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Hilly Camp Surrey
April 29th/17

Miss Isabel Grant
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Dear Friend, Rec'd your letter sometime ago so thought it was about time to answer it or I would be forgetting. Rec'd Ephis yesterday, will answer it later.

This is a lovely warm sunny Sunday afternoon, just like Canada. It is just fine for taking pictures, we took one film after dinner. Now is Ephis camera working, I remember he started taking pictures about the time I left.

How is school going? Are you in the Entrance class now? I have been doing a little work of late like what we used to do at school, map reading and sketching. I was in scout section for about a month but when I was going to transfer out of the Co'y into the section Cap't Little wouldn't let me go so I guess I will have to stay in the Co'y.



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So skating is all over again, that winters skating I had at Ebenezer is next to be forgotten. Are you making maple syrup? I had a letter from home yesterday said they were making again. I was on the job last year.

We never see any maple trees over here, all pine, oak & beech. This is a lovely country in summer time. Imagine; in fact it is becoming pretty now, the grass is a fresh green and the flowers are blooming.

We sometimes go to a park which is about a mile from camp, it is owned by a lord and is all fenced in or rather walled in. He has about 300 deer there altogether, I saw a herd of about 75 when I was over.

Have just had supper, we always have a big supper Saturday & Sunday nights because so many have gone out of camp.

I might say that the park I mentioned above was owned by Wally Wright and he is buried in the church yard at Ryfford church just a short distance from here.



I was over there Sunday night (it is now Tuesday I didn't finish Sunday) to church and it is an interesting old church and church yard dates back to 1650. So you see how our camp got its name, after Wright and he committed suicide after being sentenced to 7 years imprisonment.

We had an inspection by the Brigadier this morning, lugger down hard around all forenoon we need a strong back & a weak mind for this job.

Well there seems to be very little news, same routine day in & day out. Hope to hear from again, always enjoy the letters.

Yours truly
Russel M. Wagner

P.S. Remember me to the rest of the family.

Letter to Melby

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