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Lieut.Col. Ibbotson Leonard,
Canadian Corps Cavalry Regiment,
B.E.F., France.

Dear Mr. Leonard,-

MONDAY, JUNE 4th/17. Beautiful day, large mail. \$1335.00 from Evans. Received also from him 12 charge sheets.

Mr.Gurney of Marine Department called at nine o'clock in the evening and Mr. Morgan had a lengthy interview with him of which I wrote you in my letter a week ago. We have heard nothing from him since.

TUESDAY June 5th. Warm but more rain. Mr. Holmes returned and I conferred with he and Mr.Morgan re Marine Engines. Our conclusion was to wait developments. We all feel we could not make whole engines, outlay for tools, machinery and buildings would be at least FORTY THOUSAND for the purpose and as they will only give us 13 mos. to build one or more it is not worth the trouble. 24 months work if the least we could consider under these circumstances.

Concluded to get frames for brick wall and windows same as York Street front and raise the South side roof to suit in the mounting shop. Would require main beams and possibly put monitor windows in to light up the blacksmith shop and planer room.

Attended Huron & Erie. Looked over E.W.L's papers in the evening.

WEDNESDAY June 6th. Marine Blue Print arrived but looks like a new class of work we would have to educate our whole staff to, as some of the requirements are entirely new, have not so far furnished us with the estimate of the weights which is absolutely necessary.

THURSDAY June 7th. Sent \$250. cheque to London Life E.I.L's War Premium due tomorrow.

Shipped 964 shells. Shipped two boilers to Fort William that we obtained an order through W.H.Hicks, Winnipeg who has been trying to get some work in Winnipeg and the West for the last 12 months.

G.Stewart arrived suddenly on Wednesday, his father is very ill. Gave him a letter about business situation that he has crossed on the way back. We are a little surprised that he did not give us a chance before starting however we will discuss this matter with him.

FRIDAY June 8th. Paid \$4502.00 to 204 men including \$1918. for piece work. Loaded two cars of shells 1932 shells.

Posts and beams are up in the second extension and are now setting the joists.

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Pte Gates of your Regiment called at Oakwood. Speaks well of yourself and some of the officers. It is two years ago to-day since you left.

We are greatly troubled with poor shell varnish.

Political situation in Ottawa very much mixed, both sides are in a quandary of the position to take about conscription.

Wrote Shirley, Woodman's Bateman and sent him two papers. Woodman thought a great deal of him.

Got an old window frame between the two trees underneath your squirrel cage at Oakwood and filled it with sand for the two grandsons and they are having a glorious time. Again looked over dear Woodmans papers.

SATURDAY June 9th. Bright and warm. Got all the rafters in place for second extension.

Had motor ride to Meadow Lily Mills, Dorchester and home by the North side of the river. Everything is looking its best in the country. The only drawback is water in some of the fields which will no doubt drown out some of the grain.

Papers are full of the Battle of Messiens Ridge which dear Woodman has so longed for an objective and which the picture in the reception room shows up its condition just two years ago.

SUNDAY June 10th. Perfect day all light and shadow. Spent most of it on the verandah.

Morgan had large gang replacing counter shaft above engine and put on an additional pulley to receive belt from Hydro motor. Got through about 8 P.M. We also rebricked up our nosing oven which was in a very bad state.

Mother went to church for the first time morning and evening and was very brave. Estelle also accompanied us.