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AFTERWARDS.

The writer is not religious, beyond believing in God, nor is he given ordinarily to religious thought. He doesn't believe in an old-fashioned Hell, of course, either. But this thought has presented itself just as a straightforward, sensible preconsideration: "*Afterwards*: What?"

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All of us are here voluntarily with one aim in view—to do everything of which we are capable to help bring this war to a successful conclusion. Very soon now our turn will come, and, in the flippant parlance so common, "Some of us are going to get hurt." Yes, some of us *are* "going to get hurt"; before many more weeks have passed, some of us will have gone on to the last Orderly Room.

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It isn't a sign of weakness to look at the facts squarely. We *know* what is ahead, and we are ready for it—going to do our utmost whatever the cost. Some of us, perhaps a good many, shan't see Canada again; and no matter, so long as we shall have done our best.

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But surely in the face of such facts as the foregoing it is only sensible to put our houses in order, and hitch together the stray strands of such belief as has survived years of life in the Canadian West, against the final call. Not that we are afraid of the "evidence" when our case is brought before the Great O. C., but only that we want a fifty-fifty break.

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We have spent a good deal of time and thought over the present and the immediate future—when we shall have a chance to show what guts we have. Why not spend a little time satisfying ourselves where we get off at "*Afterwards*"!

TOM DAVISON—SOLDIER.

AN APPRECIATION.

Last week we lost, as the result of an accident, one of our most popular comrades—Tom Davison. We use the term "lost" advisedly, as we have really sustained a serious loss. He was an old soldier in the best sense of the word. When he joined the 67th Battalion, he knew what most of us have had to learn since, namely, the whole creed of a soldier, which is: Do your duty and keep clean and smart. Previous to this war he served with the Yorkshire Regiment; seven years with the colours and five years on the reserve. With the Yorkshires he went through the whole of the South African campaign, gaining the Queen's Medal with six bars, and the King's with two clasps.

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But he was not merely a soldier, he was also a man and a Yorkshire man at that. His native humour helped us over many uncomfortable situations and cheered us up on route-marches and fatigues. Also he did not talk, but set us an example which was always worth following.

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Doubtlessly many of us will have to follow the "Long Trail" on which Tom has preceded us before the next twelve months are over, and may we all hit the same trail with hands as clean and with as clear a conscience—He did his duty.

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Personal News in the Orders.

The following Officers are taken on the strength of this Battalion from units specified at date 7/7/16:—

Strength	Major J. D. Gunn	65th Battn.
(Increase).	Capt. C. Howcroft	84th "
	Lieut. C. B. Sheppard	84th "
	Lieut. H. M. Wanemaker	80th "
	Lieut. H. C. Williams	80th "
	Lieut. R. H. Bradfield	84th "

Appointments.—To be Acting Lance-Sergeant with pay, 12/7/16:—

No. 102795, Act. Corpl. C. E. Froud, "D" Company.

To be Acting Corporals with pay, 12/7/16.

No. 102213, Pte. H. Bond, "D" Company.

" 103157, " T. A. Hickey " "

" 102233, " R. P. Dick " "

" 103015, " W. R. Foster " "

" 103233, " E. B. Foster " "

Confirmation of Rank.—No. 102553, Act.-Company-Quartermaster-Sergeant W. G. Brice, "A" Company, is confirmed in his rank at date 1/7/16.

Deceased.—No. 102535, Pte. T. Davison, "A" Company, deceased, is struck off the strength of the Battalion at date 11/7/16. (Fractured skull.)

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