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 of suits for bedroom  
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## A Trip to Ireland

Plenty of Food in London & Belfast  
 Fred Ratcliff writes the following  
 interesting letter to his parents:  
 Dear Folks at Home.—  
 Well, I'm back from leave and al-  
 most wish I had not gone, for it is  
 so hard to come back and get down  
 to work, and especially after the  
 good time we had. I'll start from  
 the beginning so you will see what  
 kind of a trip we had. In the first  
 place we arose about 5.30 a.m. on  
 Friday, May 17 and left on the 8.40  
 train for London, twenty-six of us,  
 and arrived at Victoria Station about  
 11 a.m., went across the street to  
 the Y.M.C.A. (just three of us), and  
 found that our train did not leave  
 until 8.20 p.m., and left from Eus-  
 ton Station, so we had our dinner  
 there and then took a taxi to Euston  
 Station at one shilling apiece. We  
 checked our coats and haversacks  
 and then went out to see what we  
 could see. We walked until we came  
 to the Strand and took in a picture  
 show. After that we found oursel-  
 ves in Westminster, and were walking  
 along taking everything in when sud-  
 denly two M.P.'s (Military Police) came  
 up behind and demanded to see  
 our passes, or at least mine and  
 Mallory's. We showed them thinking  
 they just wanted to see if we were  
 staying over our time but when they  
 took out a notebook and put down  
 our names and numbers I began to  
 think it was time I knew what it  
 was for, and found that we had  
 failed to salute an officer that we  
 did not see. Well it took a little of  
 the joy out of life but we went on  
 until we saw the National Art Gal-  
 lery and as it was thundering a good  
 deal and looking like rain we went  
 in to study art. About the only  
 thing we saw worth studying was a  
 few old maids and men who were

trying to copy some of the paintings  
 or trying to see if they could paint  
 them better than the original paint-  
 er I guess. When we came out we  
 thought we would walk back to the  
 station and get our supper and then  
 get the train, but after walking for  
 the best part of an hour we decided  
 we didn't know where the station  
 was, so saw a place to get the tubes  
 and went down and took an under-  
 ground to Euston. Had tea and then  
 took the train to Holyhead arriving  
 there about 3 a.m. and went right  
 on the boat which was crowded to  
 standing room only. It didn't leave  
 until 5 a.m. and arrived in Dublin  
 about 8.30 or 9. Took a jaunting  
 car to the station and found we could  
 not get a train to Belfast until 3 p.  
 m., but could get one as far as Dun-  
 dalk and then get the express from  
 there, so decided to do so. We didn't  
 care about staying very long in Dub-  
 lin but didn't see anything out of  
 place. Saw the damage that was  
 done in that big raid two years ago  
 but it is mostly built up now. We  
 took a walk around the town until  
 1.30 and then took the train to Dun-  
 dalk. Expected to have to wait there  
 for some time but only had a few  
 minutes. We landed in Belfast  
 about 6 p.m. and took the 7.20 train  
 to Carrickfergus, about ten miles  
 out. One of the fellows had been  
 there and told us it was a swell place  
 to have a good time, so we took his  
 word for it, went out and walked  
 down the Main Street to the Y.M.,  
 walked in, turned around and walk-  
 ed back to the station with everybody  
 in the burgh looking at us as though  
 we were some criminals or wild  
 animals, and took the next train  
 back to Belfast. It was a little place  
 about half the size of Stouffville and  
 built about the 1st century. I don't  
 know where he had his good time.  
 Well, we landed back about 10 p.  
 m. and found a very good looking

temperance hotel so went in and  
 took a room. It turned out to be a  
 very nice place and had some very  
 nice guests including a Belgian  
 Major and didn't have a bar. It  
 only cost us a little over a £ apiece  
 for our room and breakfasts from  
 Saturday night until Thursday af-  
 ternoon. We would have gone to  
 the Y. but you never know who you  
 have to sleep with there. We had a  
 single bed and a double one in the  
 room for the three of us. Sunday  
 morning we got up and sent a wire  
 back for 48 hours extension saying  
 the boat and trains were all late  
 and we had only been given six days  
 in the first place. After breakfast  
 we went out sightseeing and took a  
 car out to Kelvin Gardens, one of  
 the prettiest parks I was ever in. I  
 can't begin to describe that country.  
 Even an Irishman couldn't. It is cer-  
 tainly "A little bit of Heaven."  
 Everything is such a vivid green and  
 all the blossoms and the flowers  
 were out. Words could not describe  
 it at all. I am enclosing some blue-  
 bells I picked away up on cave hill.  
 They had a lovely perfume when I  
 picked them. In the afternoon we  
 went out on the Glengormley car  
 about 5 or 6 miles along the moun-  
 tain side or about half way up it.  
 At night we went to church thinking  
 some one would speak to us and  
 maybe invite us home but no such  
 luck. Monday we took in more  
 sights, mostly car rides out to the  
 country. There are about six or  
 eight lines that run away out to  
 different parks and villages. I think  
 we took them all. Tuesday afternoon  
 Suetsinger received an answer to his  
 wife and got the 48 hours. We got  
 the word just a few hours before  
 we would have had to leave. When  
 it had got so late we had almost  
 given up hope. Our extension gave  
 us until 4.30 on Thursday afternoon.  
 I forgot to say that we didn't care  
 for the meals in the hotel and got  
 all but breakfast out. We struck a  
 very fine cafe, but we could not get  
 sugar unless we bought it outside,  
 but as there was a very nice young  
 lady serving our table we thought  
 she might be prevailed upon to slip  
 a little in our tea. The problem was  
 was, who was going to put the ques-  
 tion? I settled however, by slipping  
 one over on the other fellows and  
 went to the theatre that night. After  
 that we got sugar or anything else  
 we asked for. One night we were  
 out walking, away out near the city  
 limits an met a couple of girls on  
 wheels. We looked in the opposite  
 direction, of course, but for some  
 reason, after they had passed us,  
 they stopped. We went back to see  
 if anything was wrong with their  
 wheels but they said they just stop-  
 ped because their dog, which was  
 running along behind, had gotten  
 tired. They certainly were well ges-  
 sed with the proverbial Irish wit.

