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How can we pay our debt to them?

The least we can do is to save every dollar that we can and lend it to Canada, so that Canada can provide everything in munitions and equipment to fortify these men for the defence of our country and our civilization.

Our savings should be invested in War Savings Certificates, and we should continue to save and invest in War Savings Certificates until Victory is won.

The widow's mite counts as much as the more fortunate ones' plenty, as evidence of service, sacrifice and determination.

So then, whatever else you do at this Christmas season, save and invest in War Savings Certificates. The very consciousness of your service in the Defence of your homeland will make greater your personal enjoyment of Christmas.

W. H. Somerville and de Gaspé Brothers, Joint National Chairman, War Savings Committee, Ottawa

IN OUR MAIL BAG

Nov. 2, 1940

Gentlemen,
 I wish to thank you for the copy of the Herald which has been coming to me every time we get mail. The Herald has kept me in touch with what is happening around home. In Iceland we get very little or no news at all from home. It is a very mountainous country and there is lots of hot water. It also rains here most of the time. I hope this letter finds everything fine at home.

Yours truly,
 Pte. H. DICKENSON

November 20, 1940

Dear Sirs:
 Just a line to thank you very much for sending me the Herald each week. You've no idea how much we fellows over here appreciate it. We read it from cover to cover, or at least to back if you like. I see by the last one that the gang had a holiday meeting. Fine! I saw "Shoety" last a couple of weeks ago. He came in and had supper with us. I think he could play a pretty good game right now as he is in good shape. I've met a lot of the boys over here. Ed Sheehy, Cliff Hilda, Reg Blair, Pat Gilliver, Joe Standish, Tom Dickenson from the Glen, Lloyd Grace, Capt. Earl and Major Sutherland and of course, Tom Given and Fred Grace are in my outfit. We are having a fairly decent time and have lots to eat, but it would quit raining for a couple of days we'd perhaps like it a lot better and the black-outs are sort of trying, but I guess they are necessary. Well, Sirs, again I thank you for your thoughtfulness. I remain, Yours Sincerely,
 Cpl. H. PERRY

B51518, Lorne Scots, No. 1 Canadian Base Depot, C.A.S.F., Base Post Office, Canada.

Barriefield Camp, Tues., Dec. 10th, 1940.

Dear Sir:
 We are just waiting to hear the good news whether we are to leave for Camp Borden this afternoon or not, and we are hoping the word comes through soon as we certainly will be glad to be back with our pals again. So at this time I would like to express my sincere gratitude for sending the Georgetown Herald to me. I have always enjoyed reading it and it seems to be a bit of sunshine right from the home town. I believe the fellows overseas and the fellows here in Canada who are on active service feel the same way about the Herald. The boys in the barracks here who are from some of Canada's most famous regiments, have come from the Yukon and Nova Scotia to take their course in signalling. Most of the fellows I know are P.P.C.L.I. lads from Winnipeg. It was this regiment that some of the Georgetown boys went overseas with. I believe the troops around here are a lot luckier than some for we are able to go into Kingston for a swim at the Y.M.C.A., take in a movie or go skating. Sometimes we are invited to go swimming at Queen's University. I was also pleased to meet a couple of the boys from Georgetown who now have jobs here in Kingston—Lewis Humberstone and Norm Barber, whom I know quite well. Now it looks like the best of friends must part as we have finished this course and must go back to the different camps across Canada. I must say it was quite an experience knowing and making friends with these lads who are leaving and who will some day be the nerve centre of Canada's army in the field of battle. In closing I wish to thank you once more for that much appreciated Herald, and I will be anxiously looking forward to the next edition.

Yours sincerely,
 Pte. BRUCE HARLEY
 B74701, 43th Highlanders, R.S.M. Barriefield, C.S.T.C.

SISTER OF CHARLES PARKER

Following a short illness, a highly respected resident of Eramosa Township passed away in the person of Mrs. George Robertson, in her seventy-seventh year. The late Mrs. Robertson, whose maiden name was Mary Parker, was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hector Parker, pioneer settlers on the Erin-Eramosa townline.

Besides her husband there remain to mourn the loss of a mother, four daughters and one son, namely, Alice, Mrs. Rydall, Guelph; Jane, Mrs. Heber Jackson, Lottis, Mrs. Metcalfe, Isabel, Mrs. McCartney, all of Guelph Township; and Wesley, Erin. Two daughters, Martha, Mrs. Gerrie, and Pearl, Mrs. Barden, and a son, George, died a number of years ago. A sister, Mrs. McNeil, and six brothers survive, namely, Robert, Thomas, Colin, Richard, in the West, John, Guelph Township; Dan, Everton; and Charles, Georgetown. A sister, Mrs. Sunley, died three months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson had planned to retire this winter, and the late Mrs. Robertson was stricken with pneumonia. She was highly esteemed as a kindly neighbour, a devoted wife and mother, and a faithful member of Misses Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson began their married life on the farm on which she died, at 25, Eramosa townline. After spending several years there they rented the William and James Rae farms, Lots 29 and 30, townline, later living on the Seventeenth Line. Thirty-four years ago they moved back to the place where they commenced farming, where they remained until the time of her death. Mr. Robertson intends making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Rydall, in Guelph.

The funeral on Saturday, Dec. 7th, was largely attended by sympathizing neighbours and friends. Services at the home and graveside were conducted by the family pastor, Rev. J. P. MacLeod, Everton, assisted by Rev. W. J. Charlton, Hillsburg. Interment was in Everton Cemetery.

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