

THREE CHEERS, — AND A TIGERS FOR THE N.C.O.'s OF THE W.O.R. WHO HAVE "DONE THEIR BIT".

Last week, it was our privilege to publish in "Knots and Lashings", brief sketches of the officers of the visiting regiments at present stationed in St. Johns. In today's issue, we are proud to include the non-commissioned officers of the Western Ontario Regiment who have had their part in the 'Great War'. Any comment by us would be as trite as it is unnecessary. The records of these true Sons of the Land of the Maple, speak for themselves. It is a source of satisfaction and of pride to know that, having 'done their bit' "over-there", they are still "carrying on" over here. Some, indeed, are willing and even anxious to go back if the S.M.B. will say the word.

R.S.M. Leonard Bowen served for thirteen months in France and Flanders, having joined the 42nd Black Watch at Montreal in the early part of '15. He was wounded twice, at Ypres and on the Somme. He was sent back, after convalescence and, following a course at Bexhill School, was sent to Canada as an instructor. He has been on the job at London, Ont., ever since, and is one of the men who are noted for "licking into shape" the recruits coming into the depot.

C.S.M. Kenneth W. Carpenter, M.M., is a young man who has made a brilliant mark in this war. He served for a year in France and Flanders, and was wounded at Vimy Ridge. He enlisted in the Grenadier Guards in '15, and was stationed with his regiment at St. Johns for some time before going overseas. After recovering from a severe wound in his arm, he went to Bexhill, England, took the course, and was sent to Canada as an instructor. He was awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery at the Somme. He is one of the many popular N.C.O.'s of the W.O.R.

A/C.S.M. Harold S. Hill enlisted at London, Ont., in the 34th Batt. and went over with that unit. He was afterwards drafted to the 13th Royal Highlanders and was wounded at the Sugar Refinery at the Somme, being shot through the lung. Being invalided to England, he also took the Bexhill course, and was afterwards sent to Canada as an instructor. His nick-name is "Hill 60" and he is as full of fun as an egg is full of meat.

Sergt. Herbert Tripp, M.M., has a record that is surpassed by few.

He is an original 18th Battn. man, leaving London with that famous unit in April, '15, and arriving in France in the following September. Sgt. Tripp served continuously for 26 months, going over the top no less than six times. He was awarded the Military Medal at the battle of the Somme. He was sent to Bexhill for the course, and then to the W.O.R. as an instructor.

Q.M.S. George J. Wood wears across his breast, five war medals that heralds the fighting man. Born in the service in India, he started drawing army rations at an early age, and it is one of his hobbies to get one guessing when he makes an assertion that he was in India at a period when his hearers know he was a very small child. He enlisted in the Seaforths and served with Lord Kitchener at Khartoun. He was with the same unit in the South African campaign. He fought in the present war, both with the Middlesex regiment and also with the Canadian forces. He was wounded at the battle of the Marne and also at the Somme. Invalided home to Canada and discharged from the service, he re-enlisted again with the W.O.R. and is now Q.M.S. The medals he is wearing are: Two Egyptian medals with two clasps, two South African with eight clasps, the Crete medal, and the Mons ribbon.

Sergt. Herbert Poultney is another who has "been there". He joined the second field ambulance at Windsor, Ont., in 1914, and went to France with that unit. He was wounded at Festubert in 1915 and invalided to England. After convalescence, he volunteered for service in France again with the 1st Pioneers, and was with that unit until 1917, when he was gassed and sent home to Canada. He is with the W.O.R. as N.C.O. i/c documents at Battalion Headquarters.

Sergt. Major Harry Edwards, who has charge of the Battalion Orderly Room at London, has been used in a variety of ways with the Canadian Army. He is a naturalized American citizen and is well known as a lecturer and orator in Chatauqua in the States. He is the Principal of the Edwards Evangelistic Party of Ohio. He has two boys in the 18th Batt. in France and every last one of the male members of his family are there. He wears the two South African Medals with seven clasps and the Colonial Star. He was wounded in 1901 when his regiment (Remingtons Tigers) were ambushed. He has not been able to get "over" yet, but expects to get over with the American Q. M. Dept. if the transfer can be put through. Here's hoping!!

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