

# TIP TOP TEA

For Breakfast, Dinner, Supper

## INTERESTING LETTERS FROM SALISBURY PLAIN

Beauty of Old England Indescribable Writes Major Bull--Canadians Royally Entertained--Sapper McIntyre in Lord Mayor's Parade in London--"God Help Any German I Come in Contact With" says Gunner C. F. Scott of Jacksontown--Saw Mutilated Belgian Child and Could Not Keep Tears Back--Plenty of Clothing--Midnight Marches

Major J. J. Bull writes the Editor of Sentinel: Under their shepherds. The Canadian camps are about four in number with Salisbury Plain is an immense from three to four miles between place of 600 square miles of undulating country, suitable for military training, and the grazing of immense flocks of sheep and herds of cattle. Devise of about 15,000 people, 6

miles away. Other camps are about the same distance from the city of Salisbury further south.

I was over to another camp yesterday and saw Col. Good, who was looking fine and in good spirits. Many of the other boys I have not seen since leaving Quebec. The beauties of old England are indescribable: the whole country is seemingly one immense park. One thing which has impressed me as much as anything is the amount of farming done here. I had always looked upon England as a purely manufacturing country, yet I have seen here larger fields of turnips, cabbage, celery, etc., than I ever saw at home. The farm houses are of stone or brick, the small barns of the same material while immense stacks of hay and grain are nearby. I also see great flocks of sheep and cattle grazing in fields as green as June at home, all in prime condition. The total absence of the smallest stone in all the fields seem remarkable. On the top of some hills you can imagine you are looking over a forest so thick are the trees, in full leaf, along the roads and hedges. The roads are all "metalled" and large two-storied busses such as

one sees in London, run from village to village and town to town. While one has a few hours to spare, a few pennies invested in one of these busses rides along an old English lane with its ancient churches and monuments, is considered a splendid form of recreation. The weather has been quite wet and windy since our arrival on the Plain but we have had little or no frost yet.

We are still in tents with floors in them, but I hear we will have wooden huts later on. In the meantime the health of the men is excellent.

Of course you have read of the splendid reception accorded the Canadians in England. The boys still swear by Plymouth, where we were not expected, but where the most conservative of people vied with each other in opening their homes and entertaining the Canadians.

Hoping that you are quite well and with best wishes to all the boys, I am believe me,

Yours most sincerely,  
J. J. BULL.

London, Nov. 8th, 1914.

Dear Mother:—

I am in London now as you will see, came yesterday. There are three hundred of us that were chosen from the Canadian troops to take part in the parade on Monday, the 9th, at the opening of Parliament. We have been drilling every minute of daylight that there were since we landed out here. We hope to move from here in about a month. It has rained every day since we arrived and out at the drill grounds, where we are camped, it is terrible—mud a foot deep right in the tent and still raining. It has been fine up here (London) since we arrived and I have got my clothes dry for once in two weeks.

I am going out to Hyde Park this p.m.—there is a big parade out there at 3 p.m. Our men are all over six feet and I can assure you that they are a fine looking lot. I have not been around the city any so cannot tell you very much about it but will in my next.

It felt so good to get a good bath and clean dry clothes to put on and a real bed to sleep in that I stayed there all the time that I had. It was dark when we got in last night, 70 miles on the train. The cars over here are very different from what they are at home, they pack you in like sardines in a can and the door is locked so that you cannot get out unless you call the guard.

My address is Sapper H. P. McIntyre, Section 4, 1st Field Co. Canadian Engineers, West Down, South

Salisbury Plains, England

I had a letter from my partner in B. C. and he was all through threshing and getting ready for winter. Trusting that you are all well and enjoying yourselves. I remain,

Your loving son,  
PERLEY.

Salisbury Plains, England.

Dear Bedford:—

How are things going your way Times are wet out here old boy just now. I am fine myself up to the present, but how long I will be I don't know, as we get wet through every day. It has rained nearly every day since we have been out here; we suffer most with wet feet, as we cannot get our socks dry, but our officers are trying to get us good and better water tight boots. We have lots of good clothes, good substantial, wholesome food; we have all we can eat and wish for. We have jam, cheese, beef, mutton, bacon, ham, bread and tea, but I for one would give a lot for a dish of Edna's beans and pancakes.

Well Bedford I had a 3 days leave from camp and I went home and saw mother and the rest of them, and I tell you boy I had one good time. Everyone was looking well, and surprised to see me looking so well. I ought to have been a soldier before, I love it boy, especially my own Battery. We have the best men and officers in the whole contingent, that's saying some. We were inspected by the King and Queen, Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener, the other day, and we were pronounced a fit looking lot, and we are all crazy to get to the front, and please God we will soon be there.

