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THE NATIONAL DUTY.

I say that there is involved in this issue not only the safety and integrity of Canada and the Empire, but the freedom and liberty of the world. More than that, a man who joins the army will fight for humanity, civilization and religion, because the whole modern German system is an absolute negation of the ideals, liberty, freedom, justice, humanity and civilization of the world. No crusader ever went in a greater or holier cause than the men who go to fight the Hun to-day.

—Sir Thomas White.

You ask why did I come to France. It was just because someone has to do it. If we all stayed behind, where would we be in the end? But I think it is almost time for some of the slackers to come out and do a little bit.

—From a letter written by Fred. Laing, aged 15 years, a few days before he was killed in action.

I can imagine nothing more despicable than the individual who stands beside a piano hollering "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall." The only way that the old flag can be kept flying is by means of the rifle in the hands of the soldier.

—Rev. Father Minehan.

OUR BOYS

Previously reported :

Dead	74
Wounded	123
Prisoners	10

DEAD.

EDMOND MILLAR.
T. F. FITZGERALD.
R. S. SALMON.
WALTER C. ALEXANDER.
ROBT. H. NICHOLSON.

WOUNDED.

LIEUT. C. W. FINNEMORE.
JOS. MOLVANEY.

PRISONER.

ERNEST H. PALLISTER.

"JUST AS BRAVE."

From the West came recently another fine battalion, stopping off in Ottawa for review by our Royal Governor before proceeding to take its part in the great conflict in Europe. In its ranks was one whom the writer had known his lifetime before he had gone West, accompanied by wife and child, and there made good. The call to duty came and he donned the khaki. Of the heart-burnings of his wife and boy we are assured and do not seek to minimize them.

But here in the East is an aged mother who could not understand why her boy should go when she knew of so many (yes, civil servants) who seemed to prefer to stay at home. Yet it was my privilege to spend a few all too brief moments with them as they met to part again, overshadowed by a feeling that had never had a part in any previous farewell; and it was wonderful to see the proud, brave look in those dear old eyes, alas prematurely dimmed, and to hear her say, "Yes, it is W—— and he is just as brave." The first shock of what it might mean for him to go has pass-