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## HEADS DOWN IN THE TRENCHES

Delos Spence writes from the trenches in France—Has not seen a German yet.

Mrs. David Spence, Charleston, is in receipt of a letter from her son, Delos. The letter, in part, is as follows:

France, Feb. 20, 1916  
Dear Mother—Am still in good health, and like it first-rate; although we have a little excitement now and then, mostly from shells. One landed near us to-day, when we were on a work-party; but failed to explode. Better to be born lucky than rich, eh? It is Sunday night; although every day seems the same; in fact, things were more active to-day than usual. It has been a dandy day—like May weather over there. For a wonder, it did not rain.

I saw in a paper to-day that the old 53rd is still in Canada. It seems strange that they stay there so long. There are men in the 53rd, 45th, and other battalions that have been in the army about sixteen months or more; they enlisted long before I did, or lots of the boys over here.

Received your parcel of tobacco O.K., and was pleased to get it. I gave away several plugs, as it is a treat to the boys when on sentry or any night work, as they can't smoke for fear of being seen by Fritz. You asked if there was any duty on tobacco sent over here. No; there is none whatever; nor on tobacco sent to England.

I have been some time in the trenches, and it is not fun, the wet and cold being the worst. We were in the first line for a few days; but are in the reserve now, and it is better, as we have good fires. We will be back in the first line again soon, and then go out for six days rest. When in the trenches, we crawl in the dug-outs on hands and knees to sleep, as they are only about four feet high. Although only a few hundred yards from the Germans, we never see one. In fact, I have not seen one yet! As the song that we sing to the Germans, goes, "If you want to see your fatherland again, old Fritz, keep your head down, naughty man." It applies both ways. Things are quiet at present, a few snells being fired (mostly ours), and a little sniping.

Love to all,  
Delos

### SHERWOOD SPRING

March 20  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stewart were guests on Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown, Riverside.

Miss Elith Glazier, Yongs Mills, Mr. Ray White, Caintown, were recent visitors at Mrs. A. Eligh's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clow, Brockville, spent Sunday last at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. H. Clow.

Mrs. M. Lloyd and children left here last week to take up residence in Brockville.

Private Allan Clow, Mallorytown, called on his parents and other relatives here one day last week.

Before leaving for their home in Buchanan, Sask., Mrs. E. M. Sly and little daughter, Dorothy, spent a week here with her sister, Mrs. E. P. Eligh.

Biliousness and indigestion result from Constipation. Take Davis Liver Pills at night until regular movements are established. 40 Pills, 25c. Davis & Lawrence Co., Montreal.

### CHARLESTON

March 20  
Born—On March 16, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kavanagh, a son.

Mrs. C. J. Green is a patient at the Brockville General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Webster spent Saturday at Athens with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. McAndrew.

C. J. Green loaded a car on Saturday. He leaves on Tuesday for his home in Saskatchewan.

E. Latimer has purchased a new organ.

B. Killinbeck was called to Newboro last week by the death of his sister, Mrs. Joel Spicer.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Kelsey and daughter, Miss Cors, attended the funeral of their aunt Mrs. Spicer at Newboro on Wednesday.

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## LOCAL AND DISTRICT NEWS

—Just received at the Bazaar, another large consignment of groceries.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnston are guests of the former's brother, Mr. D. L. Johnston.

Miss Leita Kilborn left yesterday morning for Watertown where she will go into training as a nurse.

—The Earl Construction Company have received an order from France for one of their acetylene lighting outfits.

Mr. D. L. Johnston last week visited his brother, Henry, who is recovering from an operation in Brockville General Hospital.

Mr. George Judson of Athens, and Mr. Ed. Bowser of Delos, were in Morristown last week attending the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. Thomas Noble.

—A penny saved is a penny earned, you know. You'll not only save pennies but dollars by trading at the Bazaar.

Montreal has appointed a cleric to act as chief recruiting officer. Both men bear the same surname. Major the Rev. G. H. Williams, of Toronto, is the chief recruiting officer for the 2nd Division, the pastor of St. James Methodist Church, has been appointed to a similar position for the 4th Divisional Area, with the rank of Captain.

At the meeting of the Gananoque Board of Trade on Thursday last W. B. Mudie, D. Eord Jones and M. McParland were appointed to interview Senator George Taylor and through him communicate with the proper officials to secure a battalion of the troops to be located east of Cobourg for the coming summer. The Driving Park, being own property, will furnish an excellent camp ground and the Armoury would still be available for use by them.