When I was home I saw some of the German's devilish work. I went to my old bible-class teachers to tea

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and she has adopted a little 8-11-11 boy, 4 years old. He has his left hand and right ear cut off and is just made my blood boil to see the poor little fellow, although I could not help the tears coming, and may God help any German I come in contact with. The English are bringing lots of the dear little 8-11-11 children over here and putting them in to good homes and lots of love's are taking and adopting them, although the poor little things cannot talk a word of English, but of course they will be taught our language. Well old boy I must close now with love and good wishes to you and the Sabbath School. I remain,

Your chum,

GUNNER G. T. SCOTT,  
No. C. 41, 390, 6th Bn., 2nd Brigade  
1st, C. O. C.

Salisbury Plains, England  
No. 10th, 1914.

Dear Mother:—

We got up the other morning at 2 a.m. and got ready to move off; we went about eight or ten miles out around the country and came back. The Major said next week we were going to get ready for the front. He said that we would go out at night and dig ourselves in and get ready to shoot at daylight next morning. We get up every morning long before day light and start gun-laying.

It has stopped raining now for we have had two or three fine days. It is colder than the "devil" here at night and in the

morning. We got new clothes, heavy underwear for winter. I will just give you an idea what we have got since we joined this brigade—2 pairs boots, 4 suits of underwear, 3 light and 2 heavy weight, 4 gray shirts and on working shirt, two pairs pants—one working and one for dress, one sweater, two pairs of mitts, 4 pairs stockings, one overcoat and one undercoat, a cap and a pair of spurs and God only knows what all we haven't got for I don't. All we haven't got is a pair of mittens.

We are having a fairly good time we go out every morning and fool around the field till we get thawed out then we come back to camp and go to work again. We are on the go from half past five in the morning till nine at night then we don't know what time they are going to put us on guard or call us up to go on a march, but we are getting used to it now, we ought to be anyway.

Why don't you write I haven't got a letter for two or three weeks. We are going to be paid again Saturday I haven't been up to London yet but I hope to go soon.

ARTHUR GREER.

