

NEWFOUNDLANDERS WRITE FROM SALISBURY CAMP

Letters Received From Our Volunteer Lads Before Their Detachment to Garrison Duty in the North of Scotland

Private J. Thompson writes Mr. Joh Power from Bustard Camp as follows:— Just a few lines to let you know I am O.K., hoping that you and all the boys are the same. The weather over here is not so very bad: it is a little frosty in the morning, that's all, but we get a lot of rain and it is up over my boots in mud, but I think we will stand it all right.

TWO OF THE RAIDERS WERE BADLY DAMAGED; BELIEVES THEY SANK.

London, Dec. 16.—A Central News Despatch from Middlesborough, Yorkshire, says two of the German warships which bombarded the English coast were badly damaged and are believed to have sunk.

be a great improvement upon present conditions. Otherwise we are treated fine and on the whole there is no 'kick' coming from anyone.

Strenuous Work.

During the fine days the work is strenuous—the same that is given to a "regular" force, including night work—but the past week has been so backward that all night work has been abandoned. These plains cover an enormous stretch of land, with scarcely any rock, and not many trees, so you can see what an ideal place it is for the training of troops.

When we shall be moved from here's secret, but we have been ordered—or warned—to be ready for removal and, when we leave here, I can assure you that none will be anxious to be moved to canvas or huts.

2 GERMANS SUNK; BRITISH FLEET IS UNDAUNTED

London, Dec. 16.—The Yorkshire Evening News reports that two German cruisers were sunk in to-days engagement and that the British flotilla was undamaged.

Belgian Town Was Bombarded By British Fleet

Belgians Repulse Attack On St. George's—Allies Gain Advantage In Artillery Duels

Paris, Dec. 16.—The French War Office to-day gives out an official communication as follows: In Belgium the town of Westend to the Northeast of Lombarztyde has been violently bombarded by the British fleet.

The Belgian army has repulsed a counter attack on St. Georges and occupied farms on the left bank of the Yser.

Our troops who already have gained ground in the direction of Kleinzelbeke have also made progress but not so perceptible in the region of St. Eloi, in the region of Arras, in the region of the Aisne and in Champagne.

There have been artillery engagements in the course of which we gained a distinct advantage at various points in the Argonne.

There is nothing to report in Woer district.

We have repulsed several German attacks in the Forest of Mortmere and we have retained all the trenches occupied by us on Dec. 13th.

In Alsace we have repulsed an attack to the West of Cernay.

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Volunteer Smoker At Grenfell Hall On Christmas Eve

The Committee of the King George the Fifth Institute are holding a smoke social in the Grenfell Hall on Xmas Eve from 8 to 11 and have invited the Naval Reservists and the members of the Second Nfld. Contingent.

There will be coffee, Xmas cake and other light refreshments provided at a buffet, which it is hoped to make very bright for the occasion, and give the men who are away from home jolly Xmas cheer.

Any cakes which the ladies of the city would like to send would help and be appreciated by the Management.

NEWS EXCITES WASHINGTON

U.S. Naval Experts Not Much Impressed by Exploit of German Raiders.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Official and diplomatic Washington was thrilled as it seldom has been since the war began with the news of the bombardment by German cruisers off the East Coast of England.

While Government officials made no formal comment, the bombardment was discussed in Congressional circles as all naval events abroad have been with particular application to hypothetical situations in which American defenses might be involved.

The consensus of opinion among naval men was that the raid by German cruisers was for moral effect and did not screen a general invasion of England by Zeppelins and German submarines.

Although the vulnerability of Great Britain to such attacks was to some extent emphasized by it, on the other hand experts thought any sustained attack on the English coast would require many more ships than were engaged yesterday, and by the time any effort was made to land an expeditionary force the English fleet could be brought into action.

Northern Bays Are Frozen Over

Six to Eight Inches of Ice Made In Recent Frost.

All the Northern Bays are frozen over with ice six to eight inches thick. Horses are driving over them everywhere.

Clareville, Port Blandford, Gambo, Lewisporte, Botwood and Norris' Arm are blocked.

The ice is like glass and the young folk are skating everywhere.

The Clyde will not be able to reach Botwood again this season, neither will the Tritonia.

There is no snow anywhere along the line, and the weather during the last ten days has been fine.

11 ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF RECRUITS

Last Night's Volunteers Mostly From the Outports—Total Now Six Hundred and Seventy-Four

Monday 182 Tuesday 153 Wednesday 98 Thursday 51 Friday 30

Monday 43 Tuesday 16 Wednesday 14 Thursday 17 Friday 7

Monday 42 Tuesday 19 Wednesday 11

Eleven volunteers signed the roll last evening, making a total of over six hundred and seventy. Last night's squad was mostly from the outports. They are: St. John's—Brendan Sinnott, Goulds—John McCarthy, Trinity—James Walters, William Leo, Tibbs, North Hr., P.B.—Sylvester Brinson, Long Island, N.D.B.—Pierce Caravan, Harvey Mercer, Comfort Cove, N.D.B.—Willis White, Louis Head, Perry's Cove, B.D.V.—M.L. Reardon.

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Practical Gift Goods. The trend of trade seems to indicate that, amongst adults, gifts of a practical nature are more in evidence this Christmas than in former years. To-day we make a few suggestions Of The Right Things to Give.

Ladies' Umbrellas. Silk Umbrellas with beautifully mounted extra long handles, steel rods. Each in Gift Box. \$4.80 to \$6.60

Useful Art Goods. Useful and Embroidered Tea Cloths—40c, 75c., \$1.00 to \$3.10. Embroidered Tea Coseys—85c. Sideboard Cloths—\$1.60 to \$3.50. Stamped Carvers—65c to \$1.00. Gray Cloths—30c to 85c. Sofa Cushions—75c \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 to \$7. Tea Coseys—\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.50.

Japanese Pressed Silver. Puff Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Pin Trays, Ash Trays, Candlesticks, Photo Frames, Cigar Boxes, etc.

Ask for a copy of the "Monthly Messenger." Ayre & Sons Limited.

SHARON'S CARGO WAS PIG IRON. 2 Men Rescued By the "Prospero". Bishops Falls Folk Have Outdoor Rink.

NEED BIGGER P. O. STAFF. Codroy Barratry Case. Victim of Fire On the Sagona Is Laid to Rest.

Thousands of Deer Seen On South Coast. Recruiting. 1st Newfoundland Regiment.

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