

**Chapter 1 : Dacres News: Dacres to sponsor The Fountains 10K for second year in a row**

*P R E F A C E. THE narrative of Mrs Limber's experience in the management of a church-fair raffle, as contained in the following pages, was published in anonymously, in order that the moral.*

Everyone speaks of the Anzacs Of their wonderful brave display But does anyone hear of the Surrey Boys? Who were up in Sulva Bay? Jove its cold and still raining we have a bit of canvas slung over a piece of muddy ground but still it keeps the rain out. Our stunt has been postponed for a while on account of the wet and all leave has been stopped again. I dont know when we go over, by Jove I pity the wounded this [Page 43] this weather mud all over them and in some places if you get wounded its certain death because you have no hope of ever getting out of the mud. We are just about 12 miles from the line at Delville Wood and Fritz shells it fairly heavily, we came in last nigh and as I was lying shivering in my muddy blanket I heard my name called. I got up swearing thinking it was a fatigue or the line down again but not on your life it was leave, I go [Page 44] tonight or tomorrow morning, wont be stiff if I stop one between this and then, Im going to Ayr Scotland and because you get 10 days for that and only 8 for London all the same I dont think Ill get passed London It took all my imagination to keep me from going dopey but leave will be all the sweeter when we get there. They were very nice people and had a grand old ranch had quite a chat to both host and hostess and left about 7 PM with the invitation renewed, The other home was just ordinary where the missus growls [Page 50] at the boss and the boss boots the cat, but I had a good time at both places. Your money soon goes here though I want to see everything of course and money slips through. The crowd at our base even wanted to charge me for my uniform, but jibbed, handed em back, and went round the back and pinched the lot back again. The Music halls were fine I wish Lill could have seen them with me, I took a couple of ladies in [Page 51] to see them with me not both at once you know, oh no. I got lost in the tubes too but they are A1, and hit the pace up at a fine bat too. Got to fall in now for the line again they say our battalion is just going in, I would not mind at all if it went in without me but its all in a life [Page 52] Co in going to be enlarged Am going to have a try to get in Roumania still getting 3 Twos cut out of her. The straw that you lie on was laid on the floor, When France was at war [Page 59] You dare not disturb it, though "it" looks a mess, At whats underneath we just tremble and guess. The Guns are going some tonight. We go up to the trenches tomorrow I think, I dont know whether we go in or not, may be on road making it does not matter much though as its [Page 67] all up to the neck in mud. Huts are not bad, but the mud outside is some, we are well within range of shell fire and Fritz is putting a few strays over, had a march of 9 miles this morning and I nearly died, although I beat em for 3 by hopping on a Motor Lorry. A Chum from the Artillery [Page 69] came up to see me yesterday he wants me to try and get in the Artillery, I am going to have a try but I think I will get severly knocked back, great rumours flying around about a big Fritz attack that is supposed to be imminent. The crowd here are all arguing the point about conscription etc and making an awful row, hear that the Roumanian Capital has put the towel in at last, guess Fritz is getting a wriggle on over there. The Greeks also seem to be enjoying them [Page 70] selves, putting their Mayor through it while their Princess, sits and looks on, and calls for an encore, some Princess eh. Jove the lads here are going crook about the way the I. W mob are [Page 71] running gay in Sydney and so they ought to. They ought to be hung without a trial, there are dozens of better men here being shot every day and living under the worst conditions imaginable while those swine are allowed to live in luxury and do what they like, they would get no trial from me Id shoot em down like dogs. We are fairly comfortable here 30 in a hut [Page 72] and they are rainproof. The trouble is to get wood or coal for a fire, have not had one today but it has not been extra cold. The 32nd Batt, came out of the line today been in for three weeks, in the front 9 days, we were in 18 days but it seems its getting worse. Our officers went to have a doppo at the line today so we will be going in shortly. Fed up I guess would be a better [Page 75] way to put it. If you are not there is no need to worry. If you are, one or two things will happen. Either you will be sent to the front or to a place of safety behind the line. If you are in a place of safety there is no need to worry, if you are sent to the front one or two things will happen. Either you will be wounded or you wont. If you are one of two things is certain you will be wounded slightly or else seriously. If you are wounded slightly there is no need to worry. If you are