We have to thank the Japanese for Menthol, which when applied in Davis Menthol Salve is unequalled to soothe and heal insect bites and stings, sunburn, etc. 25c a tin at druggists.

### GREENBUSH

March 20  
Miss Marion Olds is visiting friends in Brockville.

Mrs. Jas. Hewitt spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Ford Earl, at Lyndhurst.

Mr. Omer Davis of Saskatchewan, has returned, and is staying at the home of his father, Mr. Henry Davis. His wife and son, who are now in Toronto, are expected here soon.

Mrs. Will Kerr, who spent some time here with her mother, Mrs. S. Loverin, has returned to her home in Ottawa.

Miss Tina Justus is spending the winter at Bobcaygeon, Ont.

Mr. H. Davis held his annual milk meeting last week, when the secretary, S. N. Olds, gave the yearly report of the factory, showing it to be in a satisfactory condition. Mr. Olds was again appointed secretary, and Mr. H. Davis, salesman.

The women of the Red Cross Society are busy doing Red Cross work. There is to be a meeting at the home of Mr. B. W. Loverin Wednesday evening of this week, when the men and boys have the privilege of helping in the work. Refreshments will be served and a social hour spent.

Mr. Gordon Brayton and family of Seely's, have moved into their new home on the Almeron Blanchard farm.

Mr. German Tinkers, of Monitor, Sask., made a short visit to relatives in this place recently.

Mrs. Hattie Gifford, who is in poor health, is spending the winter in Brockville with her daughter, Mrs. Seymour Wiley.

### W. I. Meeting

Following is the programme for the monthly meeting of the Athens Women's Institute on Saturday, March 25, at 3 p.m.

Opening exercises  
Business  
Selection by orchestra  
Address—Mr. Burchell  
Selection by orchestra  
"Summary of Current Events"—Mr. Hendry

Selection by orchestra  
"Practical Suggestions for Gardens"—Mr. W. Smith

Solo, selected—Mr. Abrahams.  
Closing exercises  
All welcome.

Robins have been seen in the village within the past week.

Mrs. (Dr.) Clarke, Brockville, was a guest of Mrs. W. G. Parish last week.

Miss Mabel McNish, Lyn, was a recent guest of Miss Irma Culbert.

Mr. A. L. Smith of Prescott is relieving at the Merchants Bank here.

Miss Cannon is spending a week at her home in Almonte.

Mrs. G. F. Donnelly and son, John, spent a couple of days in Brockville last week.

Mr. Guy Halladay, who is teaching at New Boyne, spent Sunday with his mother here.

Mr. Everett King has returned from Brockville, where he spent the winter.

—We will take your eggs and butter in exchange for goods; or pay cash at highest prices.

Mrs. H. E. Cornell attended the Scruton-Cumming wedding at Lyn yesterday.

Dr. C. H. Pritchard has purchased Pine Tree Point Camp on Loon Bay, Charleston Lake.

—A 17th of March party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Y. Hollingsworth last week. The young people had a most enjoyable evening.

—The choir of the Methodist church presented Miss Fern Cross with a handsome casserole on Friday night in view of her intended departure from the village.

Miss Florence Gartland of Larkins, Ont., arrived in Athens last week and is now on duty at the Bell Telephone and G.N.W. Telegraph Office as an operator.

The Athens squad of the 156th Battalion were entertained at the Epworth League on Monday evening. An outstanding feature of the evening was the production of some creditable poetry on the subject of St. Patrick.

The sale of Cedar Park, Charleston, which has been on the tapis for some months, has been finally closed, Dr. E. Giles, of Montreal, son of the late Wm. H. Giles, of Athens, being the purchaser.

Horses for the army brought from \$100 to \$135 here on Friday, when M. Stack and J. Brennan arrived in Athens on their purchasing trip. Four animals were bought here, and five in Delta.

Mr. H. R. Knowlton has an optical parlor under construction in his store. His desire to give the people of this district as good optical service as can be obtained in the large cities, is a laudable one, and deserves the recognition of the people, who will eventually see that the buy-at-home policy is the better and cheaper way.

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Corporal Raymond C. Ralph, who returned to his home in North Augusta last week after having been a patient in military hospital in England for some months recovering from wounds received in action, will go to Ottawa to visit his mother, who is ill in the hospital there and has not seen her soldier son since his return from the front. Mrs. Ralph was returning from Belleville when taken ill and stopped in Brockville at the home of her father, Mr. D. W. Carpenter, where she became worse and was obliged to cancel her trip to North Augusta to meet her son. Corporal Ralph was accorded a public reception at North Augusta upon his return.

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