

HOW MEN OVERSEAS APPRECIATE GIFTS SENT BY BELLEVILLE LADIES

Most Interesting Letter From Capt. C. T. Sharpe Tells of a Noble Work and How it Serves a Great Purpose.

On Active Service with C.E.F. Y.M.C.A., April 12, '17. Dear Miss Falkner... This room I'm living in is so small we have to go outside to turn around...

Of course we found numbers of our own men, but a mere handful compared to the others. One or two of them were fellows I knew, and I assure you it was a queer experience...

April 23, 1917. Just a line to acknowledge a fine tin of cookies from your mother. I have just come in from spending two days and a night on the road...

Remember me to all the K. C. ladies. I have a tin hat about three miles back just now, and hope to add a big cinema to it in a day or two.

Two. Please excuse this scrappy letter, but these other men are talking, trying to sing, cooking, etc., and their combined efforts are not conducive to coherent thought.

I am so glad Capt. Harper is going on well. He has had a very hard time, I hope your mother has been well all winter.

April 15, '17. Just another line to acknowledge a second parcel received from C.W. C.A., London.

About half an hour ago I saw a 87th Batt. man on the road and recognized him as one of our "famous favorite fighters". Of course I stopped him and we had the usual conversation and exchanged battalion news.

This has been a busy week. You will have read about it in the papers by now. It started Monday last; now it's Sunday, and they are still fighting ahead.

We started a new dugout five hundred yards from the line yesterday. Word just came in half an hour ago that the line has advanced two miles, so on we go too.

Starting yesterday, the troops took to the open fields instead of houses, huts and barns for billets. The mud is awful, and bivouacking bad at any time, is awful now; but they are all happy.

I met a fellow named Davidson today; he attended O.B.C. in Belleville in 1914-15. He thinks a good deal of Belleville people. I'm just a little anxious these days for I have not heard how my old 50th friends fared.

Remember me to your mother and my many friends at the Khaki Club. Those were happy days!—so are these, but they are different. Please send me Capt. Harper's address. Remember me to Mrs. Clarke, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Symons and Mrs. Brown.

Probably our greatest problem here is transportation. Though we have an immense amount of hauling of supplies and equipment to do, (to serve all the Canadian Divisions) we do not own a single horse, wagon or lorry.

I think I told you of our feeds. I had the boys from the 54th, 102nd, 58th and 75th together. Your ears must have tingled some that night, as the boys recounted the evenings at the Khaki Club and all the kindness of the ladies of the Club.

I met Mr. Allison and Mr. Allan of Belleville, Y.M.C.A., in London. Just now they are training at Nottingham.

for more. I waited till I found one returning to my village and got him to run a mile off the main road on the way back, pick up bunks, tents, etc., and take them down for me. The men know it is for the benefit of their pals and help readily.

Tuesday night I ran across the 75th and 102nd, quite unexpectedly. I just saw one fellow I knew and asked him if I stayed over if he would get the crowd together.

There were quite a number of the crowd we had last time missing—some we won't have with us again, for they made the great sacrifice on the ninth; others were wounded and in 'Blighty'; but I can assure you they were not forgotten though I was desperately hungry when I came in tonight.

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PICTON LIQUOR CASE. Ross Chase of Picton was yesterday charged with giving a bottle to a man in a public place. The case was tried before Magistrate Levi Williams. Chase pleaded guilty and was fined \$300 and costs or three months Inspector Arnett prosecuted.

FISH RECEIVED A "SHOCK". Kingston Standard.—The fish in the vicinity of Kingston Mills received a decided "shock" on Sunday when a charge of electricity was sent through the water from the Campbell Power Plant. The charge running up to \$200 volts. There were a goodly number of fish in the neighborhood of the plant at the time, and the result was that they were all temporarily knocked out—so much so that many of the smaller fish came to the surface of the water in a semi-conscious condition, while the larger fish could be seen plainly a foot or two below the surface, barely able to move.

SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD. The Board of Education will hold a special meeting on Monday evening in order to deal with general business which should have been decided upon May 15th, but was not on account of lack of a quorum.

BOATMAN MISSING. Skill Found at Napanee Containing Various Articles.

