

Department of National Defence

(Militia Service) Ottawa, Canada, 16th August, 1923.

My dear Sir Arthur, -

I returned on Tuesday from my trip to Sault Ste. Marie, hence my delay in writing to inform you that I had delivered your message. Your letter was handed to me as I boarded the train on the 3rd instant.

I delivered your message on Saturday evening at a reception and concert held in the Arena. The place was jammed; your message was very well received and appreciated very much by Colonel Jones. the Mayor, and the Citizens of Sault Ste. Marie.

The celebration was a great success. but rather disappointing in the number which attended. No doubt they would clear expenses, but will not likely make any money for the Returned Men's Club Rooms at Sault Ste. Marie.

The organization undertaken by Colonel Jones was perfect in every detail. The returned men worked very hard. Their reproduction of Snaargate Trench at the Vimy Ridge Battle was very well carried out. Fifty of the returned men had undertaken to reproduce this work, and they worked every evening for a month. It was complete in every detail and they deserve a great deal of credit. We were very well looked after by the citizens, who did everything to make our stay enjoyable and pleasant.

I returned on Tuesday, the 9th instant, and spent the week-end in Kingston.

With kindest regards, believe

me.

Yours sincerely,

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