

OUR VOLUNTEERS TELL OF THE VOYAGE ACROSS AND LANDING IN ENGLAND

Trip Was Smooth, Comfortable and Enjoyable and Nothing in the Nature of a Mishap Occurred to Mar it—Our Lads Got a Hearty Welcome From all Classes and Are Now Settled Down to Serious Business at the Training Camp

An officer of the Newfoundland Contingent writes: "We are now at Pond Farm Camp, Salisbury Plains. We arrived at Plymouth and were towed to Devonport same evening, and moored alongside the Corinthian. We disembarked at 2 p.m. Tuesday and enquired at Plymouth at 7 p.m., changed at Putney Station and marched to camp at 3 a.m. Wednesday.

Captain Alexander handled things well. On arrival Lt.-Gen. Alderson, who is in charge of the Canadian Contingent, came aboard our ship at Plymouth and informed our Commander that we were under his command. Col. Clegg is Acting Commander Officer.

With Canadian Brigade

Our Regiment is forming part of the 4th Canadian Brigade, containing the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Battalions of Canadians and ourselves.

The commanding officer is very kind and so are all the other officers. We have been engaged in platoon drill.

Our Contingent has been organized into two Companies. No. 1 Company is in charge of Capt. Carty, with Lt. March in charge of the left half.

The Platoon is in charge of Capt. 'Gus' O'Brien, Lt. Whitton, Lt. Tait and Lt. Goodridge.

No. 2 Company is in charge of Capt. Alexander, with Lieut. Bernard in charge of the left half, and the Platoon in charge of Lt. Ledingham, Lt. Ayre, Lt. Rowsell and Lt. Munns.

The Musketry Inspector is Lt. N. Alderdice. Lt. Raley is Transportation officer.

The officer in charge of the Signal Department is Lt. Butler. Dr. Paterson has rendered very valuable service since leaving Newfoundland.

Conduct Above Reproach

The conduct of our men is excellent. There is not a single black mark against anyone.

All are sober and obedient. On duty there is the strictest discipline; off duty—we, we are Newfoundlanders.

The Old Colony may well be proud of its representatives. The British Army officers can size up a situation quickly, and they are pleased with the conduct of our boys.

We are all enjoying good health, and hope the friends at home are also. We will be delighted to hear the home news. We do not expect to go to the front for some time.

Man for man, I feel confident that our boys can hold their own with anyone. We may not be used to big gun firing, but in time we will be familiar, and I am sure we will keep up our end of the plank and will do nothing that will make friends at home ashamed of us.

From Our Volunteers

The following letters from some of our boys at Salisbury Plain will be read with interest.

One is from Norman A. MacLeod, of the C.L.B.

It was written on the Florizel at Devonport, Oct. 19.

The following is a copy of the letter:—

Dear Sir and Brother,—As you probably know, the Newfoundland Regiment has arrived safely in England, in spite of the terrible rumor which was spread through Canada and Newfoundland about a number of ships of the fleet being destroyed, amongst them the Florizel.

Splendid Trip.

We heard this story on Friday past, and you can realize for yourself how indignant the men were at the suffering which it must have caused to their dear ones at home. We had a splendid trip across the Atlantic.

The weather was very fine and warm from the time we left St. John's till we reached the English Channel where we met our first and only gale. We met the Canadian contingent on Monday morning, the 5th, about noon, somewhere off the south coast of Newfoundland and took up our position at the end of the third line. There were thirty-one troopships in the fleet, and were conveyed by a fleet of eight British warships.

In Three Lines.

The ships steamed in three long lines, each one six hundred yards astern of the ship in front of her, so that the approximate length of the fleet was about 18 miles.

It was a splendid sight. As far as the eye could see ahead of us the sea was covered with ships, while miles away to port and starboard could be discerned the shapes of two large warships, the "Princess Royal," a huge battle cruiser of 28,500 tons and the "Glory," a battleship of 14,000 tons.

Played Wrong Tune.

One day the "Princess Royal" steamed over and came round our stern on her way up through the fleet. She passed within 40 feet of us and her crew manned the rigging and cheered, while her band played "O Canada," as she passed us. They evidently took us for "Canucks."

I might say that the fleet was bound for Southampton where all preparations for landing had been made, but as German submarines had been seen and fired upon near that port we were ordered into Plymouth. We were eleven days on the voyage across, and this is our sixteenth day on board ship.

Great Reception.

The regiment was ashore for a route march through Devonport yesterday and we did enjoy ourselves. The people gave us a splendid reception, presenting us with cigarettes, fruit, etc.

