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#### EXTRACTS FROM SOME LETTERS FROM NORMAN A. MACKENZIE, A MEMBER OF CLASS 1917.

August 15th, 1918.

Just at present we are in the midst of a big drive—we have chased old Hienie 13 miles or more in a couple of days and I collected "beaucoup" souvenirs but threw most of them away again.

Aug. 30.

We are on the move and expect to go "in and over" tonight. I was hoping for a few days rest after our last little stunt, so that I could get cleaned up and write a few letters, but perhaps we will when this is over. Here's hoping. The weather keeps pretty decent and it has been a rather interesting time though very hard work; but that is to be expected. Perhaps it might interest you to know that they presented me with **one** stripe and recommended me, for what I don't know, as I did nothing spectacular. But never mind any titles to my name; just the same old address will find me.

Sept. 7.

Have just come through another "over the top" stunt without a scratch, though how I did it I don't know unless the prayers of the folks at home kept me safe, for they were falling all around me. Of course we got what we were after; but we certainly paid for it. Personally I don't think the whole of France is worth the boys I helped to carry out, but then it isn't land we are fighting for but liberty and I guess that is worth the whole lot of us. I was recommended again and may get a medal sometime—and then I may not.

Captain Hallett was wounded and poor old John O. MacLeod killed instantly, and it was his first trip in. The more I think over this miserable business the worse I feel about it, to think of thousands of fine young chaps like him going under. I was over the top about 4 times in 24 hours, and after that we held the line for about 4 days. Just at present we are pretty well out of shell range, though living in trenches we captured from the Hun.....we busted the Hindenburg line, took hundreds of prisoners, and I guess made a good name for the Canadians again.

Sept. 12.

We are out for a few days rest and you have no idea how glad I am, for last time

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#### AFTER THE WAR WHAT?

One hears much nowadays about "world reconstruction." Reconstruction implies a process first of tearing down, and then of building up. Old ideas have been weighed in the balance and found wanting, and the world today is confronted with the problems of building itself up, with the task of finding and applying the proper solution to problems of vast significance, social, economic and political. One aim of all this building up is to prevent war, for what is war but a result of the ideals governing the conduct of the nations engaged? It is feared that a war fifty years hence would, because of new inventions, be so deadly as to result in the annihilation of a whole nation or nations. Different plans are being proposed; most of which mistake effect for cause. But we are convinced that the world will never have a permanent solution to its problems until it believes in and acts according to the principles of Jesus. Until that time, war is always a possibility.

The continent of Asia offers a tremendously important problem in "world reconstruction." The nations of this continent have been far behind the times, but modern means of communication,—telegraph, wireless, telegraphy, steamship and aeroplane,—are so shortening distances and causing undeveloped resources of the world to be developed, that these nations must of necessity now develop with startling rapidity. They may develop in a right way; they may also develop in a wrong way. Unless means are taken to prevent it, they will develop selfishness, hatred of other nations, lust for greater power, and the war just ended may be repeated on a far greater scale. Is this desirable? Everybody says **NO**, but is everybody willing to take steps to prevent it? We have already stated what we believe to be the only permanent solution to the problem. A small fraction of the men who have fallen in the conflict just ended would have been sufficient, under the leadership of Jesus to have prevented it. Will we believe in this one solution for our problems, and yet face them bluntly, without applying that solution?

W. O. T.

#### A CHALLENGE.

Issuing forth from a fountain on the top of an obscure little hill, a small stream took its course down the hillside. As it flowed quietly on, people, wondering, flocked to its brink. Some more brave than others ventured to bathe in its waters and came forth renewed and invigorated, urging others to test its strength-giving power. Some listened and obeyed; others came with their feet just touching the brink, only to be recalled by friends or loved ones. Others stood afar off, daring not to draw nigh, and warning others to beware of the stream. Some showed their bitter hatred and opposition

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#### WHAT ABOUT THE Y. M. C. A.?

