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**Letter From Newcastle Boy
With Contingent in England**

Hiram Copp Writes From Salisbury Plain--Visited Artillery Ranks and Saw Other Newcastle Boys.

The following letter to Robt. Jarvis from his cousin, Hiram Copp, formerly a Newcastle boy, will be interesting to many of our Newcastle and Chatham readers:

Reg. No. 22506, G. Co.
12th Batt., Bulford Camp
Salisbury Plain, Eng.
Nov. 25th, 14.

Dear Bob,--I am in good health and I hope you are all in some good health. I received Advocate O. K. for which many thanks.

As you will no doubt be interested, I am going to give you a diary or description from the time I left Chatham, N. B. I enlisted on Aug. 8th, and left for Valcartier on Aug. 18, arriving at that place Aug. 21st. When we got to Levis, as we could not get a ferry to cross to Quebec, the officers in charge thought it wise to take us a little distance out of the town, so we went to Chaudiere Jet, where we slept on the train. Next morning we returned to Levis and crossed to Quebec on the ferry, then Canadian Northern Railway to Valcartier.

Arriving at Valcartier we found little troops, but we were of them very long before they began to pour in from all parts of the Dominion.

Valcartier, which was very little known in Canada before the contingent mobilized there, became known, not only in Canada but all over the world, and especially in Germany, which nation never thought for a moment that Great Britain's dominions and colonies would come to the aid of the Mother Land. Valcartier was very well suited for mobilization purposes, and was very healthy, with its electric lights and shower baths; it was something like a town.

Of course no sooner had we been there very long when canteens were erected and most of them built in a day, nevertheless the prices of some of them charged were exorbitant.

Training proceeded as soon as we were organized, but the main thing practiced was rifle shooting and some very good shooting was made. Reorganization of the Battalion took place very often and we had to change tents quite often.

The weather was on the whole fine, but when we left Valcartier we were beginning to feel the effects of our Canadian winter. No sooner had we stayed at Valcartier very long when the Y. M. C. A. erected a tent with tables and provided writing material free of charge, also had an open moving picture show, and also a canteen where they sold ice-cream, etc. The Y. M. C. A. proved itself very useful to us because they did all possible to make camp life pleasant. They held sacred meetings every night which were well attended.

On Sept. 22nd, colors were presented to the Battalions by Mrs. J. D. Hazen, wife of the Hon. J. D. Hazen. Hon. J. D. Hazen addressed the men and his speech was full of patriotism and loyalty. Our Colonel, the Hon. H. F. McLeod, M. P. also addressed the men and was listened to very attentively. Cheers were then asked for Mrs. Hazen, the Hon. J. D. Hazen, Col. Sam Hughes and our Colonel, and needless to say were very heartily given.

At that time our Battalion was composed of men from New Brunswick, Province Quebec and a Company from British Columbia. Many of the British Columbia company were natives of New Brunswick.

As you know we were reviewed by the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, also Princess Patricia, Col. Sam and members of Parliament, but nearly every review was held in rain, which was very unpleasant both for the spectators and us.

While at Valcartier, we were inoculated and all of us felt the effects of the same.

One incident which I must relate was that one moving picture show which was held in a large tent and the charge was ten cents, the operator advertised new pictures every night, but it was continually the same and the boys showed their disapproval by tearing down the tent and machine much to the regret of the owner.

On Sept. 28th we marched to the station and entrained to Quebec, where we boarded the Allan Line S. S. Scotlan and sailed on the following eve at 8 o'clock.

We proceeded down stream and anchored in Gaspe Bay awaiting the arrival of further transports which arrived next day. During our stay in Gaspe Bay the tug boat "Stearns" registered in Chatham with Mr. J. D. Brankly, manager of The Miramichi Lumber Co., and Engineer Olive Ruddle aboard, also Col. Sam who came and visited each transport, Col. Sam giving each member of the contingent a letter of encouragement. Our escort was also in Gaspe Bay. We left that place on October 1st, and reached Plymouth Oct. 16th. The trip was very fine and no near was felt of any German warship. Our ship followed directly the flagship, and was armed with four 6-inch guns, two at the stern and two at

land on German soil, which I hope will not be very long, the German fitness of the Canadian contingent, one British wounded N. C. O. now convalescent is quoted as saying: "Fit to fight the Germans," he repeated, they are fit to fight the Germans with a good chance of licking them on a basis of two to one, and as a man to man proposition the Germans would have no earthly chance. Why they are not sent out beats me." So look out for the Germans when we get to the front.

I visited the artillery a few days ago and met some of the Newcastle boys who were all in good health. Their names were Gifford, Lingley, Masson and Miller. Our drill is now back to the old way, section drill. The British Columbia company has left us, but our Battalion is at full strength.

