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### Letter From Wightman B. Manzer

Son of Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Manzer who resigned his Captain's commission and enlisted in the Ranks so he could get to France.

Somewhere in France  
Sept. 30th, 1917.

Wightman B. Manzer  
C. Co— 10 Platoon  
26—Batt.—France. B.E.F.  
Dearest Mother:—

As you will see, I came out of the line again safely and to be sure it was the most quiet trip I have yet made over the Top. There was very little shelling and as the weather was all one could wish for consequently it was pleasant enough for such work in the Trenches and making a charge for our objective. During the course of our stay in the lines I met Douglas Balmain on two different occasions (a son of Geo. Balmain, Collector of Customs Port of Woodstock) received a note from Billie Hamilton (Lieut. Wm. Hamilton) son of Wm. Hamilton Tin Smith) stating that he wished to see me just as soon as he returned from leave of absence which will be in about another week I have not seen the latter for over a year, so will surely look him up. I also met a very nice chap from Kimberley South Africa and with whom I established a great friendship. He went through the campaign in German West Africa in which he was taken prisoner and was hand cuffed to the steering wheel of an auto. He escaped in a most thrilling manner from this position. While Fritz his guard was cranking the engine (no self starter) my friend threw in the gear with his free hand and politely ran over his enemy companion making full speed for his own camp. Quite an experience don't you think for a young chap? and besides he has been over here in France two years. I shall send you a snap of him soon and you can judge for yourselves a fine specimen of South African manhood at 23. We are going into the firing line again soon and I shall see him we have only been out a few days and in that time I have met numerous friends. You could never guess who the first was to appear on the scene.—Frank McLardy—He heard that I was handy so came up to see me. He talked a great deal about you all and was wondering if you had seen his sister Jean in Providence, R. I. She is still on her special case and wishes very much to come to France but Frank doesn't seem to like the idea. He told me of an invitation which he had received from relatives of Dr. Rankin's living in Liverpool to spend Xmas with them. Frank looks splendid and seems to enjoy his work which is mostly signalling. Write to him if you get a chance. He asked to be remembered to you all. After he left along came Major Guy McLaughlin with whom I had a long conversation. I have an invitation to visit him. He also inquired after you all—Then I ran across Lester Hull brother of Bob who sacrificed his life to save others. He volunteered to do some very important work but was hit directly he went over the parapet. Lester went through the earlier Battle of Ypres and is now in the Corps Work Shop. He surely had a good word for father and spoke of the old days in the Fire Department at Woodstock. The next day I met Sperry Tapley (better known to Father) and his Brother is coming to see me soon. They were both of the 65th Battery. The next to appear was Capt. Wilson my good old friend of the Y. M. C. A. I haven't seen him in months. He informs me that he is leaving France for good in a

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### Local News

#### FOOD CONSERVATION MEETING IN TOWN HALL

In all the churches of the town, announcement was made on Sunday, that a meeting in favor of food conservation would be held in the Town Hall at 8 o'clock, on Friday evening, to be addressed by Prof. Kierstead, of the staff of the food controller. A large attendance of ladies and gentlemen is requested.

#### Medical Board in Woodstock

The Medical Board of Examiners will be in Woodstock, Friday Oct. 26th, to start the examination of men liable for draft under the Proclamation just issued by the Military Service Act 1917. This includes men of Woodstock and surrounding district.

Examinations will be held at the ARMOURY, Oct. 27th, Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th between the hours of 9 A. M. to 12 and 2 P. M. to 6 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sharpe spent Sunday at Keswick.

By the request of Inspector Colpitta all the slot machines in the restaurants at hotels in this town have been removed.

Mrs. F. P. Homer and two children, who have been visiting Mrs. Homer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ross, left for their home in Bangor, Saturday.

Miss Margaret Baird, Fredericton, and Miss Stella Anderson, Benton, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wall, see Gibson, Connell St.

Lieut. J. Adams Bruce of Truro, N. S., a wounded soldier, home on leave, made a brief visit to his sister-in-law, Mrs. R. Hugh Bruce, this week. The young Canadian has been awarded the military cross for valor on the battle field.

Mrs. C. V. Wells, who has been visiting friends in town left for her home, Salmon Arm, B. C., on Monday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Wm. A. Clarke, Houlton Road, who is going to visit her brother Walter Atherton, Vancouver, B. C.

Mrs. P. S. Waite of Andover, holds a record among the knitters of the province, having hand-knitted for the soldiers 354 pairs of socks, besides several pairs of knee caps, helmets, vests, scarfs and wristlets. Mrs. Waite knits socks alto gether now as she feels they are always needed.

### PERSONALS

Mrs. Clayton Atkinson, of DeBec, was in town last week.

Mrs. Fred Cheney, of Portland, Me., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vandine.

Mrs. Wm. McBride of Oakville and Miss Stella Wiggins, of Young's Cove Road were in town on Wednesday. They were callers at "The Dispatch" office.

