

THREE GALLANT SOLDIER SONS WRITE THEIR MOTHER

MRS. JAMES D. JOBB.
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London, Dec. 5, 1918.
Dear Mother—
Just received letters and parcels from home. Thank you very much for them. The cake and candy were lovely and the socks fit fine. I am on a pass now. Have been to some pretty places since I left France. I just wish I had got leave to go home. I intended to go to England to see Perley and Erving but I took sick here and I have to go back to France tomorrow. I will see them before long.

I have a lot to be thankful for; especially that I have got thru this awful war without getting killed. A lot of those killed drilled with me. I think we will all get home by Spring. I might get home in 3 months and it might be 6 months; will be glad boys, when we step into dear old Canada. We travelled for two days and nights without sleep. I was very tired.

I saw Alfred Grue here, he looks fine.
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
Your loving son,
HARRY JACKSON.
Machine Gun Bn.,
B. E. F. France.

England, Dec. 21, 1918.
Dear Mother—
We are not going to do any drilling for eight days and will likely remain here for Christmas.

I think we will soon be setting sail for over the seas. I am indeed waiting for that day. We do not know when we are going so you can write again.

I received the boxes from home; everything in them was fine. We have a box from Hattie so we will fare well for Christmas. Love to all
Your son,
PERLEY B. JOBB.
17 Reserve Canadian Bn.

England, Dec. 26, 1918.
Dear Mother—
I wish Henry and Perley and I could have been home for Christmas. We have not seen Henry yet. We had turkey for our Christmas dinner. We got the boxes you sent. Stewart and Clarence Rogers have gone home. We were away on a four days pass; had a good time. Thank you for the parcels.

Your loving son,
ERVING D. JOBB.
17 Canadian Bn.

CAPT. MAXWELL ARCHIBALD A TRURO HERO. WINS MILITARY CROSS. NOW SLEEPS WHERE POPPIES GROW IN FLANDERS FIELD.

A late issue of the official London Gazette has the following in reference to the Military Cross honors, won by our gallant, and ever lamented young officer, the late Capt. Max Archibald:
Capt M. S. E. Archibald, R. E., and R. A. F.—He has taken part in 14 successful bombing raids, 25 successful low bombing and reconnaissance flights, and 11 successful photographic flights. On one occasion he was attacked by 10 enemy scouts and drove down one completely out of control. He has engaged enemy troops from low altitudes, and his excellent work good spirits, and total disregard of danger have been fine example to all.

GUNNER WALTER G. ARCHIBALD BACK TO HIS HOME IN THE "HUB."

The P. McG. Archibald household, Bible Hill, Truro, certainly did its share in the Great War. Three sons, one fallen nobly fighting for a world's Liberty, and a daughter was the gallant quarter from this patriotic family, that knew no fear, and answered the call "to arms" that sounded forth four years ago in our Empire emergencies.

Of the trio still in King's Uniform one has just returned to his home in the "Hub."

Gunner Walter G. Archibald was a passenger by the S. S. Olympic on the 17th and a right royal welcome he has received from Truro friends.

Gunner Archibald joined the 36th Siege Battery, Sydney, under Major Walter Crowe, another good Colchester soldier, and went overseas in 1915. He was in scrap after scrap with the Huns, chasing them from battlefield to battlefield, and got clear without a scratch until the last fierce charges at Cambrai in October, when he was seriously wounded and was sent back to "Blighty", where he has been trying to "recuperate" and at last was well enough to come overseas to his Truro home.

Welcome home, my lad; you've shown yourself every inch a man; may your wanted good health speedily come to you.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS IN TRURO IN MARCH.

It has been decided to hold the Short Courses for Men and Women at the College of Agriculture, Truro, from March 5 to 14 next.

The Nova Scotia Farmers Association meeting will be held in Truro on March 12 and 13 and the Colchester Seed Fair will be held at the College on Tuesday, March 11.

