

From the holdings of
Western Archives, Western University

JULY 31st/1916.

FEL/C.

SUNDAY
July 23rd.

94° in the shade. Mr. Morgan had about 20 men at work putting in some cement floors and installing the pulleys and belting in the new extension to connect with the Hydro Generator. Got all in good shape about five o'clock and everything seems ready for work in the morning.

We had a call yesterday from Messrs. Stainer & Stanton of the 63rd Battery who are training at the termination of the St. Railway track.

Wrote a long letter to sons about office affairs, Hydro, etc.

MONDAY
July 24th.

Again very hot, 97½° in the shade. As the City resumed standard time we also did this morning without any inconvenience.

Received carload of 3" tubes, 10, 12 & 14' long at the low price which we were very glad to have in stock. We however have no prospects now of getting any tubes until after the new year. Will try and make this lot string along for what little business there is offering.

Started the Hydro power this morning in the new machine shop extension and on indication find that we were taking from 60 to 80 H.P. by the Companies Instruments.

Ran all day and night very well, this is a great deal more power than we thought necessary and accounts in a measure for the breakages we have had on the quarter twist belt. We now think the engine has been developing 125 H.P., this will ease it up considerably.

Wired W.W. Hicks, Winnipeg that we could not accept an order for an Oilwell Locomotive boiler on the conditions that it was to be equipped and complete in every particular on arrival at destination 200 miles West of Edmonton by the C.N.R. authorities. We were sorry to miss the sale of this but we will not do business like this any more.

Received a cheque for \$6800.00 from the I.M. Board. Received letter from both sons and also cable that "All well".

Maitland loaded and shipped last boiler for Wm. Clark, Harrow, Ontario.

EWL

(2)

July 31/16.

TUESDAY
July 25th.

94° in the shade. A poor run last night, only turned out 118 shells. Men will not stay on their jobs. We are away ahead with our boring and away behind now with finish turning and so it goes. One department every night does not do its duty.

Mr. Holmes is very busy extending the stock account and informs me that our stock will be about \$50,000, less than this time last year. This will largely account for our decreased bank account. Received three (3) packages from E.W.L. containing diary, memos, maps, etc.

Belt broken on engine and Hydro off for a short time. Chester Mathieson called in the evening from Petawawa he says that E.W.L.'s work from the front is highly thought of in the camp.

Very heavy rain at 1.45 with thunder and lightning lasting a good hour. 2.4" rain fell in that time. This rain is a God send for we have had a ~~drouse~~ *drizzle* for nearly a month.

WEDNESDAY
July 26th.

Bright and very close 91° in the shade.

We have been entreaty with the Thames, Valley & Ingersoll Railroad for the sale of their two engines two 72" x 18' boilers, heater, pump, pipes and belting and closed with them for \$800.00 as it stands. We are to take the engines away in the next three or four weeks and the boilers to remain indefinitely until we can sell them. Mr. Lamond went down and reports in excellent order, but both the boilers will need some repairs. At this figure we think they are well bought as boilers are very scarce and we should be able to sell the engines at a fair figure a little later on, will stock the engines in the York Street shed until sold.

Mr. Stephenson of the Imperial Munition Board called and looked over our situation chart which shows that we are not doing so badly after all.

Had dinner with George B. and Miss Harris at the Kennels and spent a pleasant evening but very close. Met Allan Gates a graduate of R.M.C. a son of Mr. Hubert Gates who is home on short leave having accepted a service in the Artillery of the British Army, he appears like a nice boy and we hope he will make a success of his profession.

THURSDAY.
July 27th.

Quite warm again, even after the shower 95° in the shade. Mr. Lamond saw a couple of tanks at the Grand Trunk car shops for T. McAvery & Sons, St. John, N.B.

Received a very nice colt Revolver .455 bore as recommended from Montreal for Will Leonard. I will have his name engraved on it and sent to him at Camp Borden. I am also sending a duplicate to Ivan Ibbotson to Valcartier where he is also training.

FRIDAY
July 28th.

Very close 89° in the shade. Paid \$3453.00 to 173 men including \$1437.00 piece work. This is the largest pay list we have had since making Munitions. We have had to increase the pay of some of our executive staff which I will send you a list a little later on.

July 31/16.

BWL.
FRIDAY July
28th. Con'd.

Shaft (2-11/16) in extension broke from the strain on it and part of the machine shop which we coupled up to relieve our engine. This put all the machines in the new extension out of business. We telegraphed to Toronto and got two new hangers and had a piece of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " shafting on which we put couplings and worked well into the night on this job and all of Saturday. Got going about 5 P.M. quite satisfactory and hope to have everything ready for a good start Monday morning.

Had a call from Lieut. Harcourt lately attached to 12th Battery with George and Mary Gibbons. Mr. Harcourt was with Woodman a couple of months and thinks well of him and his men. Speaks well of Murray and Pederson. I was a little disappointed that I could not get more information as to Woodman's location, he did not seem very well posted on maps, etc, he has promised to come back and remain a week end with us if at all possible.

Mr. Morgan is making a great many complaints about being held up by Inspector Tidy for trivial things and at critical times preventing shipments. We had a consultation about this matter but concluded to go along as we are for the next ten days and see.

SATURDAY
July 29th.

Bright, warm and close. About 90° in the shade.

Business in Winnipeg is evidently looking up a bit. Hicks wired us for price on a couple of Special Upright Boilers for C.P.R. We could not however undertake them as we have not material and there is no prospect of us getting any before the snow flies.

Took the cage that holds the rough shell off the boring mill last night and bored out a large pulley for the new 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " shaft and got all back before morning ready for business at 7 A.M.

Shipped carload of shells 986 where we expected to have two off to-day.

Were greatly disappointed at the result of the weeks work, partly from the nervous state which every man appears to be in and the break downs that have occurred, but we will keep plugging away as you say and hope for better things next month.

Had dinner at Eldon House, Mr. Harris's Birthday. Met Mrs. Cleghorn who has a son in the Ammunition Column of the 3rd Brigade, also met Col. and Mrs. Cohoe of Welland who has been stationed here for nearly a year as an assistant to Col. Shannon locating billets, etc.

SUNDAY
July 30th.

Very close and humid. 100° and over in different parts of the City in the shade. Had a good sermon from Norwood who goes away on a motor trip to Montreal and back for two weeks. He has got into a controversy with some City Clergyman and both sides are throwing printers ink at each other which I do not approve of.

Had no callers and spent the day inside the house reading over Woodman's Diary, papers, memos, etc, which are very thrilling.

Dear Ibbs 34th Birthday, our thoughts have been with him during the entire day, what is he doing, we compare it with many happy birthdays we have spent together and

July 31st.

are hopeful of an early re-union.

(Monday 31st. New motor, shafting and pulleys working very nicely, but lost two hours this morning from Hydro off. We hope that this is not a fore runner of what to expect this week.)

office copy Pierce has indexed
 name W Pierce Westman
 NO 127.265 - 4th nd Batt
 Highlanders @ 87
 Care War office
 London
 Eug