Everybody thinks the Canadians  
 are the whole cheese. We were  
 about the only ones in Belfast until  
 the last day or two when I saw three  
 or four others from south camps  
 here. One afternoon we hired three  
 wheels and went out for a wheel  
 and got lost from each other. I was  
 walking up a hill and a little kid  
 came along and wanted to run my  
 wheel up for a penny, so I let him  
 and then took his picture. From the  
 time you leave you have either little  
 ragged urchins or old ragged beggars  
 after you to point out places of in-  
 terest or where to go or something,  
 and then it's "Give us a penny or a  
 thruppence." They came in handy  
 though, sometimes. Thursday it  
 rained all day so we stuck to our  
 room and with great sorrow took the  
 4.30 train for Dublin arriving about  
 7 p.m., and went right on the boat  
 Left about 8 o'clock and it was quite  
 rough. Suetsinger was sick but I en-  
 joyed it. I think Mallory said it felt  
 as though there was a grind organ  
 inside of him but it didn't send forth  
 any melodies. We arrived at Holy-  
 head about 11.30 and left for Lon-  
 don at once, arriving there about  
 6 a. m. Went to the Y.M. for break-  
 fast and then arranged for a tour in  
 the afternoon through part of the  
 slums and through the Peek, Puan  
 Biscuit Co., the largest biscuit fac-  
 tory in the world. I was very ner-  
 vous about going through for they  
 have 4000 girls in the factory. How-  
 ever, we saw everything and ended  
 by going into the lunch room having  
 all the biscuits and sandwiches and  
 tea we wanted and a first-class cig-  
 arette apiece, and then were pre-  
 sented with a 1 1/2 pound box of biscuits  
 besides. It was certainly a fine trip.  
 They sent word to the Y.M. to take  
 Canadians up every week. They treat  
 them all the same too. After break-  
 fast we went up to see the Abbey  
 and Parliament buildings but met  
 a Y.M. officer and he asked us if we  
 would care to go through the Tower  
 of London. Of course we went.

There were nearly 200 absent from  
 parade this morning and they were  
 all marked present on the rolls.  
 There is going to be the deuce to  
 pay in the morning. They are calling  
 a muster parade at 8 p.m. to see how  
 many they have in the Company.  
 That seems to be the only way they  
 know of finding how many they have.  
 I never saw such a system in my life.  
 The depot is known as the Can. Eng.  
 Training Centre and our Company is  
 the Can. Eng. Reserve Depot. When  
 we get through our training we are  
 in the C.E.R.D. That means that we  
 are held as reserves. It will be some  
 weeks yet before we are through  
 and then quite likely some time be-  
 fore we leave.

I got a good feast when I was  
 away, of eggs and meat but could  
 not get much fruit. I saw apples in  
 Belfast marked one shilling. I don't  
 know if they meant a shilling apiece  
 or a dozen. You can buy all you want  
 at the restaurants both in London  
 and Belfast and kids go around sel-  
 ling cakes and sandwiches on the  
 streets. For the life of me I can't see  
 where they are short of food. We are  
 getting more in camp now than at  
 first, all we can eat, and sometimes  
 more.

If some Canadians were over here  
 they would do more than mortgage  
 their farms to get a car to run on  
 these roads and to see the scenery.  
 I wish you could have seen the sight  
 from the tops of the mountains be-  
 tween Dublin and Belfast. All the  
 farms are cut up in little fields about  
 an acre in size, with a hedge around  
 each field, and the hedges are cov-  
 ered with white blossoms. I never  
 saw anything prettier in my life and  
 one could see nothing else for miles  
 except a little white house and barn  
 here and there, or a village. The vil-  
 lages are so thick the train has to  
 back up to whistle for the next. The  
 trains travel 75 to 80 miles an hour.  
 On the whole I never had a better  
 time in my life and am sorry I am  
 not there now.

Mallory and I are to go before the  
 O.C. to-morrow for not saluting the  
 officer. I don't think we will get any-  
 thing. There are so many officers in  
 London you have to keep your hand  
 to your cap all the time. Most of  
 them try to get out of your way.

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ON June 22nd, Saturday, every man and woman, resident in Canada, who is 16 years and over, must attend at one of the places provided for registration, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., and there truthfully answer all the questions set forth upon the registration card. Upon signing the card, vouching for the accuracy of the answers, the man or woman will receive a Registration Certificate, as shown below, which must be carried upon the person thereafter.

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