

only went as far as the school house and then returned and played in the park. The regiment went back to Hamilton this afternoon and we went down to the station with them playing "Auld Lang Syne" & "Bonnie Dundee". The O.C. thanked us for our service and said we rendered good music and good marching. The old Pipe Major also bade us a fond farewell. They say he is the best pipe major in Canada and used to be Queen's pipes at Balmoral Castle. He told us that he is the only piper in the whole British Army that holds a commission he being a lieutenant and that they had to get a special permit from England for him to act in that capacity. Sid Beaumont says he has heard him & his pipers in the front line in France. There was a combined church service in the park I think to night but I didn't stay to it. A little cooler.

Monday July 4th

We all went to Simcoe this morning and I got a new mower knife and we tried to get our driving permits as we understood every one was obliged to have one by to-day, but they told us the farms had not come out so we couldn't get them.

I was with the band all the afternoon but there wasn't much going on. This was supposed to be American Day and there were to have been yacht races and base ball matches between Canadian & American teams. But old Driskey Edmonds spoiled the fun by going down to the American yachts and searching them for liquor so they all pulled out and went home. Every one is highly incensed at old Driskey especially as they say he had no authority to search the boats any way. There was a street carnival to-night but I came home as soon as they were through with the band about nine o'clock. I had tea at Aunt's and Mary drove down after me this evening. Tom started to cut hay to-day but cut the leg off the old black cat and broke the double trees so didn't get much done. Fair & cooler.

Sunday July 17th

Another two weeks slipped by during which time we have been haying, hauling peas and watching it rain. We got all the hay on this place cut and cooked up in spite of a little wet weather by