Condr. Walter Pottles Is Accidentally Killed

Victim of His Own Gun, While Partridge Hunting on the Gaff Topsails

This morning the report quickly spread through the City that Walter Pottles, of the street car service, had been shot at Gaff Topsails.

At first it was feared that he was dead, but the message indicated that such was not the case, as the services of a doctor were required.

At 1 p.m. to-day word was received that he was dead.

He was shooting partridge, and this morning, while chasing birds, fell and his gun exploded, and the charge entered his body, inflicting a fearful wound and he died shortly after.

On Sunday last deceased left here with his friend, Mr. Sparks, also of

the street car service, and another companion to spend a few days deer stalking at Gaff Topsails.

As there is a good partridge barrens there, he remarked to friends before leaving that he hoped to secure some birds and told them to expect a brace.

Deceased had been a motorman on the street car service for many years, being one of the longest employees of the Co. He was a keen sportsman and every early summer and fall spent a few days fishing and shooting.

He was a well-known citizen, and his many friends will hear of his demise with regret.

A fine type of man was Walter Pottles. By his employers he was held in the highest esteem and all his friends spoke in highest terms of him because of his manly qualities.

Only last week his mother died.

Take my advice and do not believe all you see in the foreign papers—unless it is official. Lies travel very quickly. You heard, no doubt, that we had been sunk on the passage over with 15 of the transports. The story first appeared in a New York paper. Many of the American papers are controlled by the Germans, and they publish such stories to make Britishers downhearted, and that they are going to win, but they are not going to win.

Splendid Fighting.

Britain's standing Army is doing some splendid fighting now.

The other day over a million had volunteered to go to the front.

We are in Devonport now, but we are going to Salisbury Plain for a couple of months and then to Aldershot.

Be sure and send me the papers, as I want to know what is doing in the old home.

We had a fine time on the Florizel. We had several dances, and the Canadians soon followed our example.

Remember me to all the family and friends not forgetting yourselves.

God Bless you is my prayer.

We have just returned from prayers. My address is:—No. 72, Pte. John Reardigan, 1st Nfld. Regiment, Salisbury Plain, Eng."

From Private Richards.

"Billy" Richards of the Highlanders, formerly employed in The Daily Mail office, writes his sister. He says:

Don't worry about me.

This is the first chance I had of writing to you, as there were no paper or stamps to hand.

Well we had a grand time coming over. I am with the same three boys that camped together at Pleasantville, and we had a first-class state room.

I wasn't the least bit sick coming over, although it was rather rough the last couple of days.

We were out ten and a half days on the ocean, and the first Monday we met the Canadian troops. There were about thirty-six ships and a half dozen battleships around us. Well, it was a great sight to see so many large ships together. It was a great trip. I was inoculated twice, the second time after the first ten days.

Went Ashore.

We went ashore yesterday and had a walk round part of the city (Devonport). It is certainly a great place. I haven't seen one wood house; and such a mass of people; and, well, my how friendly they were. They threw apples to us and gave us cake, biscuits and tea while we were waiting for the boat to come after us.

We are anchored in the harbor yet

waiting our turn to get to the pier. I expect we will get in tomorrow, and then we will be leaving for some good hard training on Salisbury Plains. It is one of the best training stations in England.

I think this all I can say for this time. You can let Father and Mother read this as it was written later than theirs.

I must close now with love to all and a good share for yourself.

PTE. W. W. RICHARDS.
A Company No. 41,
1st Nfld. Reg.
Salisbury Plains, England.

In Good Health.

William Knight writes to his wife from Devonport, Oct. 15:—

"I write you to let you know that I am in good health and hope you are. We had a fine time across. It was a sight when we met the Canadians and five battleships.

You no doubt received a fright when you heard the news that we had been sunk by the Germans. No doubt there are a lot of false reports in circulation, but don't fret about us.

We got a great reception at Plymouth and at Devonport.

We are now lying along side a Canadian ship and we have great fun. They are a fine bunch. I see Jack every day."

Fine Trip Over.

Herman Noseworthy writes his father and mother that he had a fine trip over.

He was inoculated and was not sick.

"We have been forbidden to say anything as to the course we steered. We had excellent food. Numerous birds were seen on the passage.

The Tuesday night before landing it was rough, and the sea washed over her decks."

He closes his letter with love to his parents, best wishes to friends, and the promise of a longer letter next time.

Prospero Sails

S.S. Prospero sailed at 10 a.m., taking a full freight and a large number of passengers.

If Philip Decker will call at this office he may hear of something to his advantage.

(Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency the Governor.)

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At 11 o'clock, after a meeting of the Committee, the party sat down to an excellent repast, which was provided by Mesdames O'Neill, Primm, Long, Demsey and Miss Long.