wounded seriously one of two things will happen. You will either recover or die. If you recover there is no need to worry. If you die you cant worry. A little mild excitement was in the air last night when we got the Kaisers terms of Peace, the crowd immediately split up in different groups and started in to argue the point, one chap was croaking in a stage whisper, said he give old Bill all France let alone Poland and [Page 79] apologise for the rotten state the country is in. They all seemed to agree about one thing though and that was that the Kaiser and all his crowd were half a dozen different kinds of B--s. I believe one division is in for 30 days, very nice I dont think. Our 3rd Divis which has been having a good time in England has a last come across they have been becamped down Armentieres way, I wish they were up [Page 80] here with us on the Somme, Armentieres is a home. Fritz is getting Peace proposals handed out to him tonight, all the big guns are tearing 3 twos out of him, Guess Fritz is [Page 81] wondering what sort of Peace it is, The French have been cutting the hide off him today at Peronne and Verdun. Our chaps all hopping the parapet all over the joint and he is getting rattled. Im feeling better tonight, the R. M is drunk on our rum and he wants to take 20 to 1 about the Fritz outfit putting their ticket in before Xmas some Xmas, eh. If Im alive on Peace Day Im going to get horribly skifs and break things One of the cobbers in England leg smashed M was drunk and very funny. Got a lot of reinforcements some of the old hands back again. We lost 6 Sgts today. I hope it keeps on freezing its better than mud. The crowd are yelling for a game of Poker so Im going to have a game. I look up every two lines to see how close they are, theres another one now, blown up another dug out, no use bunkering just as bad everywhere, we are in this place for 6 days if I see six days out it will do me. Have to run lines tomorrow should have done it today but had no wire. Very [Page 90] high wind blowing but its not too cold. Been sending a few shells over this evening got 4 men 1 killed LT Turnbull others wounded. Fritz has been pretty quiet [Page 91] up to know but he still has Plenty of time to liven things up. He got one of our Planes this morning, two Taubes brought it down, it fell in our own lines and came down steady. I rescued a German egg bomb this morning and rendered it harmless its not a bad souvenir and rather scarce so I am going to carry it, as its not too heavy or big. A mail has [Page 92] just come in, I wonder how it got here the Authorities must have stretched a Point for Xmas I got 1 letter and 2 cards and a parcel. Could not make a fire this morning until the cobber thought of the ointment Auntie sent me it was A. Xmas dinner consisted of cold bully beef and an onion but we cant growl. Fritz is putting a good deal of stuff over now, usually shrapnel. There is a Tank a new one about yds from here and he is going very close to it with HE. The is another Tank further out but its put its ticket in [Page 95] I had a look inside it nearly made me sick its crew were still there , dead, burnt. The shelling here this morning is not too bad. Have just been talking to one of the officers and he says that the Plane that came down this morning was one of ours, hard luck. The boots this morning were frozen hard and caked in ice, The Sun is shining and Fritz has a good many planes up but they are not mixing it much. The cold today is awful been freezing hard and a low lying mist to go with it, never felt so cold in all my life, feet hands and face were dead to all the world. The Front line is awful mud up to the thighs with a thin coating of ice on top, when you put your foot on it you go right through, there was a good distance to go too and the ice was cutting our rubber thigh boots all the while, letting the water in. We did not finish the [Page ] job today so have to go back again tomorrow and do it. This term in the line will do me for narrow escapes, last night Fritz put a lot over one landed about 10 yds off our little home, I was asleep at the time believe me it was some rude awakening. We move into the line on Saturday, I think. We will be better off from shell fire there F S sound much but gee it took some doing, it took 6 hrs to do the job, raining all the while, by the time we got the coil of wire to the starting point we were just about all in, and then we had to lay it, we pulled and strained for a couple of hours, falling down in shell holes wading through mud waist deep, and got the cable [Page ] to within 20 yds of the station when she petered out, we were all too tired to swear much, but we got some more wire and finished the job. The walk back was a nightmare, we were too miserable to speak and Fritz was putting a ton of shrap and HE over, we got lost in [indecipherable] last and wandered round for a while, Fritz got a line on us, from a plane and twisted a machine gun on us, it kept us cuddling mud for a while they were sending little [Page ] splashes of mud round us. It took us 2 hours to get back and into our dug outs of course we were mud from head to foot and awfully cold and we had to stop in our wet clobber all night. Im not dry yet. Our bat moves into [continued on page ] [Page ] How to run the war Weve heard a fair amount of

noise, On how to run the war Without undue extravagance [extravagance? It must take quite a lot of iron, To make those ordnance razors, But what about the biscuit tins, Allowed to go to blazes. We got a pudding today with instructions to boil it for 1 hour, how the hell are we going to boil it. Im going to bog into mine raw. Oh I nearly forgot the boss gave me a dixie of rum yesterday and told me to fix it, I did and it nearly fixed me. M was knocked today, he was glad enough too, smiling all over his dial. Mac the cobber is out now on the line Im having a night in dont feel up to it, been ordered to Lay down by the Quack They have given us Plenty of rum but the warmth it brings is only temporary. I had to go back to Albert on the 11th to get some gear, gee I was cold, I went in a limber and as limbers have no springs, it was a rough ride, we were just nearing Albert when it started to snow and it kept at it up till we got home again. They say we are going up to the Arras front this time, I hope so there are trenches there at any rate. We sat down on the biscuit box and asked the girl to produce the liquid, [Page ] she went outside, and brought back a couple of bottles said they were wine, and by Jove it was, not the sour dope they hand out at 2 a glass, but good dinkum sweetwine the first mouthful I could feel trickling all the way down, it was lovely and warm, so we made a bit of a fire and sat round and finished 3 bottles between the two of us it did me good too Im feeling much better today, The crowd have all got their band [Page ] instruments, and they are making the place hideous with their row. Have written a few letters home and have got myself fairly clean on it now. I think we begin to move up again on Sunday but am not sure. The country round here looks pretty under the snow, in fact it looks rather well, all the mud and slime is covered by the snow and looks A1. Got a parcel from Griff today, also a letter. I have had the blankets wrapped [Page ] round my feet all the rest of the day to keep em warm.

