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Lieut. Col. Ibbetson Leonard,
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B.E.F., France.

My Dear Ibb,-

SUNDAY November 18th. Went to church and heard Capt. Martin of the Salvation Army preached a sermon regarding Rescue Home which they are building on the O'Brien Estate, spending about thirty thousand in a very worthy object. Introduced him to your mother. We subscribed \$250.00.

Formulated a letter to Hume Cronyn re Union Government and Referendum. Wrote you a long letter re Tractor, Victory Loan, Election and Labor Delegates.

MONDAY November 19th. Lady Beck telephoned yesterday that Alice did well at the horse show and went to her Aunts in N.Y. for a short visit. The Beck horses took 32 events.

Wall almost ready for window sills next track. McBride called and will make a sketch of new office front 12 ft. further West than present building.

Went with Mr. Holmes to the 6th Concession and Adelaide St. and saw the Marion Tractor do some plowing, we were both well pleased, she laid over the furrows beautifully three at a time with a Cockshutt Three Gang Plow with great ease and also turned very splendidly and did all and more than we expected of it. About 15 people were present on and off all day. Wheaton in good spirits. Mr. White and an Agent of the International Harvester Co. were both there for a few minutes, could find no fault.

Hume Cronyn and George S. Gibbons nominated, Coles withdraws from Dominion Election Contest.

TUESDAY November 20th. Unloading shell blanks and loading turnings. Hume Cronyn called and accepted my letter with few changes and will have it published, see clippings enclosed.

Signed request for Victory Bonds, yourself \$3,000. Woodmans Estate \$2,000 and \$2,000 for myself.

Had a short meeting of the Huron & Erie, very little money going out. Attended Victory Loan Committee. Mr. Arthur White thinks we will reach 400,000 subscription from the different industries in the City (about 180).

WEDNESDAY Nov. 21st. Mr. Cronyn called and offered me chairmanship of Union Meeting for Thursday but could not accept as Sir Robert will try and justify his late administration which I cannot see more than it was a very weak one.

Inspectors and Mr. Morgan never were better than they are now and things moving along very smoothly. Shipped 2984 shells this week.

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Wheaton had a good attendance at the Tractor to-day.

Sir George says we are not liable to fireman Comber who was hurt by coming in contact with a post at our coal bin. They wanted to settle for \$50.00. We will see later.

THURSDAY Nov. 22nd. Called on Wm. Brooks our leading blacksmith whose wife has died leaving him with four small children. He has saved up and got a very nice little home on Hamilton Road. I was much pleased with seeing how comfortable he is and an example to everyone about the place.

To-day is the third anniversary of your wedding and also of your Uncle Charles death five years ago. Woodman left the Somme about this date a year ago after being in that section for three months.

First window frames arrived, they look fine. Laborers are putting in the sewer and carpenters starting on the posts and beams.

Did not go to office in P.M. as I was very tired. My letter appears in the Free Press per slip enclosed.

Attended Mr. Cronyns meeting who made a good speech so did Sir Robert and C.C. Ballantyne, neither of the latter referred to the late Government activities, which was just as well.

Your Mother had 25 soldiers sisters working at Oakwood the entire evening, which is about 15 less than usual, she says they attended the meeting so we will have an uncertain element this year by the women being allowed to vote.

FRIDAY Nov. 23rd. Very tired and did not get up until 5 P.M. Mother out all day at Red Cross. Had lunch with Mrs. Travers at the bank of Montreal.

Paid \$4097. to 184 men including \$2038. piece work.

Dear Woodmans 34th Birthday and we decided to commemorate with donating furnishings for dining room in the new soldiers consumptive Hospital at Springbank and asked other members of the family to assist.

E.W.L.'s will has been probated and cheque from London, England deposited in the Huron & Erie. Did not get up again until late in the afternoon.

Mother went to see the consumptive soldiers dining for the 1st time in the room that we are going to furnish at Springbank, her heart went out to them all. Sir Adam and Lady Beck brought her home.

Had a call from Victory Loan Canvassers, Jane Shaw will be able to subscribe \$2500. principally from her husbands estate.

Will have to increase sewer from mounting shop to street which is only 4" to 6" diam. to carry off the roof water.