The menu was excellent, the service perfect, and it is not flattery to say the work of the ladies would do credit to professionals.

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The Press.
Prop. Mr. J. Neville; Resp. Press Representatives.

Ladies.
Prop. Mr. G. Clooney; Resp. Mr. West.

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Berlin Professor Reckons German War Losses to Date At More Than \$200,000,000

London, Nov. 2.—Prof. Julius Wolf, in a lecture in Berlin shows the stupendous price Germany is paying for her false strategy in attempting war simultaneously on two fronts.

He said German's economic and financial losses and the thousands of millions of marks' damage done by the Russians in East Prussia and by the French invasion of Alsace-Lorraine, totalled not much less than \$50,000,000.

The losses inflicted upon Russia, Belgium and France were, of course, incomparably greater. Only Britain, alas, had been protected from anything more than the loss of ships.

The armies in the field together cost £7,500,000 a day; the German war loan would suffice until the New Year.

Other losses than actual war expenditure were about equal to that upon a total waste of £50,000,000 in three months.

Who will pay the enormous bill? The conquered.

Cost \$40,000,000 Daily.

Paris, Nov. 2.—The war bill which

Europe is meeting daily is now figured up as follows:

Russia	\$14,000,000
Germany	7,225,000
France	7,000,000
Britain	5,000,000
Austria	4,000,000
Various	3,000,000
Total	\$40,000,000

The French appropriation is from official figures as announced by M. Ribot, Minister of Finance; the British estimate by the London Statist; the German total from "an authoritative source," in a Geneva paper; and the other sums from conservative estimates which have appeared.

The item "various" represents the probable expense to which Serbia, Belgium, and the neutral countries of Switzerland, Italy, Roumania, Turkey, Greece, Holland and Denmark have been put.

The vast total does not include the destruction of property where fighting is taking place, nor the well-nigh incalculable losses under arms being taken from production.

TRUCKMEN'S UNION EXECUTIVE DINE

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SERG. CORBETT LAID TO REST

The funeral of the late Sergt. Corbett took place yesterday.

A squad of Constabulary under Supt. Grimes, attended as a guard of honor.

The prayers at the R.C. Cathedral were recited by Rev. Fr. Sheehan and interment was at Belvedere.

OBITUARY

Mrs. J. J. Henley

We record today with deep regret the rather sudden demise of Mrs. J. J. Henley at her late residence Newtown Road.

A week ago she was in good health and little thinking of the dreadful call. Eight little children and a loving husband are left to mourn the loss of a devoted mother and wife.

The deceased is a sister of Mr. T. J. Armstrong of the Sub-Station. To the stricken family and friends The Mail and Advocate extends sincere sympathy.

Mr. Duffy M. Noah sails by S.S. Stephano on a trip to Yarmouth, N.S., to see his relatives and remain there for some time.

The Chairman.

Props. Mr. B. Chafe; Resp. Mr. Murphy.

Patriotic songs, recitations and instrumental were given by Messrs. T. Murphy, B. Chafe, N. J. Murphy, T. Rice, A. Baston, G. Clooney, P. Joy, F. Mills, J. Clooney, West, J. Barter and others.

Mr. J. Long was present with his gramophone and manipulated it to the delight of all.

The speeches and music were excellent, and the time was pleasantly passed.

At 2 a.m. the sing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem, brought the event to a close.

Steamship Rosanno Here For Repairs

S.S. Rosanno, Capt. Roche, bound from Hull to Montreal for a cargo of grain put into port at 10.30 last night.

She had been 19 days on the passage and lost two propeller blades owing to the racing during stormy weather.

Heavy head winds were met with all the way across and as she was light in ballast was badly knocked about.

The Rosanno is a steel screw steamer of 3729 tons gross and 2367 net; built in 1909 by W. Gray and Co., Ltd., at West Hartlepool for Furness Withy and Co. Capt. Roche is well-known here having formerly been chief officer on the Dahome.

Mr. T. McNeil had a cablegram today that Victor Gordon had been ordered to the front with the Royal Scots.

FOR SALE!

A Lighter and Motor Boats. For particulars apply Franklin's Agencies.—nov.21

DEATHS

SUMMERS—On Tuesday morning, after a short illness, William Summers aged 39 years. Funeral on Friday, at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence 171 Gower Street.

GAMBERG—On Wednesday, Nov. 4th, Katherine, widow of the late John V. Gamberg. Funeral on Friday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence 53 Cookstown Road.

HENLEY.—This morning, after a short illness, Isabella Henley, daughter of the late Geo. Armstrong, aged 37 years, leaving a husband and eight children, mother and brother, to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence Newtown Road.—R.I.P.