There is at Dalhousie, as in practically every college on this continent today, a student Y. M. C. A. This is an association of college men based on no creed or dogma. They believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and desire to follow His example and teachings by serving others, both within and outside the college. At the same time they are seeking to discover and prepare themselves for places and forms of life-work in which they can do most towards the task of reconstructing the whole system of human relationships on a more Christian basis. The ideal Y. M. C. A. man is one who attains the highest possible development of body, mind and spirit, and who uses these powers in the greatest service for others.

You are asked to associate yourself with us in this work. Will you do it? Will you tell someone whom you know to be a Y. M. C. A. man that we can count on you? Will you help out by doing your bit when asked, by offering to do something, and by suggesting where the Association can be more useful? Remember that those who are most active in the Y. M. C. A. have no desire to monopolize; there is room for you!—in fact you are needed. Most of those men are already overworked. Come on then, and let us have an association of Christian gentlemen here at Dalhousie, whose influence for good shall reach around the world,—let the present generation of Dalhousians become a race of real super-men,—superior in that they serve most.

There are three chief reasons why college men do not associate themselves with the Y. M. C. A. These are, ignorance, indifference, and bad habits.

By ignorance is meant simply a failure to understand the real nature of the Association. Perhaps it is the fault of those who are now trying to carry on its activities, but some students get the habit of thinking of the Y. M. C. A. as a sort of benevolent institution, which exists apart from the students as such, and which helps them find boarding-houses, provides hand-books, gives a reception and has a room in each building. It may perhaps carry on some other activities, but they are not particularly interesting! Now nobody wishes the Association to be an exclusive set, and least of all those who are its most active members. They are members because they want to do all they can to help every man at college to realize his highest possibilities along every side of his nature. If those who helped you about board, and in registering, and in other ways at the first of the term, seem to have forgotten your existence, just try to remember that they are as a rule among the busiest men in college. If you need help, they will gladly render it. Whenever you can, why not help them help someone else? You will be assisting yourself and the good work by throwing your influence and energy consciously into the Association program.

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Extracts from Letters N. A. MacKenzie  
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it was most trying. Suppose by this time you are beginning to get the casualty lists and probably know more about mutual friends than I do. Perley Lewis has gone to take a course in the R. A. F. Neither George Murray nor Archibald was in the last attack. I was told that David Marshall was wounded and H. A. Smith, an old 6th C. M. R. and Pine Hill chum, was very seriously wounded. Theakston was assistant-adjutant and is quite safe. For my own part, you might be interested to know that my "military medal" for the Amiens affair has come through,—also two stripes. I was recommended again in this last battle. Personally I don't think I deserved recognition any more than anyone else who went over the top, but I know it will mean something to the people back home.

Sept. 25.

Just a few lines as we are on the move again and that means "over the top" once more, and it may be some time before I get another opportunity to write. From all I can learn of this operation it promises to be a big one, and if everything goes well should be a success. Have been around visiting a little since we came here and so have some news of mutual friends. I saw Frank Fox a few days ago, and he expects to go to the R. A. F. before long. Neil MacDonald has been at the school on a course for about two weeks, and will be there two weeks longer, so will miss this show. George Murray and A. D. Archibald are both Captains in charge of companies, George of "C" and Archie of "B". They are both mighty fine chaps. Harold MacInnes is second in command of the company and is taking our platoon over the top, for which I am very glad as he is such a decent sensible chap. I saw D. F. MacLeod two days ago, and he was telling me Soule was killed this last trip. McCurdy was well the last I heard of him. I guess I could have stayed out this last trip, but I might just as well go in and take my chance along with the rest of the boys. Have not heard from any "Dal" folks lately, but then my mail usually comes in bunches.

Oct. 11.

Just a few lines as am very busy at present. Have been meeting some mutual friends lately, and have been through some very hard fighting and I know you will be interested in what little news I can give you. Harold McCurdy came in to see me last night on his way back from an interview with an R. A. F. officer. He may get a transfer to that branch of the service. Don't know what you were told poor old Cyril Evans said about me, but if you must have it I am a Sergeant just at present and a very busy one. Perhaps you might like to know that I was given a bar to my military medal for work on Sept. 2, astride the Arras-Cambrai road, and was recommended again in this last show. It was about the hardest six days I ever put in..... and as for casualties, I wound up about second in command of the company. George Murray was seriously wounded. A. D. Archibald lost a leg.