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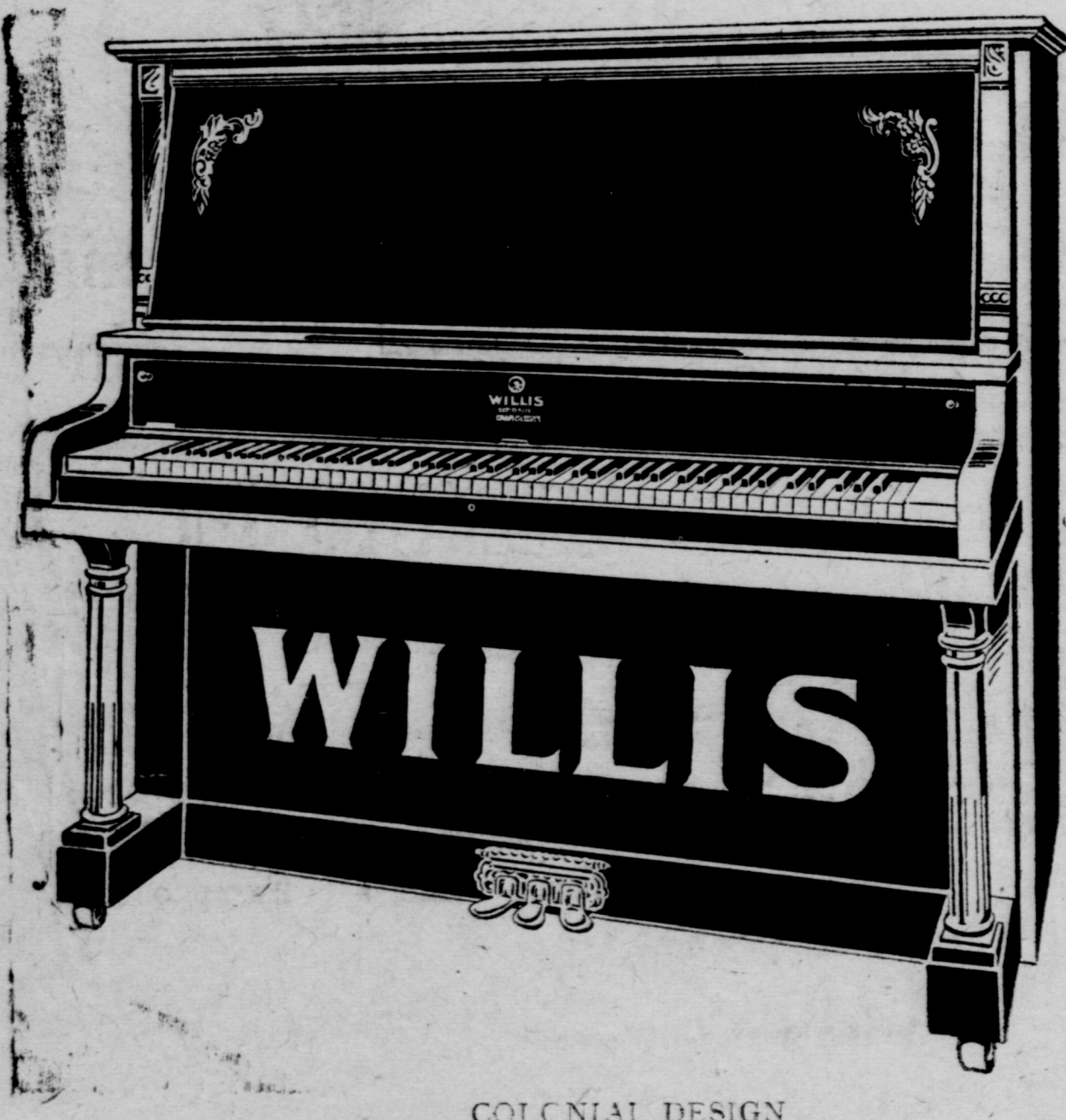
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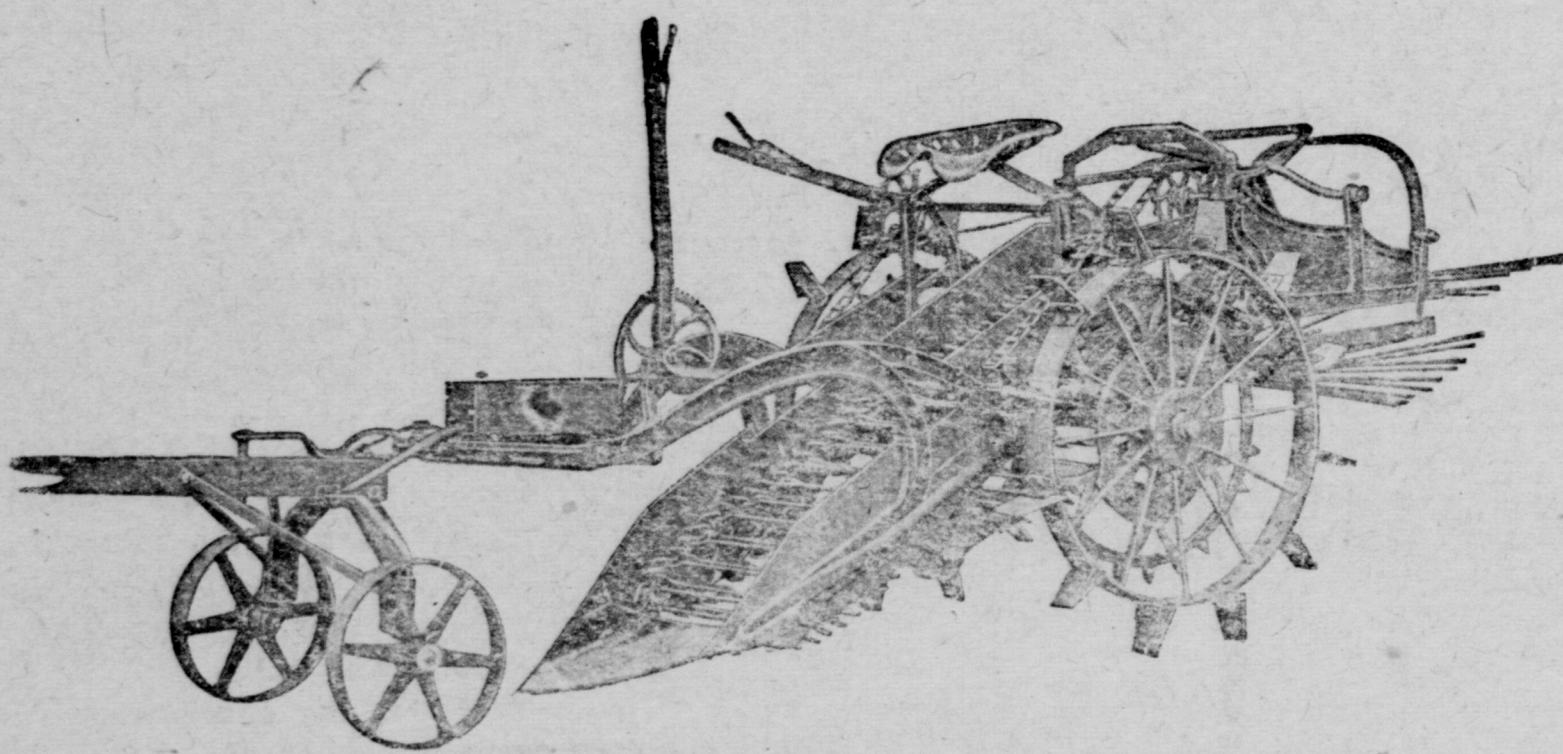
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