My Most Memorable Christmas

ly one Christmas Day that, for some special reason, terviewed. stands out above all the others. It may have been a Christmas away back in the days when "all the world was young — and every lass a queen". Or it may have been in the control of the solution of the solutio been just a Christmas or two ago.

Day when much of it was spent tion of the Deans to be town- was eleven months old. She was street Business and Profess- that on that day we were served peering from a muddy ditch ship residents. "There were a fascinated by the lights. She ional Association, to meet his extra Canadian food. It was a through a periscope over the lot of them," he said. "They was just walking and had a won- parents, then living in Toronto. pleasant experience after wardun-coloured, misty fields of were the days when we were ill derful time with the doll car-Flanders, while shivering men at home. My father and mother riage we got for her. That was ing like Victoria and Vancouving liquid refreshments served, a few yards away looked back were there and my grandfather as wonderful a Christmas as er, with their flowers," she said. Ing fiquid refreshments so that a few yards away looked back were there and my grandfather as wonderful a Christmas as er, with their flowers, "she said. Ing fiquid refreshments so that the property of the said of the said of the said. In the said of the s as machine guns cracked, deny- and grandmother. There were anyone would want." ing "peace on earth and good- six of us children in the family. LONELY THOUGHTS IN will to men." Or it may have They were the most memorable HOSPITAL been a day in a later conflict Christmas days of all. with palms on a Pacific island 1ST CANADIAN CHRISTMAS

providing a striking contrast to The second World War gave dealer of Yonge Street South, FIRST CHRISTMAS HOME the cedars and pines of Canada. Tom Broadhurst, Richmond Hill long-time leader in civic af-Again, it could have been a town councillor now and Depu-fairs and first Mayor when the from the war," said Mayor and Mountaineers. After a ted-Christmas which, through its ty-reeve-elect for 1962, his out- Hill was incorporated as a town, James Haggart of Richmond ious journey from London to very simplicity, stood out in standing Christmas Day. He the First Great War also Hill, asked about his most mem- Llanberis I struggled through a strong contrast to all the others, said: "It was Christmas Day, provided the most memorable orable one. After being away snowstorm to the Rectory where "Which was YOUR most mem- 1942. It was in Fredericton, Christmas. There were two of from his family and friends for I was to be a guest, thinking of orable Christmas?" "The Lib- New Brunswick. It was my first them," said the former infantry- five years, that one topped them all the sensible warm places eral" decided to ask a number Christmas in Canada: I was out man. "The first was my first all, in his opinion. of residents of Richmond Hill here on the British Common-one overseas - the first time I FIRST ONE AT HOME and district. Here are the an-wealth Air Training Plan.

Like everybody else, MARRIED 'GLORIOUS' GIRL had been knocked around in the next year when I was in said Manager Tom Mills of the through the noise of the wind I Here's the one that Richmond England and we had all been hospital in the old town of S. S. Kresge Company Ltd. in heard the beautiful voices of a Hill resident Douglas H. Storms, on short rations. I saw my first Shrewsbury, England, after be- the Richmond Heights shopping Welsh choir, singing carols." So spark-plug of the movement big snow and had my first ing wounded. It was one of centre. That, said the native said Colin Burgess, president which will eventually see Rich-sleigh ride. I was entertained in what they used to call V.A.D. of St. Thomas, was in Sarnia of the Richmond Hill Junior mond Hill with its own hospital, a beautiful home. It was a glorand president of the York Cenious day. It was a Canadian exed into a hospital. I was the
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The perience able Christmas Day: "It was A member of Richmond Hill December 25th, 1917. It was Public School Board, Mrs. Irene Canada. They used to ask me in that city.