At present we are out of the line, getting the Battalion reorganized and every one is working hard. Sometime I may give you a fuller account of the Battle of Cambrai. The city is to the credit of the Canadians,

for we fought for it and paid for it, and I think we deserve the credit for having taken it.

SERG. T. NORMAN A. MacKENZIE,  
C. Co'y—85th Battalion,  
N. S. Highlanders,  
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What About The Y. M. C. A.?

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Most college men have come from good homes. Will you aid in creating an influence in Dalhousie that will help even the weakest of these to be true to his best home traditions?

Indifference is partially due to ignorance, for there is surely no college man absolutely careless as to whether or not his fellow-student goes to the devil! And yet let us wake up to the fact, that there are lots of influences in Halifax, and some even in Dalhousie, which make it hard for some men to live as the strong, clean, manly men they want to be. There are students at Dal. now who thank the Y. M. C. A., and Y. M. C. A. men, for helping them overcome those influences. Will you help create the helpful sort of influence by boosting the "Y"?

There are a few who give mental assent to the Association and what it stands for, but who will not link themselves up with it, because they feel that as Y. M. C. A. men they could not continue to do certain things they are now doing. They excuse those things by asking, "What is the harm?" or saying, "They harm no one but myself." These men are to some extent consistent, but they are not absolutely honest with themselves. If you are doing something that would not measure up to Y. M. C. A. standards, then there is harm in it, and you need the help of the Association to fight it. It is exerting an influence which prevents you or some other man from becoming the kind of man you ought to be; or which makes it hard for some woman to live her best life. Why not cut it out and join the Association of men who want to help you, and who need your help, in fighting that sort of thing. "What can I do?" you ask. The following will suggest other lines of effort.

The least you can do is to back the Association program financially. I know a man, who takes everything the "Y" offers, and asks for more, but who hasn't given a cent the last three years to help provide those things. Now the Association spirit is such that we are glad to help everyone,—but that fellow must be awfully narrow-contracted inside! Do you prefer to be that type, or the kind who put more into the Y. M. C. A. than they get from it.

You can turn out to the various meetings. If they help you, bring someone else. If they don't help, you can suggest something which will.

But more important still, you can take some responsibility for a definite part of the Association program. Tell some officer of the "Y" that you want to back the sort of thing he is trying to do, and see how long it will take him to ask your help in doing some useful bit of service.

Let us again state our proposition. At the present day leaders in army and navy, in church and state, are recognizing and emphasizing as never before, the necessity of reconstructing the world upon a definitely Christian foundation. It is fitting that college men, who ought to be the future leaders of the race, should begin now to live in the strongest, most manly, and most helpful way possible. The college Y. M. C. A. is a good influence upon your life and offers an opportunity to train your abilities to serve. Will you help to "roll the old chariot along," and not merely be one of those who "all hang on behind?"

K. A. BAIRD.

DELTA GAMMA.

The first meeting of Delta Gamma for the year 1918-19 was held in the Munro Room at Old Dalhousie on Saturday night, Nov. 16.

The Officers for the year are;

President—Miss Margaret Pugsley.

Vice-President—Miss Lois Smith.

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Executive Members are:—Susie E. Atlee, Myrtle Morrison, Connie Wilson, Dalsy Armitage and Grace Cragg.

After the business meeting for the evening was adjourned, the sophomore class took charge of the program, in which Miss Frieda Creighton showed her ability to command as well as to entertain. The new girls submitted to their fates with apparent good grace—leaving it to our imaginations to divine what was in their hearts—and the applause which followed expressed to these girls our opinion of them.

Refreshments were then served, displaying the new dishes, for the use of which we tremble when we think of the bill.

The meeting closed in the usual manner.

L. E. S.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS.

At a recent meeting of Students' Council the following appointments were made:—Secretary-Treasurer of Council—D. W. Hoare (Med. '21).

