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Killed by Sniper.

Mildmay mourns the death of another of its brave sons who went out to do battle for Canada and the Empire. A cablegram arrived here on Monday announcing that John Tyrwhitt had been officially reported killed on the night of June 8th. Prior to the receipt of the cablegram, however the family at Toronto received the following letter from a comrade of Signaller Kidd, which prepared them for the worst:—

France, June 10th, 1917.
Miss Zella Kidd,
Toronto, Ont.

Miss Kidd:—

It is with the deepest sorrow that I find it my duty as a friend of your brother Ted, to let you know of his death. He was killed in action the night before last, June 8th, in a raid that had been pulled off by the Canadians.

He had gone over to Fritz line and was doing some fine work when a sniper got him. He never knew that he was hit and although it will be hard to hear of his death, it is good that he did not have to suffer like so many did have to.

I have been trying to find out all I can about all that he has taken part off in this raid and will let you know all the news I can in another letter.

He was buried just where he fell and the grave is marked on a map that is in charge of a Sergeant now in the transparent lines. I have also got a few things which he left with me and will send them with my next letter. I will also try and get all of his private property and mail it to you.

Now I do not feel that I can write any more to-night for there is no one knows how I hate this kind of a letter. If I were to fill a book I could not tell how much I feel the loss of such a good friend, in fact I might say a Brother for he sure was the best in the land and is missed by all who knew him.

There will be no need for me to tell you to try and hold up for I feel sure that from what Ted told me of you, that you will. Please give to your father and mother my deepest sympathy and let them no that their son died as he lived a good soldier.

I will close now but will write soon again.

From Ted's Friend,
Pte. J. M. Caldwell,
75th C. E. F. Batt.

France.

"Ted" as he was familiarly called here, enlisted in the spring of 1915 and spent the following summer taking up a course as signaller. In the fall of the same year he crossed to England where he completed his course. He was transferred to France in the spring of 1916, where after a few months active service he was injured by shell shock. Upon his recovery he was transferred to the postal corps, where he remained until two months ago. After the death of his friend, Ray Keelan, Ted asked for a chance to avenge his friend, and he was transferred to the infantry, and went into the trenches. The above letter describes the manner of his death—shot down by a sniper, with his face to the foe.

John Tyrwhitt H. Kidd was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kidd, and at the time of his enlistment was a student at Harriston High School. He was a fine, gentlemanly young man, and had a bright future before him. He proved himself a fine soldier and a staunch friend. The news of his death has been a dreadful blow to his family, to whom is extended the sincere sympathy of their numerous friends here.

MOLTKE.

Mr. and Mrs. Con. Schaus took a trip per auto to Kitchener on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Grierson of Durham spent Sunday with J. Ruhl's.

Mr. Bert Lindenschmidt of Stratford visited friends on the sixth.

Miss Annie Huether of Neustadt is engaged as teacher at the Wagner's school on the 12th.

Mr. Theodore Ruhl has taken a position with Fred Gutzke for the summer months.

Mr. Dan Kuester is sporting a new Ford car.

A pretty June wedding took place at the St. Jacobs Lutheran Church Normanby when Miss Clara, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Fischer was united in marriage to Mr. Wm. Baetz, one of the prominent young farmers here.

The bride who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white satin and carried a bouquet of white carnations and fern. Miss Lizzie Baetz the brides maid carried a bouquet of pink carnations while Mr. Edgar Fischer brother of the groom acted as groom's man. The young couple will reside on the old homestead near Moltke.

CARLSRUHE.

The heaviest rain which we have had here for some time was on Sunday morning and it made traffic impossible on some roads which were blocked on account of washouts until Monday morning when the pathmasters repaired same in several places. If other places in the township report the same it will make a lot of extra work and expense for the township.

Peter Kroetsch lost a valuable mare and colt last week.

Mr. Xavier Weber informed us that he nearly lost a few days old colt by drowning caused by his cistern at the barn overflowing into the stable where the mare and colt were kept. He discovered the flood in the stable just in time to save the colt.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bruder of Hanover visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. Henry Schultheis from Mildmay and his daughter from Toronto spent Dominion Day in the village.

J. J. Waechter from Formosa visited at Albert Hoffarth on Sunday.

Charlie Russwurm purchased a Ford car from his brother of Hanover.

Miss Mary Wand will spend the summer at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wand.

Norman, second son of Xavier Oberle had the misfortune to get his finger hurt with an emery stone and had to have it tended to by the doctor.

NEUSTADT

Mr. E. J. Lang of Kitchener and daughter Marie visited the former's mother, Mrs. Victor Lang who is ill at present.

Miss Alma Miller left for Warton on Monday where she has secured a position.

Messrs Aug. Hessel and Bert Widmeyer of Elmira spent Sunday at their home here.

Miss Lucinda Binkle of Kitchener is home for three weeks holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Kunneman of Decmerton spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Jos. Weber, reeve, attended County Council in Owen Sound last week.

Mr. Wm. Schaefer of Kitchener is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Meyer.

Mr. Chas. Sander and friend Namie Eckstein spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Jno Kaster of Parkhead.

Normal results contained Miss Anna Huether and Wilbert, 2nd classcert and Hilda Gebhardt has a limited third class certificate.

Miss Hertha Westerman of North Tonawanda N. Y. is home on her vacation.

Miss Emily Jones of Toronto spent the holiday in town.

Mr. Herb Weinert of Listowel spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. Dr. J. H. Atkins of Toronto spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Walden.

Mr. C. Steeb of Elmira was in town on business on Monday.

Miss Mildred Moak of Tavistock a former teacher in our school here spent a few days with Miss Nora Heag.

Do not miss the grand ball to be held in the town hall on Friday eve. July 6th. A good orchestra will furnish the music. Lunch will be served free. Admission 50c. Ladies free.

The heavy rain here on Sunday morning caused considerable damage in town it turning into a flood. Main street was just a river and the peoples cellars were full of water. The council will have to get busy and get better system of taking away water or the town will be flooded off the map.

Ambleside Separate School

Promotion from Sr. III to Jr. IV—Evelyne Cronin, Nellie Meyer.

Jr. III to Sr. III—Abbie Doerr, Isabella Schnurr.

Sr. II to Jr. III—Melinda Cronin, Amelia Steffler, John Kuntz.

Jr. II to Sr. II—Clarence Bohner, Norman Steffler, Loretta Schnurr, Rose Meyer, Nora Hlerbrunn.

From Pt. II to Jr. II—Martina Illig, Besilla Cronin, Clementine Bohner, Rosie May Goetz, Lizzie May Goetz, Amelia Schnurr.

Jr. I to Pt. 2—Bert Cronin, Theodore Goetz, Elmer Schnurr, Edward Meyer. Mabel A. Dowling, teacher.

Betting has been prohibited on all Canadian race tracks until after the war. An order in Council to that effect was issued last week, to take effect August 1st.