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### AYLMER EXPRESS APPRECIATED IN FRANCE

Pte. Harry Taylor Writes Interesting Letter—Thinks War Will End Sooner Than Any of Us Expect.

Messrs. Barnecott & Monteith.

Dear Sirs,

Your papers of the dates, May 2nd and 18th, received, both in the same week. Well, you may say that the Aylmer Express has been to France. It did not get to the firing line, but got as far as the Canadian Base, "Somewhere in France." All of the old—have been to France, and some are back in England. Most of them, however, are now in France in the front line. It is not the entire battalion in France, for we were drafted to other battalions. But the battalion Reserve headquarters are in England. We are not allowed to write very much about ourselves, or at least are not expected to; so I will have to be very guarded with what I say, as I do not wish to write anything that would be objectionable to the censor. There is something happening all the time over this way, I can tell you that much, and my private opinion is that Old Fritz will not hold out much longer, for he realizes he is playing a losing game, and if the Russians continue to come as they are coming, it is going to make Old Bill sit up and think, sooner than any of us expect. We were here in England only about three weeks when the first draft went to France, and only six weeks when we were all over there, showing them must have had a good opinion of the boys. We went ahead of us, I was located in the same camp as Clinton Lear, but did not know it until I received your paper at St. Martin's Plains, Shorncliffe, showing how close friends may be to each other and not know it. Soldiers seldom stray out of their own lines. It was very sad about Lord Kitchener; it almost staggered the whole of Britain for a bit. All officers were crepe for a week. He was a great man, and will be greatly missed. One cannot realize his greatness until one has been in England and France and sees for himself. England is a beautiful country as regards scenery, roads and buildings, but I do not care much for its climate. Rain, fog, hail, warm and cold. All try to crowd themselves into the twenty-four hours of the day. Had a hailstorm about two weeks ago. The roads in England are the finest I ever saw anywhere—all concrete, macadam or tar, country roads as well. The Daylight Saving is in force over here.

I will close, as there is not much more to say. Thanking you very much for the papers, as it was like meeting an old friend.

Yours sincerely,  
Pte. H. Taylor,  
No. 401509,  
33rd Reserve Batt.,  
Moore's Barracks Hospital,  
Shorncliffe, England.

### AYLMER BOY HAD LUCKY ESCAPE.

Pte. Will Butcher Is Now Able to Sit Up, and Has Written His Sister, Mrs. S. Shepherd, of This Place, Telling How He Got Hurt.

My Dear Sister,

Just a line to let you know that I am getting on fine, and am able to sit up now. No doubt you have heard by now, but it was not for the want of keeping my head down that I got my wounds. I had been into the trenches two days, and the Germans started an awful bombardment, which lasted all day, so far as I know. About 8:30 on June 2nd, a shell came through the parapet and killed four and wounded two. I was lucky enough to be one of the two who got off with wounds.

I had to go under an operation for my head. They took out some bone an inch long, and some chrapnel, and put four stitches in. I have a dent in my head and a crooked forefinger on the right arm are all healed up now. I counted all of my wounds that were worth counting, and they numbered eleven. It was nice here when I came in first. I had to be fed.

Well, I must close now. Sorry I could not write before, but my hands were bandaged up so and my head in such a state that I could not.

Your loving brother,

Pte. W. G. Butcher,  
No. 400920, 5th C.M.R.,  
Edmonton East Ward,  
Edmonton Military Hospital,  
London, N.

Mrs. Shepherd has also received a very assuring note from the Red Cross Society, stating that her brother is progressing favorably. His wounds were mostly in the hands and arms. The note was signed by Miss Redmond, formerly of St. Thomas, Ontario.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson II.—Third Quarter, For July 9, 1916.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, I Thess. i and iv, 13-18—Memory Verses iv, 16, 17. Golden Text, iv, 14—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

It is grand to have a whole epistle to meditate upon this week, and especially such a one as this, so full of the glorious truth of our Lord's second coming and its two stages, first to the air for His church and to the earth with us to set up His kingdom of righteousness and peace. The references to His coming in each chapter were in last week's lesson, and before taking it up more fully let us receive a few heart lessons from the whole letter. It is from the three with whom we have been travelling recently, Paul and Silas and Timothy, faithful and devoted witnesses to the risen living Christ, and it is to the believers who lived on earth at Thessalonica, but were really in God's Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ as to their heavenly standing (I Thess. i, 1; II Thess. i, 1). It was by the gospel of God and of Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, that they were led into this holy position and the assurance of it, and the apostles desire for them was that they would walk worthy of God, who had given them this great joy and called them unto His kingdom and glory (chapter i, 5, 6; II, 2, 4, 8, 9, 12; III, 2; IV, 1).

The one only thing that a sinner is asked to do and can do is to turn from his sins to God and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as his own personal Saviour. That makes him to be in God and in Christ and secures to him all the benefits of the finished work of the Lord Jesus, life eternal, the forgiveness of sins, acceptance in Christ and a joint heirship with Him without any works whatever, or any merit on the part of the sinner.

Having eternal redemption, our one occupation is summed up in serving the living and true God, which means with quietness doing our own business, filling the place He assigns us, living together with Him, as children of light rejoicing, in everything giving thanks and trusting the God of Peace to do all in us and through us because of His faithfulness (chapters i, 9; iv, 11; v, 10, 16-18, 23, 24).

