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Village of Waterdown

The Court of Revision to hear and determine the appeals against the Assessment Roll for the Village of Waterdown for the year 1918, will hold its first sitting at the

VILLAGE HALL, WATERDOWN
ON

Monday, June 10th, 1918

At 8 o'clock p. m.

Of which all persons interested are required to take notice.

J. C. MEDLAR,

Village Clerk.

Waterdown, May 16th, 1918.

Letters from the Front

Two More Letters from Our Boys "Over There"

This week we have another very interesting letter from Ollie Horning and also one from Austin Tudor, another of Waterdown's many boys at the front.

Ollie's letter this week was written previous to the one published in last week's Review and gives us some idea of conditions on the line during the early stages of the great drive, and while Fritz may have appeared to be the better man at that time, later developments have proven to be the reverse.

55th Battery, C.F.A.,

France, April 15, 1918.

Dear Friends:—Just a line to let you know all is well. Well, from all appearances Fritz is still the best man in this war game. We have been at war in earnest for the past three weeks. Have been in six different positions and are moving part of the battery again to-night.

Our position at present is at the highest point of Vimy Ridge, which the Canadians captured a year ago last week. We have been here two days now and are just beginning to feel at home. Have fine gun pits, but just shrapnel proof protection.

Can see the country around for miles and it is a grand sight at night to see the guns flashing. Have two 8-inch guns about 20 yards from one dug-out, which keeps things lively at night.

The weather has been fierce for the last two weeks; it rained steady for 10 days, and as we were in an open position with nothing but an old trench for protection. The ground is sticky, clay, which just about pulls your boots off every time you step.

The night we pulled in here it was dark as pitch, and as we had been on the road since 3.30 that morning and were feeling pretty tired. One gun sunk in the mud and it took 12 horses and about 20 men to get it into position. It was 2.30 when we finally laid down under a piece of canvas, spread across the trench, for to get a few hours' sleep. Awoke next morning to find that the water had run in off the canvas and our blankets were mud and water about half way up and were every night for a week, so we were glad when we got up here on top of Vimy.

It has been cold, with a strong wind and overcast for the past three days. In fact have had more use for our overcoats the past two weeks than we have all winter.

Well, the 5th Division of Artillery have made a name for themselves since coming to France. We now have first place in field artillery. We were 25 per cent. better in organization and firing, by Hale's report, than the "La Hore" batteries of Imperials, who formally held first place and who were attached to the Canadians before we came over.

Some of the boys saw Murray Fisher last week, they were in camp back near our wagon lines, and are in the trenches in front of us at present (4th Division).

General Currie was asked last week by the Imperials on our right and left to fall back from Vimy and Lens and straighten out the line, this he politely refused to do, saying it had cost too many lives to take to fall back now just to be in style with them. He said he would at least put up some kind of a fight first.

Well I guess I have said enough along that line, in fact too much if the censor happens to read it.

You will be into another summer's work by the time this reaches you. Do not work too hard, as the world was not made in a day. Drop a line when you have time, as the letters are very precious over here. Well good luck and give my best to all.

As ever, OLLIE.

Whitley Camp,
Surrey, England.

May 5th, 1918.

Dear Folks:—Have received your letter dated April 7th and was pleased to hear from you again and to know that you were all well.

The boxes sent arrived safely and were very much appreciated by us. I might say that there are about six of us who share all our boxes between us; we hang together like glue and intend to try and do so.

I have received one paper up to date, dated March 30th, and it sure does seem funny to be able to get a good old Spectator and to read all about Hamilton and the surrounding district. We laugh when we see some of the reports about the war, according to the Canadian papers, as I think the news you get over there is about two weeks old and we get it here the next day after it happens.

My old chum, Fred. Hazel, has been warned for draft to France, but is not sure how soon he will be going, as they are taking drafts away all the time.

We are having better weather here now and it can keep on getting better as we have been having awful foggy weather for the past three weeks, but the last 3 days have been quite warm.

You should have seen us when we came in from parade last Friday. It was very hot and the wind was blowing hard, it blew the sand across our parade grounds, and as we were sweating good it stuck to us and we sure were an awful sight. When we finished for the day we washed and had supper and then it was clean up our brass and rifle for Saturday's route march. By the way we get a route march every Saturday with full marching order and it certainly does harden a fellow.