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The above information is available to you throughout the year by looking to the top of this page on the right side menu. If so name him, tell us his year of graduation. Where is he now? Was there ever a male drum major a WI? If so, name him, tell us his year of graduation and where is he now? Send us a picture! Write to Roleta1 aol. We moved to Clarksburg in September of and one of the first things my parents did after establishing a residence was find a doctor for my brother and me. John David, a graduate of St. He was 4 years ahead of me. He, like his father, was a doctor. He passed away a couple of years ago. Marcus was a stock broker in NYC. He was a friend and a year ahead of me at St. Farrell would often tell my dad that it was all the good care he gave us growing up that contributed to our height. My father would counter with it was all the good food he provided. Farrell passed away, his wife Mae, and my mother continued the friendship until Mrs. Marcus Farrell and Dr. Shots, stiches, x-rays, all the above. Farrell too, but I only saw her at church. I was so fortunate to have had him as my pediatrician! I went to him until I went to college. Farrell had been and looked up to my Grandfather Dr. J, Nutter I think he did a residency under him. He was the best doctor of all when I had infectious mononucleosis he came by my home to Check on me several times a week. I suffered nearly the entire school year, every year from chronic bronchitis. This continued my entire life until we moved to spend the winters in Sarasota, Florida. I still say that I am allergic to snow as I was sick if there was snow on the ground. Anyway, the reason I have said this is to get to Dr. I think he was my pediatrician, too. Can you tell me, was he bald and did he wear a white doctors coat all of the time? If so, he was my childhood doctor and he was a very kind gentle man. Write and tell me if I remember correctly. In regard to the cannons placed around Clarksburg, I remember one in the cemetery beyond Stanley Ave. My grandfather Floyd Sayre lived at Stanley Ave. My brother and I would go to the cemetery while visiting my grandfather. I remember that cannon and was always curious why it was placed in the cemetery. Hope you are enjoying the summer Roleta! Stonewall Jackson was to the left as you walked into the courthouse and I think that the cannon was to the right. I can vaguely remember the cannon that was brought to WI home games at Hite Field and being fired after each WI touchdown. I never knew whose cannon it was. The cannon that John said was brought to the WI home games has been mentioned before, does anyone know who owned it, who transported it, and what happened to it? This letter is the very reason I asked people to write in about cannons in or around the Clarksburg area. Do you remember hearing any stories about such a prank about an old cannon? Know any other stories? Who sent this story? Lear, class of , is the man with the ramrod in his hand. Date unknown but it is shown below in the picture outside the VFW. Above picture is the Spanish cannon, and in this picture, it is shown sitting in front of the VFW Post I am not sure if this cannon is still sitting there. Above pictures provided by Bill Floppannie. All of the information was in the June and July issue and I am not reprinting them all again here. Remember after you read the reunion news, just go back to HOME tab and you will return to the newsletter. Any questions, please write to Roleta1 aol. Once a month I would like to run a letter from one or two readers about a car you have owned. You can send downloads of pictures of the cars. Also tell us the year you owned it and why it is your favorite. We already have our hotel reservations. We are hoping to see many friendly faces in just a few days stay in WV. This will be my opportunity to see you. You can read all about it in the Reunion News page tab at the top of this newsletter. If you want to attend, just bring some money to put in the pot to help cover the expenses and a covered dish to share. I scrolled down the entire list just looking for names I recognized regardless of age. Found one of my Victory High teachers from the class, who was a friend of my mothers. Here is one for memory lane. Does anyone remember the time in or when we painted the doors at WI green? A lot of WI students surrounded Victory that night to retaliate. Bunch of us got in trouble at the time and had to apologize to the Victory student body. This was done before the annual football game at Hite Field. The rivalry between the two high schools that spanned the years until closure of each high school was special. Great rivalry and friendships. Some of them had never shot a gun! Camp is considered The Father of

American Football. He met Virginia West from the state of WV where her parents decided to make their home at an Ice Cream Social on campus they both loved ice cream the rest of their lives and that was the only thing he ever cooked and he cooked it from scratch. He went to Fairmont State to get his teaching certificate and applied to the Harrison County Board of Education for a teaching position and the rest is history! Then one of the Oliker twins either Dick or Dan went to the service and had survival training. His 1st leave he went to see his old coach and told him he was the only one in the group that gained weight " because he never quit".

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