orable Christmas Day. "There and-so in Canada. On Christmas were so many of them," she Day there wasn't much that they Don. Watson, CFGM news edithat seemed to be filled with OUT OF THE LINE The First Great War provided said. "When we were young could do for you, except treat tor, announcer and commenta-singing and I realized for the George Hill of Richmond Hill our father had to work in the Hardware, Yonge Street South, north every Christmas and the with his most memorable Chris- first Christmas Day that we out the good Christmases at we were in an abandoned mon- the true, joyful Spirit of Christtmas. "It was my first Christmas were all together was really home and wondered when you astery. On Christmas Day in mas. Whenever I hear carols in France," he said. "We had memorable. However, there were ever going to get back to 1944 the army came through being sung today my memory just come out of the line. I was was one Christmas that was them." with the 127th Battalion - outstanding. It was after the that was the 2nd Battalion Cana- war and my husband was going ANOTHER FAMILY MEMORY genuine turkey and a military I heard on that memorable dian Railway Troops - which to Mount Allison College in For still another parent version of plum pudding. On Christmas in 1948. was raised from the York Ran- Sackville, New Brunswick. I Christmas became memorable gers. The place was called - was working in the library on because of the family. Harold oh gee whiz - oh, it was some- the campus. We went out into Sanderson, long-time resident where near Villiers Bretton- the woods to get a Christmas of Church Street, vice-chairman

eaux. We had a turkey dinner tree and hauled it in ourselves, of the Public School Board and and the officers served us. We It was right after the war, as altogether likely to be 1962 spent the rest of the day bum- I said, and you couldn't buy a chairman, said, "Our most memming and everybody mixed up, decoration anywhere. But one orable Christmas was the one officers and all. It was a real lady in Sackville lent us her when our first daughter Jean material and we had our own was old enough to appreciate CHILDHOOD MEMORIES decorated Christmas tree after what was going on and to begin Childhood days provided the all.'

most memorable Christmas for BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS meant. She is now in Grade 9 Reeve Wilfred Dean of Mark- A "Liberal" correspondent, at high school,

In the lives of most men and women there's usual-instead of interviewing, was in-MEETING IN-LAWS ORDEAL AFTERNOON OF BRIDGE For another Richmond Hiller

mas, 1952, when we were living east by her husband "Chuck" mond Hill, "was one of the two in a flat in my mother's home Taylor, Yonge Street jeweller We were stationed at Torquay It may have been a Christmas ham Township, fourth genera- in Toronto. Our baby Sandra and president of the Yonge in Devonshire and I remember

"Instead they took me through also, playing bridge all aftershort cuts where I saw garbage noon. cans instead. I wanted to go home. However, we afterwards CAROLS IN THE MOUNTAINS For another Richmond Hill moved to Richmond Hill where "In 1948 I spent the Christresident, William Neal, car things were better."

used to treat me royally. But wife was a Toronto girl and the they had funny ideas about two met while he was working

you as nicely as possible. You tor. "We had had six months of first time the important part just laid there and thought ab- Spartan living and, at the time, music played in bringing to us with two bottles of real beer, always recalls the Welsh choir

top of that a concert party came to entertain us and one of he girls tossed a piece of mistletoe to the troops. I was the lucky one who caught it - and you can

guess the rest." Don Watson, at the time of his most memorable Christmas, was a sergeant with the 4th Armoured Division.

"One of my most memorable.

mas season in the Welsh mounwhere I could have been. The I had ever been away from home at the first one in my ting heavier and I was getting own home after I was married," tireder at every step when

the day before I married the most glorious girl on earth — Brunswick for her most member about wolves and Indians and they would ask me if I knew so
"Thore of the was I don't do the feet to the fe

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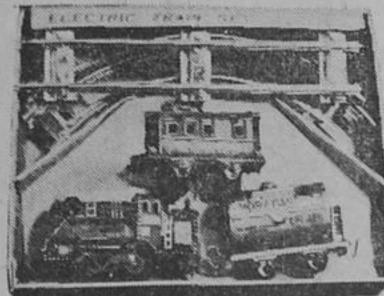
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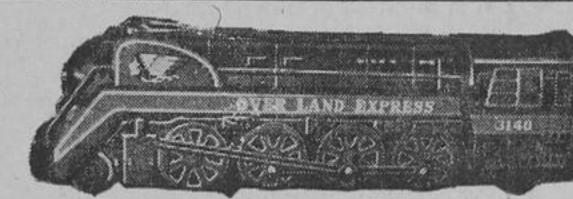
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