

Return to Dieppe for anniversary

This is the final article in the series written for The Free Press by E. S. Stewart on his experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany after being captured at Dieppe. Mr. Stewart is now in Dieppe participating in the 25th anniversary observance.

Article IX
Once again, I am on my way to Dieppe, but this time I will be accompanied by my charming wife and will not be met by tracer bullets, flames and explosions.

The English channel will be its usual ornery self, my fever will be searick, but she will recover in time to stand at the rail and watch with me as we approach the French cliffs, so steep and so full of memories. We will each, silently, utter a prayer of thanksgiving.

On the beach, our French friends, frantically waving their white handkerchiefs, will be eagerly waiting to give us a loving welcome. There will be Georgette and Paul Brunet, the florist who has put flowers on the Canadian graves these past 20 years.

With them will be their two lovely daughters, Francine and Joseette. All of them, including Paul, will smack us on both cheeks. Now I must say the first time this happened, was a bit taken aback, since men from my country do not greet each other in this manner.

Then there will be Madame Bonnet and her daughter Yvonne. It was to their hotel, used as a German headquarters at Puy, I was first taken as a prisoner of war. For one whole day, I lay on the floor of their reception room, smoking my last cigarettes. The hole which I burned in the floor is still there. Madame Bonnet will bring out her best wine and we will go to look at the spot again.

The night of August 18 is an important one for the French citizens of the Dieppe area, as well as for ourselves. Through the kindness of the mayor and his willing helpers, a bus will transport us from the Hotel de Ville (City Hall) to the Canadian cemetery about six miles out of town. Here the graves are marked with white marble headstones and a red rosebush grows on each grave. The altar is also of white marble and the eternal light will be burning as always. Altogether, it is a beautiful sight and one not to be soon forgotten.

There will be a religious service and then the old French veterans will take over. They begin their all-night vigil, taking turns standing at attention until the dawn of the 19th. Sometimes there will be a nurse amongst them, but for the most part they are old soldiers, some of whom remind one of the Chelsea pensioners in London, England.

On the morning of August 19, religious services take place at the cenotaphs in neighboring villages, where the different regiments landed 25 years before. At Puy where my regiment landed, a service will be conducted in both French and English.

Then from the top of the cliff, the French ladies will release hundreds of doves, which will fly over us and away. The children of Puy know this day very well. They will spend the entire morning picking wild flowers; then hurry home to be scrubbed and dressed in their Sunday best.

They will then take handfuls of the wild flowers, marching solemnly up to the cenotaph, and place them there — a sincere gesture of sympathy and respect. These simple little tributes are in touching contrast to the large and sophisticated formal wreath. Other groups, such as the town council and the Royal Regiment I.O.D.E., will come forward and place

their wreaths.

When the ceremony is over, we will all be invited to a large tent to enjoy a lunch given to us by the people of Puy. Now if you have never had a French lunch, you can believe me when I say that you will have no need to eat or drink again for a day or two.

The afternoon will be spent greeting old friends. What a

time we will have! I wonder what friends I will see from the South Saskatchewan Regiment, the Fusiliers de Montreal, and the others. Possibly some Germans will be there. If so, I will shake their hands and give them a welcome. Forgiving and forgetting is a necessity in our world and striving for peace ahead is our salvation.



LEAVING TO RETURN to Dieppe, France, for 25th anniversary observance of World War II battle there, Lieut. Robert S. Stewart (centre) met two men from his platoon, Chester Brooks and Sam Lyman, at Malton airport before the charter flight. Special observance is August 19.

Mr. Stewart, retired Toronto school principal, is a son of former Acton continuation school principal the late W. H. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart. He this week concludes his series of war-time reminiscences written especially for the Free Press. (Staff Photo)

Centennial Salute parade in Milton

Milton Firefighters report a good response to their request for floats and entries for their August 26 "Centennial Salute" parade.

To date, Acton firemen have promised a 10-man marching group, Oakville is bringing a similar amount of men and perhaps a band, Georgetown has promised to help, and Burlington firemen are bringing an antique hose pullcart for the parade.

The Milton brigade will be fully represented and will have its four trucks, ranging from the antique 1922 model to the newest (a 1960 van) in the parade. Streetsville firemen are bringing some men and a 1934 pumper.

Car fire

Friday afternoon at 1:30 firefighters were called to a car fire on Brock St.

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by L. G. Denby
your telephone manager



You could call this little yarn "Handwriting on the wall." It seems that a subscriber's voice was becoming very familiar to the Information Operator. The same woman kept calling, fairly often, asking for a different number each time. Sensing that she was being recognized, the lady apologized and explained to the Operator. "I'm sorry to keep calling you so often, but they just papered my room and covered up all my numbers!" The lady had the right idea, to save time and avoid number errors, it's a good idea to jot down frequently called numbers. But we think a Personal Directory for such numbers is much handier... and much less likely to be wall-papered! If you would like a Personal Directory for your frequently called numbers, just give us a call at Dial 'O' and we'll be happy to send you one, free of charge.