The chief of police has written Chief Newton that on Wednesday, May 16th a skiff twenty feet long was abandoned there. The boat is painted white above the water mark and green on the bottom. It contains a small sail, two oars, one paddle, one parcel of groceries, a piece of sail cloth, razor, brush, soap, three men's linen collars size 16 1/2 "Arrow Brand," and "P.S.H." laundry mark.

FOUR MERRICK BROTHERS. Two Are Wounded—One is in France, the Other in Saloniki.

Pte. G. E. Merrick, who resided at 692 Bathurst street, Toronto is reported suffering from gunshot in the back. He enlisted a year and eight months ago. He is one of four brothers, all on active service, and although not in the casualty list, word has been received from his brother, Pte. Percy Merrick, stating that he was wounded in the leg, and suffering from shell shock after the Vimy Ridge fighting. He, too, was from 692 Bathurst street and when he enlisted was attending Albert College, in Belleville. Two other brothers are in khaki. Pte. Will enlisted from Calgary, being somewhere in France, and Pte. Arthur, who enlisted in Toronto, being in Saloniki.

WM. RITTWAGE FELL IN BATTLE. Enlisted at Brighton in 139th—Relatives Live Here.

That Pte. William Rittwage, who enlisted at Brighton in the 139th Battalion and transferred in England to the 155th, had been killed in action was the sad news received by relatives today. The soldier's mother who lives in Brighton, yesterday received the announcement of his death. Mourning his loss are a brother, 83 Great St. James Street, Belleville and two sisters, Mrs. Hamilton and Miss Alice Rittwage of this city. The relatives have the deepest sympathy of the community in their loss.

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LOCAL BOYS JOIN UP With the Heavy Battery at Cobourg—Opportunity to Enlist.

The following from the City of Belleville and vicinity have recently enlisted in the Cobourg Heavy Battery stationed at Cobourg, Ont.: Messrs. J. Walmsley, F. Hill, A. Rogers, H. Rogers, J. McIntosh, M. Diebert, W. Hillway, S. Hill and G. McFarlane. In addition quite a number are similarly signing up in the course of a few days.

WEDDED AT ST. MICHAEL'S. At St. Michael's Church at six o'clock this morning the marriage was quietly celebrated by Mr. Fred M. Meagher and Miss Mary Ethel Baker, daughter of Mr. Charles M. Baker, Rev. Father Killen officiating.

BURIED AT PLAINFIELD. The funeral of the late James Edward Jackson took place yesterday from his late residence Plainfield to the Methodist Church in that place, where Rev. W. G. Huffman conducted an impressive service.

IN THE SUPREME COURT. The action of Wannamaker vs. Livingstone now being tried before the Hon. Justice Kelly at the non-jury sittings of the Supreme Court held in this city is one to set aside a will.

RETURN HOME. Lieut. L. Baker of Belleville has arrived in Canada with a number of wounded soldiers.

CASUALTIES. Killed in Action: A. Dugald, Lindsay; A. F. King, Bowmanville. Died of Wounds: R. J. Brown, Cobornae. Wounded: S. H. Carpenter, Peterboro; W. J. Armstrong, Peterboro; Lieut. F. H. Westbeau, Picton.

PIERSON — Died at Guelph, May 22nd, Mary Pierson, eldest daughter of the late Bryant Pierson.

ENJOYABLE TIME. A most enjoyable and successful "at home" was held by the Canadian War Contingent Association on Friday last at the residence of Mrs. G. W. McCarthy, William St. The guests were received by Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. R. J. Graham and Miss Falkner. The house was beautifully decorated with fasses of spring flowers, the tea-table was artistically arranged in different shades of violet. Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Springer presided in the afternoon; Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Campbell in the evening.

CAPTURED THE PRIZE. Mr. Maxwell Herity, 80 Lewis St. is to be congratulated upon having won the Ontario Government prize of five dollars, cash, for the best essay on the subject "How High School Boys can Best Assist on the Farm".

CHARGED WITH BIG FRAUD. Philadelphia, May 23.—Clawson Bachman, charged last December with defrauding investors out of \$1,000,000 through stock subscriptions in the International Gas and Electric Co., a Delaware corporation, was arrested at Rouge's Point, N.Y., yesterday, after having been expelled from Canada as an undesirable citizen.

