

## MY FAREWELL

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ADIEU! What volumes this word represents in attempting to bid farewell to you, my comrades and friends! Words are simply inadequate; language fails to convey the depth and sincerity of this my message of Godspeed and safe return home.

Never has any Division had more reason for pride in accomplishment of deeds, in heroism, in valour, and in behaviour, life, and conduct. All these attributes make one realize more than ever the loss of that close, intimate association that has bound us together for nearly three years.

Carefully selected from every province in Canada, the units in the 4th Canadian Division are truly representative of our great Dominion, and the comradeship born on so many historic battlefields, nurtured by bitter conditions and hardships, and cemented by ties of common losses of gallant comrades who have made the great sacrifice will, I trust, most indissolubly bind together our future lives in Canada, forming a mysterious yet unbreakable bond between us all, extending from Halifax to Victoria.

And so I take this last opportunity on which we are yet together of thanking you for your loyal, practical work in the Division, and I venture an opinion that we will return to Canada better and greater men, more fitted by that discipline that we have self-imposed, to carry on in Canada that life of acts and deeds calculated in every way in the best interests of our country—a combination of acts and deeds that has been so eminently successful as representative of Canada in the 4th Canadian Division.

And in this parting, when each one of us separates to various centres of our Homeland, let us solemnly and respectfully allow our thoughts and memories to dwell