It's easier for your friends and associates to contact you when your printed business cards and letterheads or personal stationery give your complete name and address. That includes your complete telephone "address" — not just your telephone number, but your area code as well. More and more busy men and women are finding it valuable to have their area codes printed on letterheads and business cards. It makes it so much easier for business associates to reach them quickly by telephone when necessary. Even if all your correspondence is personal and you don't use printed stationery, it's still a good idea to let your friends know your area code along with your phone number. And to know the complete telephone "address" of your distant friends. Of course, using the area code is a must if you are able to dial your own long distance calls and you are phoning to a place outside your own area. Where one of our Operators must place the call for you, giving her the area code helps her to speed your call along its way.

Now here's a unique experience in telephoning — calling porpoise-to-porpoise! I heard recently of a porpoise-to-porpoise long distance telephone call which combined communications technology with marine biology. Participants in the conversation were "Speedy", a trained porpoise at Marineland of the Pacific and "Splash", his counterpart at Marineland of Florida. The two porpoises squeaked, chirped and whistled to one another over the 2,500 miles of telephone lines that separated them. Each appeared to listen intently to the other with only occasional interruptions. Fortunately, a porpoise is a mammal, so no one should accuse me of telling a fish story.

Lloyd Denby

Large crowd at fun fair at Eden Mills ball park

By Mrs. R. Wright

The annual Fun Fair at Eden Mills Ball Park got off to a good start Saturday evening when large crowds started to gather at 6:30 to watch the ball games between Eden Mills Old Timers and Arkhill. Arkhill younger fry were a little too much for the oldsters and finished with a win.

The Fish Pond did a roaring business to say nothing about the bingo where weary ones sat to rest their legs. Other games of chance were well patronized.

The refreshment booth with a large staff, were kept on their toes all evening serving home made pies, hot dogs, coffee, soft drinks, etc. and were sold out near midnight.

Prize winner for door prize was Miss Joanne Smith, Georgetown and Kathy Tomlinson was

the lucky winner of fifty dollars and second prize went to Beverly Vandyk, R.R. 2, Guelph. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Flewelling of Goldstone.

We welcome new residents to the village, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Strongtharm and family from Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell from Liverpool, England are visiting here with their son and family. Mr. Mitchell is a magician and put on a fine act at the local fun fair recently.

The executive of the Community Club met Monday evening in the Hall to finish plans for the Fun Fair. Other improvements will be made in the ball park at a later date for which this money will be used. Many comments have been received about their latest project, the cairn in the ball park.

Confined to hospital at present are Mrs. Arley Roy and Mr. Bob Drysdale of Eden Mills.

Mrs. H. Macintosh is in Orillia for a few days visiting her son and family Mr. and Mrs. George Slinn.

Paul, Marta and Susie Francis of London are visiting their grandparents for a few days, Mr. and Mrs. W. McLean, Sr., Miss Annie Land of Oakville, was a recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Gilbertson.

Rev. Russell Finley preached his first sermon Sunday in Eden Mills United Church. Mr. Finley comes from Desoronto and his induction took place Thursday evening at Ebenezer United Church.

The Lutheran Camp at Edge-wood Park has been a busy place this summer as different groups have taken advantage of the camping facilities. Groups have been there from Waterloo, Kitchener, Peterborough, Windsor, Owen Sound, Welland, Toronto and many other areas.

Something wrong

I would like to congratulate Mr. F. Woods on his letter to the Free Press concerning the sewerage backing up on Mr. Van Norman's property. I don't agree with what Mr. Woods says, and I quote "Mr. John Shadbolt should just sit down quietly and mind his own business". Of course it is my business when I as a taxpayer am asked to believe that it is right for this tax money to be spent on solving one individual's problem.

There is obviously something wrong when a statement is made that one cannot get a contractor over a period of six years to do a job. The only reason I pointed out in my letter to the Free Press that the Chamber of Commerce would be willing to supply names and addresses of contractors, was not to get the Chamber of Commerce involved, which I have no right to do, but just simply to point out that in this day and age pretty well any service is available is one is prepared to pay for it.

Yours truly,
John Shadbolt.

Check free gift carefully — police

"You've just won..." It's the most used and abused door-opener or telephone call in the pitch man's repertoire, according to Milton Police Chief Ray Andrews.

"You just don't get something for nothing," he warned residents with the first flow of a new rash of complaints developing locally in connection with magazines.

He emphasized the importance of residents checking thoroughly before accepting any kind of a deal in which "you just pay the postage" or on which the prize you've just won is coupled with the necessity to make additional purchases.

"Investigate before you invest" is still sound advice Chief Andrews declared.



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