

MILTON SOLDIER DESCRIBES HIS TIME ON THE BATTLEFRONT  
IN LETTER TO MOTHER

(From Milton Time Capsules)



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Pt. Leslie Bradley, of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
wrote to his mother June 3 at Hornby.

“We are having a bit of a rest just now,  
a few miles back of the trenches.

This country looks very pretty now. They certainly  
have everything I ever saw eaten for  
growing crops. The growth is very fast’  
The clover is now ready to be cut, and a very heavy  
crop it is. Fresh garden stuff can be got anywhere  
now and I see some peas in blossom.

A Burlington man and I had just finished burying an unknown  
soldier behind our trenches the other day  
and made a rough little cross for a mark,  
when whiz bang we were over in our dugout in the fraction  
of a moment, but it was close. It just smashed the cross  
up into kindling wood and dug a huge hole  
alongside ready for the next man.

However, we were lucky not to have another man  
to put into it . . . .