I am none the worse off for all this hard work, as I weigh 162 lbs., "some man." My clothes are getting too small for me. I have gained 12 lbs. since coming to England, but I don't think I am getting any taller, so I must be putting it on like the mischief some place else.

I am getting to know all about a rifle. I took mine apart to-day and cleaned and oiled it. It took about three hours to clean my equipment and rifle, so you can imagine about what it is like; some job, believe me.

My platoon expect to start on musketry this week. We expected to start on it sooner, but there are some in the platoon who have not had their leave yet and that is the reason we have been kept back, but never the less we won't be long going through with it and then we will be able to go over the top "hurrah!"

I wish some of you had been with me when I was on leave, as I have seen some great sights.

Well, mother, I am proud to say that I am coming home just the same as when I went away, and if I didn't think so much of you I wouldn't try and keep clean.

Well, mother, I have a lot more letters to write so I will close for this time, hoping you are all well, I am.

Your loving son,

AUSTIN.

THE GARDEN PARTY

A public meeting of the citizens was held Tuesday evening in the Bell House to make arrangements for holding the annual patriotic garden party. No definite date has been decided upon, but probably either July 1st or July 17th will be selected.

A full report will be given of all committees, attractions and special features of the day in the Review next week.

The weekly meeting of the Knotty Knitting Club was held at the home of Miss Agnes Eager, Dundas street last Tuesday evening.

The Holiday

How the Day was Spent in Waterdown

Victoria Day this year was a real holiday in Waterdown, a large number of young people from surrounding places were early on the scene and helped to make things interesting.

In the afternoon the baseball tournament at the Fair Grounds drew a fairly large attendance. Owing to the non-appearance of the Kilbride team, Carlisle and Dundas played the first game, resulting in a score of 4 to 2 in favor of Dundas. The second game of the afternoon was then played between Dundas and Waterdown, and while disappointing to Waterdown, nevertheless was a very interesting game. The Waterdown team, with no previous practice, were able to hold Dundas down to only one score to the good which stood 6 to 5.

In the evening the Waterdown minstrels gave their concert in the rink to a packed house. Every available bit of space being occupied by an appreciative audience.

Many jokes on a number of citizens were pulled off, causing a good deal of laughter from the audience and were received good naturedly by those on whom they landed.

The members of the troupe are to be congratulated upon their achievement. Waterdown should feel proud of the local talent which it possesses, and also in being so fortunate in having as a citizen Mrs. Emily Wright, L.A.M. to whom a large amount of credit is due for the success of the evening entertainment. Mrs. Wright, who so successfully staged "Sylvia", has given a great deal of time to the drilling of the minstrel performers, and from raw recruits she has, through her ability, made first class amateur entertainers.

Stewart Mitchell, who gave ungrudgingly of his time and talent at the rehearsals and the night of the performance, is deserving of special mention.

Mr. Geo. Potts, Harry Gordon and Stewart Mitchell composed the orchestra which so ably rendered the music for the evening.

After the minstrel performance the seats were removed and a few hours were enjoyed in dancing by the young people.

The proceeds of the afternoon and evening were very gratifying, and when all expenses are deducted the sum of \$150.00 or more will be handed over to the Red Cross.

After Notes of the Day

Dr. McGregor is still in possession of his overcoat.

Mr. Newell reports a further advance in valuation.

The omission in the house on Mill street will be rectified by the contractors.

If doughnuts make serviceable tires, Mr. Gallagher intends carrying a full line of them.

The first consignment of Frank Shadle's tooth-picks are due to arrive in town in a few days.

The canning of raspberries is beginning early this year, due probably to the daylight saving time.

Alf. Alton is claiming a percentage of the receipts. We think the debt is the other way around; advertising should be paid for.

A Serious Accident

James Scanlon sustained very serious injuries yesterday while operating a sticking machine at Slaters mill. In some manner the unfortunate man's arm was caught and drawn in the machine, badly lacerating. He was at once hurried to the hospital in Hamilton by Dr. McGregor where proper treatment was given him, and from latest reports is progressing favorably.

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