Business Manager of Gazette—K. A. Baird (Med. '19.)

PROVOKING

The Military Authorities are holding a medical board on all medical and dental students, preliminary to their discharge from the army. But the ways of the military are beyond human comprehension as some of the students discovered. They were ordered to report for examination on a certain day, and on doing so were informed that they were not desired for the present. Considering that some of them had cut classes in the hope of getting their discharges immediately, none can blame them if they were a "wee bit fussed."

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MEETING

JOTTINGS.

The Gazette is in receipt of a letter from Horace Dickey, a former member of class '18. In it he gives his address as 2100925 Gr. H. B. Dickey, 12th Can. Siege Battery B. E. F., France. Horace wishes the Gazette and all Dal. societies every success throughout the present session. We appreciate his good wishes, and hope soon to see him home again.

Junior—"Did Eben go into class yet?"  
Freshman—"No, does he take Chemistry I?"

I think that F-sy-e used a key in Latin class this morning.  
Like Kelly did!

Friends of Prof. Woody will be interested to hear that he has very recently accepted a position at Reed College, Portland, Oregon, to take up his duties there on Jan. 1st. This probably means that he has ceased to be a sergeant in Uncle Sam's army, at the princely salary of \$44.00 per month, or thereabouts.

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Deputy Minister of the Naval Service, Ottawa, January 8, 1918.

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**A Challenge**

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to the stream by attempting to hinder its flow, but quietly and with a secret power driven from the fountain head the stream flowed steadily onward. Now we see it almost stopped in its course and diverted into many channels, each stream gaining in strength and power as it flows on. During its course we see the great valleys yielding of their increase—the desert made to bloom and blossom as the rose—all nature seems to wake. Cities spring up along its course—great industries follow in its train—and still it keeps pushing onward and ever onward—now fast—now slow—now through the pleasant pastures—now through dense dark forests where it is seemingly swallowed up, but again it emerges stronger and deeper and broader than before. Joy and rejoicing follow in its train. Men see its value and use it for the advancement of everything that goes for the upbuilding of nations. Little children play in its sparkling waters and the hearts of the women rejoice at its whisperings of hope. Onward and onward it flows and who can stay its progress? Can we learn the source of the stream? Away back on that little hill of Calvary was poured forth the fountain that was to be for the healing of the nations. Small indeed was the company that first bathed in its sacred waters, and found in it the healing balm for all earth's woes. Onward flows the stream, broken into smaller streams at the early persecution of the Church; but each stream continued its course and ever increased in strength and volume, carrying with it joy and rejoicing, and healing. At one time we see it flowing smoothly along as the Church had rest, now being dashed over the rough boulders of persecution, now almost lost entirely in the dark forests of doubt and despair, but only for a time, when again it issues forth, strong and deep and pure.

People from afar hear of this wonderful life-giving river and day after day their eyes are turned in its direction, hoping that each day will bring it to them with its healing and balm. Little ones are told of the wonderful river that will one day come to their dry and parched land and, as childhood passes to youth, ever the eyes are straining and the hearts yearning for the river that never seems to come. Old age succeeds youth, and the failing eyes, still gazing for a sight of the wonderful river and the ears still straining to catch its sound, go out into the blackness of darkness; and, as generation succeeds generation, the same story is told to the little ones and they, too, grow old in waiting and longing for the wonderful river that never comes.

Can we not hear their yearning cry? Can we see the trustful eyes of the little ones changed to the anxious eyes of youth and on into the despairing eyes of old age, only to close forever without the knowledge of the river that is flowing for them?

Away from darkest Africa we hear their sighs; from the remote villages of India the cry is coming; China's millions are yearning for a sight of the wonderful river. Can we heed their cry? The call is to you and to me to divert that river into the proper channels.

We hear much today of sacrifice—sacrifice of our best and noblest of manhood—sacrifice of time and money; and who of us counted the cost when our Empire was threatened with annihilation! All honor to those who have counted not their lives

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dear unto themselves, but willingly laid them on the altar of sacrifice for all that we as a nation hold dear! While all our hearts and all our energies have been exerted to bring forth a righteous and lasting peace which God in his goodness has granted, let our ears not be stopped nor our hearts hardened to the greater call to free our brothers and sisters from the yoke that has oppressed them for many generations. Call it not sacrifice to work for those we love!

