

They were too tough to split. I was over there most of the morning and part of the afternoon. But after dinner I helped Dad treat the rest of the oats that were cleaned up. Frank went out to plow and got in an hour or two but rain drove him in at five o'clock. To night I spent the evening with Marj. It has been cloudy all day, sultry this morning and raining all the afternoon. It rained heavily for a couple of hours but when I came home to night it had stopped.

Thursday April 18th

I have been over at Jack's most of the day to-day. It has been cloudy and windy but to wait to work on the land but Frank plowed this afternoon. He was on the sod east of the lane and says it is pretty wet. This morning Dad and Frank docked the rest of the lambs. The white ewe lambs are doing better but she is inclined not to own the youngest one however he gets enough milk some way to keep him satisfied. The Germans are making an awful drive now towards Ypres and have gained some high ground. There is talk now of calling out all the physically fit men in Canada between 20 & 23 and granting no exemptions at all

but the bill has not been put through yet. Ersk had a letter from Quint to-day. He has been up to the front line with a machine gun battery but evidently not in any action yet. It snowed again to night.

Friday April 19th

Dad plowed this morning in the sod field back of the orchard and Frank took a shear down to Halloway to be sharpened. This afternoon Frank plowed and Art Ryerse come up to get Dad to go down and see their pure bred heifer as she had another foal but when they got down there she was dead. Aunty was over here to dinner to-day. To night Frank went down to a dance in the town hall. Guy & Joe Syer come home this afternoon. It has been cold and cloudy all day. I have been over at Jack's most of the day but a new man came to-day.

Saturday April 20th

I went over to Jack's about nine o'clock this morning and found the new man. Frank Reed had most of the Chares done on this side of the road so I did up most of Chris's for him. This afternoon I didn't go back till five o'clock and then went back to show Reed how