

Serbian soldiers, superintending their transportation, their nursing and their comfort over the several thousand miles travelled. They marched through Russia and rather than trust their disposition to the heads of the Bolsheviks, she marched them up through Finland, whence they made their way to England, arriving on Nov. 20th.

"Then, exhausted by the terrible ordeal that she had undergone, Dr. Engles fell ill and died from the efforts of her labors. The Serbians, now in splendid shape, are training and will soon go to the front, having marched around the Central Empires."

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#### THE AUTHOR OF "IN FLANDERS FIELDS."

Thousands of Canadian readers who have read, loved, and pasted away for reference in years to come, the exquisite war lyric, "In Flanders Fields", will be glad to read again this poem. As most of them are aware, the soldier-poet wrote so beautifully of death, has himself been claimed by death. His name was Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, and he was a physician by profession. His death occurred at Boulogne, France, on January 28th, after a brief illness which developed into pneumonia. He may literally be said to have laid down his life in helping to save those of soldiers who had suffered "in Flanders fields".

The late Lieut.-Col. McCrae was a son of a widely known citizen of Guelph, Ont., and a veteran of the Canadian militia, Col. David McCrae, who, despite his advanced age, took a battery overseas in 1915. He was born in 1872, and his early education was received in Guelph. In the nineties he graduated in medicine at Toronto University, and took a post-graduate course in London. In later years he resided in Montreal, and at the time the present war broke out he was connected with the faculty of McGill University and assistant physician at Alexandra Hospital, Montreal.

His military affiliations were strong, and in 1899 he was one of the Canadians who volunteered for service in South Africa, and became a lieutenant in the South African field force. Later he commanded the 16th Battery, organized in Guelph, and a part of the Royal Canadian Artillery, which did such admirable service in the later stages of the campaign. He wore the Queen's S. A. Medal with three clasps. He became a close friend of the late Lord Grey, while the latter was Governor-General of Canada, and accompanied him on his trip to the Yukon in 1910. When the need for more medical men at the front arose in 1915 he went overseas, and has been one of the most efficient army surgeons in the Canadian forces. Latterly he was chief medical officer in Gen. Maurice's brigade, and his past military and hospital experience com-