

THOUGHTS BY THE WAY
Vacation
Written for The Ontario by "Wayfarer."

It's mighty nice that nine times nine
Makes eighty-one forever;
But oh, I know a place that's fine
For bathing in the river!

How vividly we all recall the days
Of our childhood and with what joy
We hailed the long vacation, as we
Gazed down the vista of those sunny
Summer days!

Again has come the season when
Schools and colleges are closed for
The long vacation, and boys and
Girls are enjoying the freedom from
The tasks at school.

Everyone should like a vacation.
From school and office, from work
Shop and factory, from desk and
Counter of crowded cities, comes an
Army of tollers to join the ranks of
The summer holiday-seeker, endeavoring
To gain renewed strength for
The battle of life.

The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday.
Among the fields above the sea.
Among the waves at play;

Among the lowing of the herds.
The rustling of the trees;
Among the singing of the birds.
The humming of the bees.

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LETTERS FROM OUR SOLDIERS

Seaford, June 12 '17.

My Dear Mother,—
I received your most looked-for
letter yesterday, dated the 10th. I
certainly was glad to hear you were
all well at home. I am feeling fine,
only I think a rest would do me good.

Yesterday we went on a route
march with all our harness, as we
call it, on, and full pack and rifle.
It was about 110 degrees of heat.
We went about ten miles around a
block; had two ten-minute rests. Ev-
ery little way you would see a fel-
low faint or fall headlong. I man-
aged to stick it out. The Captain
rode his horse in front of us, run-
ning up and down yelling "keep in
step".

When we arrived back, they told
us to get our boots off for foot-in-
spection. I was sitting on my bunk
in my bare feet when the mail man
came in and yelled out my name.
I thought it was a message from
Fred. Say, it cheered me up! But
I soon found out what was wanted.
They told us to fall in after supper
at 7. Well, I got my boots and put-
ties on and was sitting reading your
four-page letter when a sergeant
came in saying, "four of you fellows
with boots on, fall in on the double
to the orderly room, with belts and
bayonets, to catch the 7.30 train."

They are getting very strict. The
Major called us out at 5.30 the other
night, after doing our day's work.
We had to parade with everything
shined up. We paraded with full
pack and rifle. There were the Ma-
jor, two captains, thirty-one officers
—just imagine the bunch inspecting
you.

You see, we are busy all the time,
cleaning rifles, boots, buttons and so
on. There are only 37 pieces of
brass to shine on your equipment.
We clean one half one day and the
other half the next.

Today we had trenching. We
have a tool to dig ourselves in with.
It is something like a cultivator
tooth. Also how to put up wire en-
trenchment, which is good. They
have great gas masks. They are sure
a protection, that is if you get it on
quick enough. I went into a room
this morning where it was full of
gas. If would kill a person in five
minutes without the mask on. Say,
mother, I wish you were here to see
it. And I have a pair of boots with
soles two inches thick, and weigh
about ten pounds.

One day last week we had a half
holiday. We paraded to the grounds.
I sat down to watch some bayonet
fighting. I saw this returned
soldier sit down in front of me, and
here it was Blake Waterhouse. We
were both tickled to see each other.
He is looking fine. He is practicing
to be a sniper and expects to
go to France again soon. I also saw
Arthur Palmer, who was playing ball
at 3rd base. He is the same old peanu-
ts, only his hair is quite grey.

I sent Fred about twenty pictures
tonight, and am packing a box to
send him. I have a shirt, two pairs
of socks, can of salmon, can of pine-
apple, can of jam, and will fill in
with cakes, cigarettes and candy.
I know he will be glad to get them.
I am also sending Cousin Ella, Miss
Rush, Flossie and you a fancy post-
card, worked in silk.

I often think of the poor fellows
who went over with the first contin-
gent, to all the German tricks,
whenever now they are getting it
down pat. I am certainly getting
things put into my head, something
never to forget.
It is fine to see a "silver queen", as
they call them, in the air. They
look something like the water tank
in Belleville, only they are the shape
of a cigar. The color is of the sky;
the shape looks like this (illustrated).
That is about what they look
like from a distance.
Sunday night the 25th and other
small drafts from Belleville came in.
There was a big crowd at the station.
There is an Englishman's camp here
—nearly all returned soldiers. Well,
they are eager to see more Cana-
dians coming. Some of them said
to me, "Are you a Canadian?" ask-
ing all about Canada, how many
more there were to come. If I were
going to France, and so on. I cer-
tainly gave them good answers.
Now, mother, please send my
birth certificate as soon as possible,
as we will soon be through and have
only four days leave and then will
be ready for France. But they can't

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send us until we are 19 years old.
Don't think I am a coward and
afraid to go. But they told me to
send for it. Just one thing I ask of
you, mother, and that is not to wor-
ry about either Fred or me, as hun-
dreds have gone before us, and there
is nothing to think of only that we
will be back. You know, after one
is over here a while, he gets anxious
to go farther, and that is to France.

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Just a few lines to let you know
that I am well and hope you are the
same. I hope Grandma is well, and
also all the children. How is Mrs.
Bradford? I hope she is well too.

Well, mother, I am in France now
and I like it better than England.
I have been here a week. I haven't
been in the trenches yet, and I don't
know when I will be sent to the
front line.

Well, mother, I will close for this
time, hoping to hear from you soon.
From your loving son, Harve.

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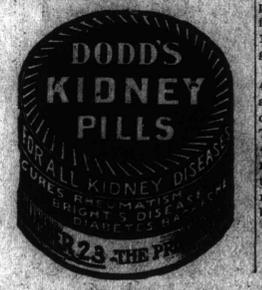
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