

Bruce County News

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis of Tara, have received word that their son, Melville, who was wounded in France recently, is in the hospital at Manchester and that the doctors had found it necessary to amputate his right leg below the knee. His many friends sincerely regret his misfortune.

Hilton Johnston, a Chesley boy, had his leg broken in a recent engagement and he is being moved from France to an English hospital. Hope he will be able to see his friends in Witley.

When Sergt. Duncan Bell, a member of the 160th battalion, returned home on Wednesday night, there were several hundred people at the dépôt. The Reeve and Council of Port Elgin were present, as was also Reeve Christie of Saugeen. Piper Colin McLeish, headed a procession, and gave some stirring music. Sergt. Bell was officially welcomed and the crowd dispersed.

In view of the amount of loose talk which has been going on about the men of the Bruce Battalion and the reasons for their long stay in England the following letter written by one of the boys to The Southampton Beacon is of interest.

Witley Camp, Eng.

Aug. 28th, 1917.

Mr. Short, Southampton, Ont.

Dear Mr. Short:— Having heard of rumors circulated in Bruce County that the reason the 160th battalion was still in England was that there is so much venereal disease and drunkenness in the battalion that we were not fit to go to France, we decided the best thing to do would be to write a letter to The Beacon denying the same. The party or parties who started the rumours are neither a credit to themselves or their country, for a meaner lie could never have been started. If such were the case we should have been broken up and drafted to France months ago. The reason we are

not in France now is on account of orders from the high command of the Canadian army which every good soldier obeys. We have worked hard and are in the pink of condition, and eager to get at the Hun. If the people of Bruce County ever saw us climbing hills here they would be proud of us instead of casting slurs at us. Of course we know that every right minded person does not pay any attention to such yarns. All we ask is for them to tell the other party stringing such trash to don the uniform and come over and call on us boys. We are at home from 9 a.m. till 9 p.m. Hoping you will publish this letter, we close with best wishes to our Southampton friends.

From the Boys from old Saugeen.

SCRAPS FROM THE OFFICER'S MESS

Now that the skating season is approaching we would suggest that Mr. James get busy training some of us in long distance skating, we simply must have our morning dip, regardless of the distance of the swimmin' hole.

• • •

Have you seen him? Who? why "Dangerous Dan in Disguise" of course.

• • •

Golfing is quite "the" game just now, and although the golfers won't admit it, they are suspected of having "Colonel Bogey" introduced as our regimental march.

• • •

Captain J. W. Lord says the hunting on the West Surrey Golf Course is very poor.

• • •

Who's got change for a pound? 'Nuff said.

• • •

Lieut. Morley represented the 160th at the Lord Mayor's Show held in London last Saturday. We understand he is to be allowed out of camp again in the near future.