LETTER RECEIVED BY MR AND MRS. W. N. GOODWIN, TRURO, FROM THEIR SON, LIEUT. WARREN W. GOODWIN, M. M., NOW WITH THE 85th IN GERMANY.

Belgium, Dec. 22, 1918.
Dear Father and Mother—
Well, Christmas time is here again, and things are a lot different from last year. Then we were in the line and the end of the war was nowhere in sight but now it is over and we are all looking forward to the time when we will be able to get back home which I think will only be a few months now.

We are having very dirty wet weather here just now and have just finished a five days march. Are now at a place called Ennies about 50 miles south east of Brussels. Just a small place, but the people use our fine and we are having a fairly good time. Our division is having a ball at Brussels New Year's Eve. King Albert of Belgium will be present. The 85th is sending the Royal Guards and I am one of the three officers chosen from the Division to take charge. I can see where we are going to have a big time. I suppose there are a good many Canadians arriving in Halifax every day from England; lucky boys, but still I would rather be here to see the end.

There isn't much to do now, just enough to keep the boys out of mischief and sometimes that is quite a job. There are only three officers now, Capt. Anderson, brother of the Major who was killed last year; MacDonald from Pictou Co., and myself and as we have the fearless Cape Breton Company why we make things hum. Col. Ralston is in command, he is a man who is beloved by all his boys; was wounded four times in the last eighteen months and has the D. S. O. and bar.

Now I must close for this time, wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
I hope to be with you next year this time.

By the way we are having a real Belgian goose for dinner to-night, so you can see we are not starving;
Your loving son,
WARREN.

LETTERS REFERRING TO THE DEATH OF A COLCHESTER HERO

PTE. W. J. ARCHIBALD.
FROM THE CHAPLAIN, B. E. F.

France, 19-18.

Mrs. J. M. Gelling,
Dear Mrs. Gelling—
Your letter of Oct. 17th awaited me on my return from leave and I answer it at once. The particulars for which you ask were sent a long while ago to your father at Melrose, Mass., and I do not remember whether at the time that letter was written, your brother was reported missing or as it was latest killed in action. The information at my command is, I am sorry to say, very meagre as I had not come into close contact with your brother, having only joined the Reg. the day before it went into action. It attacked the Monchy Village entering the village at about 10 a.m. August 26th and was met by a very heavy barrage of large shells when his Company had passed through it your brother was missing, and was so reported. It was not until some time after that he was reported to have been buried by the 6th York and Lancaster B. R. in the Military Cemetery near Monchy. You would understand if you ever see this ground why our own search party did not find his body. These shells make a huge crater and upturn tons of earth, and make search after men. Most difficult I was at Monchy myself though not with your brother's company, and can assure you that the duty done by our fighting men that day, and the fire they faced makes them the equals of the best. Their friends can feel a pride in them as high as their sorrow is deep, and in both they share it with every man, who was at Monchy for those who gave their lives for freedom in that hot furnace of strife. With all respectful sympathy, I am,

Yours very faithfully,
A. E. ANDREW.
Minister of Militia Sends Sympathy.

Ottawa, January 3, 1919.
Dear Mr. Archibald:
I desire to express to you my very sincere sympathy in the recent decease of your son No 901769 Private William Johnson Archibald, Can. Expeditionary Force, who in sacrificing his life at the front, in action with the enemy has rendered the highest services of a worthy citizen. The heavy loss which you and the nation have sustained would indeed be depressing were it not, redeemed by the knowledge that the brave comrade for whom we mourn performed his duties fearlessly and well, as became a good soldier and gave his life for the great cause

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of human liberty and the defence of the Empire.

Again extending to you in your bereavement my condolence and heartfelt sympathy, I am,
Yours faithfully,
S. C. MEWBURN.
Minister of Militia and Defence for Canada.

AMONG THE RETURNING HEROES.

