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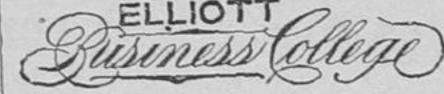
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Letter From "Billie" Clifford

The following letter, dated August DEAR SIR,-

No doubt you will be surprised to receive this letter from me, but I have a few moments idle time and just thought a few lines from me might be of some interest to the people of my

old home town. Well to start with I have been with the 19th Battalion since it was mobilized and left Hamilton for Dental Surgeons, Toronto, will be at | Toronto on the 6th of November, 1914, Battalion. My work is making all the Praise. repairs to the pistols, rifles, machine guns, bicycles, and any other mechanical work required by the Battalion, and I find all kinds of work to keep me busy since coming to England, where so many men of all descriptions

are handling arms, etc. machine gun repairs, etc. When this cordially invited. takes place I am supplied with a motorcycle with side car attached so that I can take a gun on board for repairs, and also be able to get from one Battalien to another. In a Brigade there are four Battalions of about 1,100 men each, and each Battalion has one Armourer Sergeant

and four corporals as assistants. Well now so much for my duties. Next I might say I have a very good time of it, never having to answer any roll call or do any other duties except my own, which start at 9 a.m., until 5 p.m., with 11 hours for lunch. After 5 o'clock I am my own boss and have the freedom of leave every night it desired. Of course this does not apply to all positions as most all duties are rather different than mine and require night work, such as guard duty, etc. Lately we have been very busy sharpening bayonets for the real thing. It is an awful thing when one stops to think about it, yet it seldom comes in your mind as to what you are really doing. I sometimes wender what German will have this particular bayonet pushed in him, but we just laugh and the thought passes from

your mind. We expect in about three weeks or less to be away from England but do not know yet whether it is France or the Dardenelles we are going to, and the boys do not care so long as they can do their bit, whether it is Germans B. H. LASHER can do their bit, whether it is Germans or Turks they fight. Myself I would prefer to go to the Dardenelles as we would be more likely to have Turkey for our Christmas dinner.

I am very glad to have come over here to do what I can and I hope more of the young fellows around Richmond Hill will see fit to come as every man is needed in order to put things right again. So far I would not chan, e my experience for the world and more is

ahead of me. It is a great sight here to see the Patriotic stationery at THE LIBERAL aeroplanes and airships pass over our camp every day in threes and fours and one occasion there were thirty-six passing over at once, which goes to show that England is not behind the times. It is wonderful to see and know what England has done since the outbreak of the war, soldiers in thousands everywhere you go, from one end of the country to the other, civilians being very scarce.

I had a trip some time ago to Dundee, Edinburgh, Glascow, Ardros. san, Belfast, Dublin, London, and everywhere we went there were troops in khaki and navy men by the thousands, and a fine type of men they are too. We traveled along the coast of the North Sea and everywhere we looked we could see destroyers guarding the coast, also saw Admiral Beatty's fleet which sunk the Blucher in the North Sea after raiding Hartepool. After what I have already seen of the British fleet I must say that there is no end to it, and must be tremendous in the number of boats.

This is quite a different mission l am on here in England to what it was in 1911. This time I am going to be a target myself for some one else to shoot at, but I don't think I will stand as stationary as the one I shot at. This becoming a target for some one else is the nasty part of war, but you can depend on it I am not going hunting Germans when not necessary, or I am not looking for Victoria Crosses either, but if they come my way they are liable to get hurt, should I be fortunate enough to see him before

Our Division of about 22,000 men were out training for about four days this week and it took them about 32 hours to pass along the road, one solid mass of men, horses, waggons and guns, and it put me in mind of the tario, this third day of September A. 24th of May at home when I was a kid, D., 1915. or the fire brigade answering a fire 13 14 W. J. Elliott | call, or just like some of the crowds | Principa! that used to attend a lacrosse match

Presbyterian Churc's

given by the minister, the officers of in his comotose state on the 29th, the School conducting the rest of the

This will be followed by a Children's Banquet Monday evening, and a Young People's Banquet and Social Thursday evening.

Sunday evening Rev. Alexander McMillan, M. A., who has had the largest part in preparing a new Book of Praise, and is the Assembly's Secre-Richmond Hill every Tuesday and and am filling the position as tary in charge of that work, will be Atmourer Sergeant to the 19th present and preach on "The Service of RICHMOND HILL - - ONTARIO

Victoria Square

The Victoria Square Branch of the Woman's Institute will hold their as there is always plenty going wrong | regular monthly meeting at the home | of Mrs. Stepheson, Buttonville, on Thursday afternoon, September 30, at Within the next week I am to be 2.30 p.m. Programme:-Instrumental promoted to the position of Brigade | Solo, Miss Vera Connell; Address, Dr. Armourer which gives me more rank Barker; Instrumental Duett, Misses and pay, and my duties will be to have Hood; Scon Demonstration, Miss charge of four Battalion Armourer | Duncan; Vocal Solo, Miss Irene Hood; Sergeants and be responsible for all | Duett, Misses Connell. Every person

> in the park. I often think of the fun I had around the old town when a boy, I don't think anybody else ever had any more. I remember quite well once taking Mr. Percival's son down to Boyle's pond to get him wet. As he was rather green to the ways of Ontario at that time, I took nim there and tried to get him to jump from one log to another before it would sink, myself being quite expert at the game. I demonstrated how it was done, but as he was a little slow to try the game I got rather impatient and myself jumped too far, and over the top of the log and went over head with all my clothes on, the very thing I had been trying to get him to do, so the joke was on me, but he, not being wise, sympathised with me, which helped some. Another day when a thunder storm came up he was lying on a thick plank, paddling away near shore, and I pushed him out in the middle of the pond and ran under the bridge with my dry clothes out of the rain, while Harold screemed murder out in the middle of the pond with fright, being afraid to move for fear of falling off as he could not swim a stroke. While I was enjoying the fun out of the rain my clothes fell down underneath the race into all the water and I got the worst of it again, so you see I had no luck with a preacher's son.

Well I guess I will break off now and I hope that the boys of Richmond Hill will turn out and do their little bit at once, as it is a worthy cause we are fighting for, and after the war is over any young man who has failed to respond to the call cannot help but feel ashamed for not doing what he

Now I hope this will be of some interest to the people of Richmond Hill and let them know that I am coming back too, as Tom Martin used to say "I never died a winter yet," and I guess the same thing will apply to me. Yours truly,

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