Remember me to all. Will write you a letter later. With kind regards to all, including the Northumberland Co. Ladies who so kindly sent us socks for which we thank them greatly. I remain,

Your cousin,
HIRAM COPP,
Lance Corporal.

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The course of events during the past four months has made reasonably clear the intention of Germany in her treatment of Belgium. The German army was strong enough to pass through that country into France with the minimum of injury, if all that was wanted was a right of way. The destruction of Louvain, in keeping with a well-settled line of action, and obviously specific instructions, was no mere tragic accident. Other places of less distinction shared Louvain's unmerited fate. Many towns and villages were swept away, not in pure wantonness, which would have been bad enough, but with the callous determination to not merely annex the whole country but sweep it clear of what was sure to prove a troublesome population. The lesson not lost on German militarists and statesmen. The effort to Prussianize and Germanize Poland has been kept up continuously but unsuccessfully for nearly a century and a half, and after more than forty years the people of Alsace and Lorraine are today receiving the French troops with open arms. The resistance of Belgium was used as an occasion for the adoption of a policy of absolutely unprecedented barbarism, which would find its fitting culmination in the subjecting of Brussels to a destruction as complete as that visited on Louvain. Belgium must be swept with the "bosom of destruction" in order to leave it vacant for purposes of colonization. This was the easiest way to prevent future trouble and at the same time allow Germany's growing population needed room for expansion.

FAILURE OF GERMAN MILITARISM

For many years the governing military caste of Germany has been preparing for a war of conquest. All the external and internal policies of the nation were directed towards that end, and the civilized world is only now beginning to realize the patience, perseverance and minute attention to every possible contingency with which it was sought to be composed. These German militarists selected their own time to strike. Occasion after occasion was let slip because the time was not ripe. At the very moments when Germany was represented as an eminently pacific power, because concessions were made to avoid a too precipitate war of dominion or downfall, the advisers of the war lord were perfecting the plans that were to ensure German supremacy in Europe, and ultimately in the world.

Yet with all their boasted foresight and efficiency, the elaborately organized scheme of conquest has miscarried. That today is the great cardinal fact, however much the struggle may be prolonged, Germany today is no longer marching on conquering and to conquer. She is fighting not for dominion nor for existence, but to preserve the supremacy of the militarist party. German citizens, infected as they are with the ideas of Bernhardi and his masters, are only beginning to realize into what abyss they have been lured. They have for generations been nurtured on the fiction that there is the final word in civilization; they are living on lies. The awakening that is surely at hand will not only be an eye-opener, but will compel a complete readjustment of their international relationship.

German militarism is collapsing because of self-deception. It trained the nation for aggressive war with a thoroughness that left nothing to chance. But it overlooked the vital fact that man no more lives for war than for bread alone. Peace hath her virtues no less renowned than war, and the virtues that peace and freedom breed more than suffice for victory on the tented field. Britain was found unprepared for war, but is already a decisive factor in this unprovoked war. Britain had no millions to throw into the fray at the call of an autocrat, but it has two millions of men in arms today, and other millions after them should the need arise. All this vast German preparation has counted for naught at the moment of its testing, and when this war is matter of history, militarism of the German type will have passed forever.

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By instruction of John O'Brien, Esquire, Assignee of the Estate and effects of Carl Bersing, of the Parish of North Esk in the County of Northumberland, I will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION on Saturday the twenty-sixth day of December instant at noon, in front of the POST OFFICE in the Town of Newcastle in the said County.

ALL that piece or parcel of land situate lying and being on the easterly side of the Chaplin Island Road in the said Parish of North Esk and bounded as follows:--Beginning at the southern angle of the Frederick Street Lot on Ox Brook, thence North 58 degrees East fifty chains, thence south 22 degrees east twenty chains, thence south 58 degrees west fifty chains, and thence north 32 degrees west twenty chains, containing one hundred acres and conveyed to the said Carl Bersing by Charles Alexander Campbell and others by Indenture bearing date the first day of August, A. D. 1900, with the buildings and improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereto appertaining.

DATED the fourteenth day of December A. D. 1914.

J. R. LAWLOR,
Auctioneer.

Notice

Collectors of rates are required by law to file their return with the Secretary Treasurer on or before the thirty-first day of December in each and every year.

All persons having any claims against the County will file them with the Secretary Treasurer duly attested and all persons indebted to the said Municipality are requested to make immediate payment.

The County Council will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday the nineteenth day of January next at their Council Chamber in the Court house, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated this twelfth day of December A. D. 1914.

E. P. WILLISTON,
Secretary Treasurer.

Estate Notice

SEALED TENDERS will be received by me up to Saturday the twenty-sixth day of December instant at noon, for the purchase of the personal property formerly belonging to Carl Bersing of the Parish of North Esk in the County of Northumberland.

A list of the said property may be seen on application to G. Gilmour Stothar, Esq., at his office in Newcastle.

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