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when those boys arrive?" Ten days after they arrived, you wouldn't know which were the students and which were the lumberjacks. (Had you decided yet to become a priest?) I had thought of it before I graduated. And I just put it out of my mind for the time being, the war. I said, I'll think of it if God spares me. I probably more or less reached a decision: if I came back safe. We came back to Vimy Ridge, and really, we didn't have too much to do there. The German men were attacking, they'd broken through and they were coming in, breaking past our lines, through our lines on both sides of Vimy, north and south. And the time came when they were really east of us. But our section got word that we were going up front, in front of the infantry almost, to do a special gas shoot on German batteries. Gas was shot with shells. We had heavy gas fire at Passchendaele. But one great thing about it was, so much mud, many times the shells didn't explode because of the mud, landing in the mud, which was a great break. Of course, these were not civilians. To our knowledge, we never fired at civilians. We started up on a light railway, but on the way up, the Germans smashed our railway ahead of us. And the last part of that night, we had to drag the gun with ropes. We were supposed to get in our position, and to be camouflaged and hidden before daylight. Long before daylight we were still a hundred yards or so from our position, and it was all shellholes. It would seem to have been taking ages. But again, by great good luck, a fog came in, hid us completely, and before the fog dispersed with daylight, we were in our positions. Our gun crews had to drag the guns. Like a tug of war. But the fog had continued during the day, and we didn't have to register our guns that day, and of course we all slept the 24 hours. I slept for 24 hours after pulling that gun. The next day we registered our guns on the targets that we were expecting to fire on. The Germans had continued to attack. But our command got frightened, and we were pulled back without doing the shoot at all. We were in old German gunpits--the safest place we'd ever been, with elephant iron over us and with earth piled on top of that. It was a wonderful feeling of security. Best Western Claymore Inn p. 0. Box 1720, Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2M5 Phone 863-1050 - Telex 019-36567 Licensed Dining Room and Lounge 52 Modern Rooms Business Benefits Business in Nova Scotia can benefit from selling to the petroleum industry. Government policy ensures there will be the highest possible Nova Scotian involvement in providing supplies and services for offshore-related companies. NOVA SCOTIA BENEFITS FROM OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS is a free booklet which tells Nova Scotia businesspeople where to sell what. The INDUSTRIAL BENEFITS OFFICE helps to make contacts between Nova Scotia businesses and the petroleum-related companies. To get your copy of the NOVA SCOTIA BENEFITS... booklet, or to have the Industrial Benefits Office open doors for you, contact your Regional Office of the Nova Scotia Department of Development or The Industrial Benefits Office Nova Scotia Department of Development 5151 George Street, Halifax, B3J 2R7 424-7780 Department of Development Nova Scotia Honourable R. J. Thornhill, Minister Mabou Gardens Bedding Plants Vegetable Transplants Full Line of Landscape A



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