Among the gallant lads, who returned by the Olympic on the 17th were:

- E. M. Sibley, Stewiacke
- S. H. Giffin, Isaac's Harbor
- D. R. Gilchrist, Pictou
- F. Patterson, Upper Kennetcook
- J. J. Pratt, Belmont
- R. B. MacDonald, Maccan
- A. J. Wells, East Mine Station
- S. Welsh, Springhill
- A. L. Whidden, Matland
- L. Wood, Oxford
- H. Tait, Oxford
- F. J. Taylor, Truro
- J. C. Tupper, Musquodoboit
- G. W. Vail, Halifax
- J. H. VanBuskirk, Pugwash

PTE. FRANK LOCKHART—A TRURO HERO—WRITES FROM "FRITZIE'S" LAND ACROSS THE RHINE.

Marched From Mons to German Border, 150 Miles—Thru Cologne—Stationed At A Hun Village—Pte. Lockhart One of Sir Sam Hughes First Canadian Contingent.

Pte. Frank M. Lockhart, one of our noble Truro boys, who has been in active service since the First Canadian Contingent mobilized in record time by Sir Sam Hughes in 1914, writes the following letter to his Elm Street home, Truro:

Germany, Dec. 16, 1918.

Dear Sister—
Received your interesting letter of Nov. 17, describing Truro's Grand Celebration on the day of the Armistice and it surely must have been an exciting day for you all. It was somewhat more so in England, France, and Belgium, especially in Belgium, where the people were so very enthusiastic; and later when we marched thru their towns and villages you could see nothing but flags as we passed thru the streets. At the entrances they formed big archways of spruce limbs, tied with flags, and across the top on strips of canvas were written in Belgian "Welcome to our heroes" or "Welcome to our deliverers."

In our march thru Belgium we were generally stationed in a town or village, after the days march and billeted among the Belgian people three or four to a house. Sometimes we were lucky enough to get a bed to sleep on. The people were very glad to be of some service to us and made us feel right at home during the whole march thru Belgium.

On December 4, we crossed the German border and there certainly was a big difference between the two peoples. Although Fritzies folks used us pretty decent you could see that they hadn't much use for us, and tried to boss us around; but they soon learned that we could help ourselves to everything and give them back a bit of their own medicine.

Last Friday our division crossed the famous River Rhine and marched thru Cologne. It certainly was a great show for old Fritzies and we marched thru as tho' we owned the town.

We are now stationed in a village by the name of Wajchaid, where we will stay for a few days.

By all reports I will be among the first to demobilize and if all goes

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well will be home about May. Hoping this finds you all in good health and spirits I will close with love to all.

BRO. FRANK.
No. 1 Company, A Battery
1st M. G. Branch,
B. E. F., France.

OTHER HEROES IN THE LOCKHART FAMILY.

Sgt. Wm. P. Lockhart, an elder brother of Frank, also went across with the First Canadian Contingent. He lost an eye in the famous battle of Ypres, when the "Canadians saved the day," and was invalided home to Truro. He got tired of hum drum life in Truro, so he enlisted in Forrestry Battalion, got over the ocean again and for some months has been in charge of a Forrestry Corps in Reading, Berkshire, England.

PTE. FRED J. LOCKHART FALLS IN BATTLE.

Another brother Pte. Fred J. Lockhart made the supreme sacrifice, and fell gloriously, fighting for King and Country on September 29 after only a few days in the front lines; and he sleeps where poppies grow in Flanders land.

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PEACE CONGRESS IN SESSION.

The sure-to-be historic Peace Congress opened in Paris on Saturday afternoon, the 18th.

Clemenceau, the French Premier, was elected permanent chairman. President Poincare gave an address of welcome.

Speeches were made by Premier Lloyd George, President Wilson and Baron Sonnino.

There are seats for some 72 delegates. As the delegates arrived they were met with a blast of trumpets and accorded military honors by the troops. The "League of Nations" will be the first thing to be considered.