Mrs. Alfred Strong, of Watson Settlement spent Tuesday in town, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Hugh Dalting.

Mrs. Hayward and daughter, of St. John, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Harmon.

Miss Stella Wiggins, of Young's Cove Road, who has been visiting relatives in Houlton, for some weeks is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wm. McBride, Oakville.

Coun. W. D. and Mrs. Keith of Hartland left on Wednesday for Moncton and Halifax. At the latter city Coun. Keith will attend the Maritime Baptist convention.

96 men were examined here on Saturday, by Dr. T. F. Sprague, under the provisions of the Military Service Act. About 75 per cent, passed for class A.

Mrs. A. Perry and two children, of Port Mailland, N. S., who are visiting Mrs. Perry's parents, the Rev. Alfred and Mrs. Trafton, have returned to Woodstock after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. James Atkinson, of DeBec.

Mr. Howard Springer, of Waterville, was in town on Wednesday on business.

Mrs. T. H. Nason, of Montreal, who has been in Woodstock for a few days a guest at the Turner House, has returned home.

Mrs. C. A. West is spending a few days this week with Mrs. D. McLeod Vince.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Skillen and Mrs. Douglas Haviland and son, left this week for a motor trip to Fredericton and St. John.

J. H. Hay, of Millville, is in town the guest of his sister, Mrs. D. McQueen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wallace, of Houlton, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Winslow.

Mrs. George Wheeler and Mrs. Clarence Hayward, of Florenceville spent part of this week in town, guests of Mrs. Wheeler's sister, Mrs. Wm. Oldham.

Mrs. Charles Cliff, Mrs. Fred Cheney, Misses Robin Wilson, Marguerite Campbell, Laura Burpee, Evelyn Peppers, Damey Burt, Jean Estabrooks and Leah Creno, of Centreville, were in town on Tuesday to attend the play "Intolerance" in the Hayden-Gibson Theatre.

few days to take up duties in London. He says he would like me to come with him but of course that is out of the question.

I am sending a program of our Corps Sports which came off Saturday. Unfortunately it was my day on duty so I missed the fun but Capt. Wilson was good enough to save me a programme which is a work of art even in large cities when no war is on and this gotten out in the war zone. Yesterday I had heaps of boys to see me from the different Battalions so you see my rest has been very interesting. I have just received Mrs. Roy Campbell's (St. John N. B.) long looked for box. It has been two months and a half on the way but was in good shape. She sent me a lovely pair of socks, knit from a grayish blue wool and they were beautiful and soft—also some pure Milk Chocolate in cake form—Tancy biscuits, OXO cubes etc. etc. It was very kind of her and I shall write at once. Do you ever get a chance to write to her?

I had a letter from a friend in Folkestone near our old camp and they have had more trouble. Mr. Seath had a very bad fall and sprained both wrists and his back. There was no other special news except they are still having many air raids. Believe me I have seen some thrillers lately here and each one has proved disastrous for Fritz. It surely is a wonderful sight.

By the way George Hallett (of Sussex N. E. one of the firm of Hallett, Weinberg & Bedard Co., Montreal Furriers who enlisted as a private and is well known to Dry Goods Merchants in Woodstock and who was given his Lieutenantancy on the Field) has won the D. S. O. I see him quite often.

The clippings you sent me about the Battle of Hill 70 describes it to a T and I shall never forget it as long as I live and I nearly met my fate. After we received orders to go over the Top we made a running charge and in trying to get over one of Fritz's barbed wire fences I got hung up on it and thought I would never get out and to make matters worse they sent out a heavy bar

large and I was nearly smothered and got quite badly gassed but I managed to make the objective point with all my difficulties.

Hoping you are all well and with heaps of love.

Lovingly  
WIGHTMAN.

N. B. I was never so surprised in my life as when we returned from action to find a strange coincidence in that our 26th Battalion had been fighting the enemy Battalion of the same number (the 26th.) and we trimmed them well.

W. B. M.

This letter is published by request owing to a number of the items being of interest to the public.

THE FALL WEATHER  
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Canadian fall weather is extremely hard on little ones. One day it is warm and bright and the next wet and cold. These sudden changes bring on colds, cramps and colic, and unless baby's little stomach is kept right the result may be serious. There is nothing to equal Baby's Own Tablets in keeping the little ones well. They sweeten the stomach, regulate the bowels, break up colds and make baby thrive. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Tuesday evening, Oct. 16th, Miss Maude Shipp gave a recital at Debec Junction, under the auspices of the Red Cross Society of that place. Miss Shipp was assisted by some of the local musical talent of Debec. The hall was well filled with an appreciative audience and a good sum was realized for Red Cross.

Mr. Mark Tracy, of Tracy Mills and Mr. James H. Toms, of Centreville, were in town last week attending court. Mr. Toms was one of the Jurors. They were callers at "The Dispatch" office.

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