Christ said "Go ye", and "Ye are my disciples if you do whatsoever I command you." Are we his disciples? Is it a sacrifice to obey? May we in the coming days get first a vision of Christ himself and then of the great world need, so that, when the call comes, we may count it a joy and not a sacrifice to take that river of life to those whose hearts have been and still are yearning for its life-giving balm. E. M. C.

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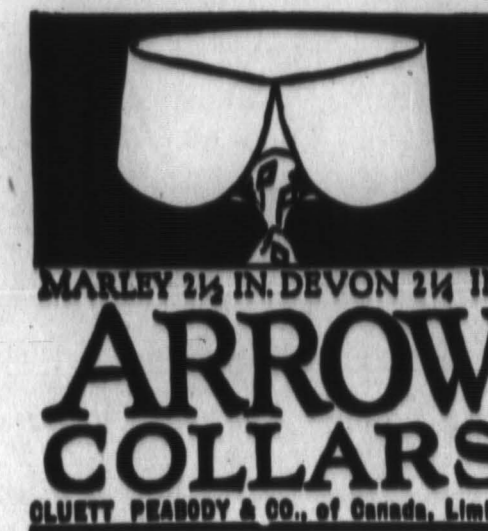
..... Almost everyone is away from the Board this afternoon, and I am in charge of the office. There are some manoeuvres going on in the artillery sector about five miles away, and both the lieutenants and almost all of the men have gone over to watch the fun. The Division is attacking the town of Roy, with all the proper accompaniment of artillery preparation, wave attacks and so on. It will no doubt be interesting, and I should have been glad to go along, save for the fact that I am just recuperating from an attack of the Spanish influenza, and am still so full of cold that it is hardly safe for me to be outside much. It is remarkably easy to catch cold again and I have had several unfortunate experiences in that way already, so today I am staying "in the house" if I can venture that civilian expression.

I believe when you last heard of me I was still down at Camp Greenleaf, so I will have quite a good deal to tell you about my present situation and work. Our training course finished the middle of August, and the men in the school were distributed among the different camps in the country in which Psychological examinations were being given. One of these camps was Camp Lewis, here in Washington. We had been allowed to express preferences as to the camps to which we would like to be sent, and I had given this camp as the only one for which I had a preference. Originally the plan was not to send anyone to this camp, as they already had a skilled staff of men who had been drafted from this section—men from Stanford and California and the University of Minnesota. The officers of this Board had been clamoring for sergeant's warrants for some of their men, and the training camp officials compromised with them by sending them some sergeants instead. That was not what they wanted, but that is the explanation of how I happened to be sent here. Four men were sent from Greenleaf, and my request was favorably dealt with.

When the four of us arrived here we found the Board well organized, in fact we were practically extra cog wheels, with nothing particular to do. We spent some time getting acquainted with the methods in vogue, and then work was assigned to us tentatively. I was made a "Beta" Examiner, which means that I gave the group examination for illiterates and foreigners. Later some changes in the personnel took place, and I was promoted to be an Individual Examiner, namely one who takes the very inferior individuals who have been weeded out by the group examinations and examines them by one of the various intelligence scales, and determines whether or not their mental level is sufficiently high to make them available for regular army service, or whether they should be recommended for the Development Battalion or for discharge. This is work which requires more experience and training, and is the sort of work for which I was recommended by our instructors in the training school.

Lately in addition to this, I have been working along the line of morale work.

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**AFTER GRADUATION WHAT?**

What are we going to do when we leave college? Has each Dalhousie-student chosen his or her profession, and are they satisfied that they have found the niche where they fit? We all feel in a vague way that there is a work which we want to do, and a definite place for us in the world scheme, but at times we are fairly nauseated with the thought that we are miserable mis-fits. The question arises, what are we going to do with the supplies that have been given us?