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A KNIGHT BUT NOT A "SIR."

New York, Jan. 24.—The British "Who's Who" a copy of the 1919 issue, which has just been received here, lists the Commander-in-Chief of the American expeditionary forces in France as "General Sir John Joseph Pershing G. B. C." On July 18, 1918, King George awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath to General Pershing, and in August King George during a visit to France personally gave the decoration to him.

The award of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath to a British subject automatically makes a Knight of the recipient and gives him the right to prefix "Sir" to his name. The decoration given General Pershing, however, was an honorary one and it was said at the time that the American commander would not receive the title of "Sir" as he was not a British subject.

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WILL TAKE A LITTLE REST.

Rev. W. P. Grant, pastor of the First Presbyterian, whose large congregation is a very heavy charge for one man, has somewhat broken down in health, and his generous people have given him two months leave of absence. He expects to take a run to semi-tropical Bermuda and probably will go further south to some of the West India Islands. We do hope this little rest and the gentle zephyrs of these sunny isles will restore this popular clergyman to his former good health.

Mrs. Grant will accompany her husband so "bon voyage"—and "au revoir."

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SYMPATHY FOR THE HEROIC DEAD.

The following letter from Outlook, Sask., dated Nov. 29 is in reference to the death of Miss Katherine Roberts of Bayhead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roberts.

To the parents, Brothers and Sisters of Miss Katherine Roberts; Grace and Peace be unto you— It is a sad and solemn duty laid upon me in trying to express the sympathy of the Wheat Plains, S. D., to you in your bereavement. Well do I know no words of mine can assuage the pain that lingers in your hearts, nor no sentiments expressed by me can fill the void created in your hearts by the loss of your dear one.

Miss Katherine Roberts came to us a stranger in the beginning of last March. By her motherly affection for the children, her high sense of duty, her womanliness and Christian character she endeared herself to the community. She was efficient as a teacher and the children loved her though they did not fear her. As a woman she took pride in having things neat and clean. She was always willing to assist in the different organizations of the community and was always pleasant and good natured. She was a regular attendant at divine worship and a worthy example for others to follow. By these different attributes she ingratiated herself into and won the hearts of all. By her high sense of duty under the present epidemic she sacrificed her all. When the battle with the "flu" is over and the time comes for reckoning up, there will be a good many palms to hand out, and to doctors and professional and volunteer nurses the first of these should go. In times like these very properly we place in a class by itself the heroism which moves men to take their places in the front line of battle where death is lurking for his victims at every turn. Not a whit less heroic has been the self-sacrifice of medical men and nurses during this epidemic. They have risked their lives, not only for a constant contact with this dread disease, but by a devotion to duty in this time of need.

It was just two weeks ago today she volunteered to go and assist those stricken at the hospital and now she has not only risked her all, but has given her all. She died as a martyr fighting for the sake of her fellow-beings. When this battle is over there should be a scroll of honor for these martyrs but whether there is or not in the Book of Life their names will stand out in bold letters.

It is hard for us to realize that she has left us and though we had planned on having her next year, we will have to bow to His Will. With the blessed assurance that your lost is her gain, and with the all sincerity allow me to extend the deepest sympathy of the Wheat Plains S. D.

Yours truly,
(Sgd. Steven D. Brun,
Secy. Treas.

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In the casualty list, Jan. 24 from Ottawa there is a report of K. McPhee, Truro, wounded Forestry Corps.

Five woman, shop-lifters, have been caught in Winnipeg and goods worth \$2,500 have been found. These thieves have systematically looted stores, especially where clearance sales were going on.

Six Canadian soldiers, who have crossed the Rhine have married German girls. We wonder if any of these lads are from Truro or vicinity.

Pte. Maynard McCurdy, Truro, is in Hun land by this time. We hope he has not deserted his home-town girl and tied himself to a fair-haired blue-eyed German beauty.

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