religious freedom, and as the founder of the University of Virginia, this was Thomas Jefferson's prayer to posterity.

Thus one may go the range. And thus the lines recur:

Ambition is our sick, on whose wings Great minds are carried only to extreme To be sublimely great or to be nothing.

Paternal Sarcasm.

A father, in the stillness of night, called downstairs to his daughter solemnly:

"Hannah, what time is it?"

A pause and Hannah answered:

"It's just a quarter after 10, father."

"All right," the father said. "And Hannah, don't forget to start the clock again after the young man goes out to get his breakfast."—Washington Star.

Chess in Ancient Ceylon.

In ancient Ceylon the game of chess was played with local variations peculiar enough to note. The king may not castle, but he is permitted to jump like a knight till checked. The pawns are exchangeable on the last row for the pieces on whose row they stand.

Stole a Useless Thing.

An indignant merchant who had been robbed of a thermometer put this notice in his window:

"The person who took the thermometer from my door had better return it. It will be of no use where he is going, as it registers only 125 degrees."

Their Fears.

"I'm afraid, my dear, that you went to sleep during that dread discourse," said the woman with a strong sense of duty.

"Yes," replied her husband. "When it started I was afraid I wouldn't."—Washington Star.

Told Him.

Father (appearing suddenly)—What sort of business do you call this, kissing my daughter? Suitor (without a fluster)—It's a sort of co-operative affair, sir.—Town Topics.

The youth of the soul is everlasting, and eternity is youth.—Richter.

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