DEATH OF CHILD. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Clapp, third of Thurlow, died yesterday.

PASSING OF A CALLANT SOLDIER. Touching Tribute from Overseas on Account of the Death of Pte. Percy Kennedy, of Halloway, Late of the 155th Battalion.

The death of Percy Kennedy, of Halloway, who left here last fall with the 155th Battn., has called forth several feelings and appreciative messages from those who know him best in his capacity as a soldier and a patriot.

The following is from Major C. F. Wallbridge, his former commanding officer:—

Dear Mrs. Kennedy,— It is with great regret that we notice that your husband has made the supreme sacrifice.

Percy was a member of the company I had the honor of commanding and was one of my best boys, and consequently I feel a personal loss as well.

He was always cheerful and willing—always 'on the job' as the saying goes. Please accept on behalf of myself and associates our sincere sympathy in your great loss.

Yours sincerely, (Sgd.) C. F. Wallbridge, Major, O.C. "C" Co. 155th Battn. Lieut. H. P. Cliff, his commanding officer, writes as follows:—

My Dear Mrs. Kennedy,— I wish you to accept my sincerest sympathy in your recent bereavement. Your husband, Percy, was in the Company of which I had the command for two days only, before he was admitted to hospital.

One of the most intimate friends of Pte. Kennedy forwards this tribute to his memory:—

France, Jan. 1, 1917. Dear Mrs. Kennedy,— It is with the most sincere sorrow and regret that I am writing these few lines concerning poor Percy.

Percy was a particular friend of mine ever since I have known him, and I can say, a better or truer friend never existed. On the way up here from the base, he and I sat on the train talking until after midnight and shook hands to stick to each other as long as we could.

COMMISSION IN NAVY. Lieut. Leavens Will Join North Atlantic Patrol.

Lieut. Leavens of the 254th Battalion has been granted a commission in the British Navy and leaves on Monday for Halifax where he will join the North Atlantic Patrol.

LAI'D TO REST. The funeral of the late Miss Mary Pierson took place on Friday afternoon.

MOIRA SOLDIER NOW IN HOSPITAL. Mr. Wm. Vanderwater, of Moira, has received the following interesting letter from his brother, Pte. Daniel Vanderwater, who went overseas with the 80th Battalion and is now confined to hospital in England.

April 25, 1917. Dear Brother,— Just a few lines to let you know that I am still in the land of the living. I am in a hospital in England at present with impetigo.

I got a letter from mother yesterday. It was about seven weeks coming. Sometimes it takes a long while for letters to reach here. I am glad that the liniment is helping your ankle. I wish you could be here when I get my 10 days leave.

I suppose when I leave hospital and my pass is over, it will be over to France again and then up to the firing line. It was pretty hot up there when I left it. There is a lot of shelling up there this spring. A man doesn't know what minute he is going to get blown in the air.

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I saw Joe Lord about four months ago. He is looking fine. He was very glad to see me. Bill Crear was in the same battalion as I was. He looks pretty tough; he is thin now. They call him 'Whiz Bang Bill' in the battalion.

How are dad and mother? I suppose mother is fretting a lot about me, but what's the use? I don't fret—never get time. Roy Holgate was a lucky beggar to get home. Jack Fraser wasn't quite so lucky. He is in France at present. I got a letter from him. So Charley Welch cashed in, poor fellow! I should like to have seen him back in Canada.

Well I guess I will close as it is getting rather dark. Please don't forget to write often to your brother, Dan. No. 637101, 2nd Western Gen. Hospital, St. George's, Stockport, Army P.O., London, Eng.

The funeral of the late Lieut. Michael Tierney, who died in the Hotel Dieu on Monday, took place this morning from the Hotel Dieu to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass was sung for the repose of his soul.

Lieut. Tierney was one of the most efficient officers of the 2nd Battalion and was the first officer to be wounded in France who died in Kingston. He was always a military man, being a drummer in the Dublin Fusiliers the regiment to which Col. Perreau, commandant of the Royal Military College, belonged at the time, Lieut. Tierney was drummer.

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