Having become followers of Christ, who suffered everything and was killed for our sakes, we must not shrink from suffering with Him and being killed for His sake, never pleasing men, but only and always pleasing God, who trieth our hearts (chapters i, 6; iv, 14, 15; III, 4). Being delivered from the wrath to come, of which He speaks more fully in the second epistle, our attitude should always be that of waiting for His return. Our individual personal salvation is threefold—we are saved, we are working it out, and we wait for the redemption of the body at His coming. This is simply stated in chapter i, 9, 10, but see also Rom. v, 1, 2; Tit. ii, 11-13; John iii, 1, 2. This is another and larger threefold view of salvation, covering the whole church, which shall be caught up at His coming, then the salvation of all Israel at His coming back with us in His glory, and after that the salvation of all nations, so that "salvation" one of the greatest words in the Bible, has a sixfold significance, reaching on to the kingdom when the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.

Paul seems to have taught so much about the blessed hope and associated events that the believers feared lest those who had died had missed a great blessing and privilege, but he assured them that those who might remain until the Lord came would not prevent till the Lord came, but have an advantage over those who had died or, as to their bodies, fallen asleep (chapter iv, 13-15). I have many friends who think that between death and resurrection the soul sleeps and that there is no conscious existence, but I cannot find any foundation in Scripture for such a belief, so I tell my friends that if I shall die I will be more alive than I am now, believing Phil. i, 21, 23; II Cor. v, 8; Rev. vi, 9-11; Luke xvi, 22.

As to His coming for us and our meeting Him in the air, chapter iv, 16-18, with I Cor. xv, 23, 51, 52, makes it very real. The Lord Himself shall descend, the same Jesus who ascended from the Mount of Olives (Acts i, 11), a trumpet shall sound, and all the dead bodies of believers, whether buried in the earth or in the depths of the sea or burned to ashes, shall come to life, or go before or gain any advantage over those who once lived in them when they were mortal bodies, but have died been with Christ in glory, shall live again in those resurrected, glorified bodies. At the same moment, in the twinkling of an eye, all living believers shall be changed without dying and together with the raised ones, be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. There is comfort in these truths for all who will receive them. The words "They that are Christ's at His coming" (I Cor. xv, 23) convince me that no true believers shall be omitted in this great event. The dead bodies of unbelievers shall not be raised till after the thousand years (Rev. xx, 5, 6). There is no foundation for believing that death or the destruction of Jerusalem or any other great event or the coming of the Holy Spirit has any connection or association with the second coming of Christ.

"I suppose the man who has charge of the coining of twenty-five cent pieces has an army rank."  
"What army rank could he have?"  
"That of quartermaster."—Baltimore American.

Like Trouble.  
"Jim, you had better not go into this spelling bee."  
"Why not?"  
"Because with your limitations you'll find yourself in a hornet's nest."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Viewpoint.  
Bride—I'm sure the rest of the honeymoon will be just as happy. I know our love will last. Bridegroom—I'm not worrying about the love, dear, but I'm a little nervous about the money.—Life.

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"What's the matter, Clara?" asked a father of his daughter.  
"Ferdie and I have parted forever."  
"Um! In that case I suppose he won't be calling for a couple of nights!"—Exchange.

A Suave Sinner.  
"He was such an oily, smooth spoken cuss that he completely took me in, swindled me."  
"Showing that the way of the transgressor is sometimes soft, eh?"—Boston Transcript.



Jumped From the Top of the Pool into the Water.

"BUT, daddy, I should think that where each person is would be the center of the world for that person," said Jack thoughtfully in reply to something daddy had just said.

"Well, a certain king of Delhi, in India, thought he knew where it was," replied daddy. "About 700 miles northeast of Bombay and the same distance northwest of Calcutta stands the ancient city of Delhi."

"Its walls, gates, palaces, tombs and other great works are wonderful for size and beauty of architecture. The city once contained 200,000 inhabitants. Just a few miles from this ancient Indian city stands a very tall tower. The Brahmins say that it marks the center of the world, and the story they tell about it is quite interesting."

"Once upon a time a certain king of Delhi was very anxious to reign a long time and leave the throne to his family. So he called a council of pious Brahmins, and these pious men told him that near Delhi was the center of the earth and that if the king would drive down an iron rod into the earth near that point it would enter the head of the big serpent which the pious men said supported the earth at that point. Then a tower must be built over the rod. This would insure the king of a long reign and a sure inheritance for his children."

"The king did as the pious Brahmins advised, and then they told him that the serpent was transfixed. But the king had not as much faith as he possibly should have had, because after the pious men had gone away he went and pulled up the rod."

"The rod was all bloody, so he knew the pious men were right and that he had found the center of the earth and the serpent's head. But perhaps because he pulled the rod out all sorts of disasters followed him. Enemies beset him, and he not only lost his throne, but his head in the bargain, so the story goes. Of course no one really knows why that tower was built."

"But all the Brahmins believe that under this tower the serpent still lives and supports the world on its head."

"Not far from the tower is a wonderful well. It is thirty feet square and 120 feet deep. This well is, of course, for drinking purposes, but the natives make rather a queer use of it."

"You see, many visitors are attracted by the fame of the tower at Delhi, so the Hindus of the village make capital of their well."

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