For four years Europe has been drenched in blood for the sake of an ideal. We feel that although an armistice has been declared the victory has been only partly won, and just now the very best that is in every man and woman is needed. We may ask how are these qualities to be used? The answer comes that they will be used to uphold the ideal for which the bravest in our land have died, and that for which even Jesus Christ gave His life. If we are not willing to do this, the world must necessarily be involved in a condition even worse than that through which we have been passing.

The call may come for us to work here in the home land, but other lands also, on the other side of the world, may call us. There we can see millions of people living in superstition and ignorance. India rises before us, with her myriads of voices crying for help: China, whose people form one fourth of the world: Korea, Japan, Persia, Armenia, Turkey, and many other countries are waiting for workers. Who are going to help them?

Now, what we really started out to say is this; there is going to be a series of meetings on Dec. 6th, 7th, and 8th, which promise to be helpful in the matter of finding a satisfactory solution to the problem of deciding what one's life-work is to be. Meetings similar to these are being held in all the Canadian Colleges, and in many cases young people have had the way made clearer for them; so, Dalhousie students, come to these meetings, and experience a like result.

A. M. G.

**THE WORLD'S WAR AND MISSIONS.**

November 11th, 1918, will be remembered by everybody as the most momentous day of all times. It was the day when the news of the triumph of right and freedom was scattered to all parts of the world. Men everywhere laid aside their common tasks and rejoiced together over the great victory. The occasion will never be forgotten, and its memories will be handed down to generations yet unborn.

A similar event occurred in Palestine over nineteen hundred years ago. Jesus Christ came direct from God to proclaim to men His victory against sin. His plan was that all the world should know of this triumph; and to this end, He chose man to disseminate this knowledge, commanding him to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Wherever this gospel has found a lodging place people have achieved real victory in their lives.

But alas! there are millions of souls who have not heard of this triumph and consequently are groping in the darkness of

sin and degradation. Nevertheless, Christ has not despaired of His original plan, and He still appeals for messengers to go into all parts of the world to proclaim the glad news to the weary slaves of heathendom.

Most of us as students listen to these facts but yet we confess lack of interest in missions, and we who show any interest are wondering if God really wants us as individuals to do mission work in the foreign fields. Let us listen again, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Is not that command directed to us and are we not more justified in asking why we should be excluded from service than why we should not? Just as the winning of the war was every man's business so the winning of the world for Christ should be every Christian's business. Rather than wait for a special call to the foreign field, should we not allow God to show us the world's need and His plan for its redemption? God can teach us this in many ways. He may use the speakers at the approaching conference to make clear to us His will. Let us then be there with hearts sincere and susceptible to the message of the King.

**MAYBE YOU'LL FIND IT HERE.**

They sat on the sofa in comfortable proximity and the sentimental mood had gripped him.

"Dearest," he said, "moments like these are moments of sweetness and light." "Yes," she purred, "but wouldn't it be sweeter without the light?"

J. O. Med—Miss Power, did you call me up to go for a walk, over the telephone?

Miss R. C. F.—Are we going any further Professor MacIntosh?

Prof.—Yes, we've just started.

R. C. F.—Then I think I'd better go back.

Prof.—Mildly—Do you think you can get back alone?

The lonely Dalhousie Student sighed and pushed his dish away from him violently. "Look here, Mrs," he said, "this fish doesn't taste near so good as that you gave me last week."

"That's funny," said she, "it came from the same fish."

French student translating—Taisez-vous. You are teasing.

Prof Jones—No! No! Keep still.

Freshmen are advised to seek refuge among the grass at the approach of the Sophmores for there no green thing may be found.

If you have a joke let the Gazette have it.

**HINTS FOR DALHOUSIANS**

**TURN OUT TO BASKET BALL PRACTICE!  
IF YOU CAN'T PLAY—**

**LEARN!**

**IF YOU CAN'T LEARN—**

**TURN OUT TO THE GAME AND CHEER!**

**IF YOU CAN'T CHEER  
COME AND LEAN OVER  
THE RAILING!**

**IF YOU CAN'T LEAN  
DO SOMETHING TO  
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