

tor of Philosophy and to qualify for university teaching. In 1915, on the completion of one year of graduate study, he was awarded a Fellowship, and so marked had been his progress, and so evident his exceptional ability, that his future seemed especially promising. During the summer of 1915 he decided that it was his duty to relinquish his Fellowship, abandon his studies, and take his part as a Canadian in the European war. In September he enlisted as a Private in the 4th University Company, one of the reinforcing companies of the famous Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Although without previous military training his advancement was rapid, and when his company went overseas in November he was a Platoon Sergeant, and two months later received his commission as a Lieutenant in the P. P. C. L. I. Later he was transferred to the 8th Battalion. His perfect health, physical strength and endurance, exceptional intelligence, and great diligence and conscientiousness in whatever task he undertook, may be regarded as the explanation of the quick transformation of the quiet student and book-lover into the efficient soldier.

His letters cover a period of eighteen months. They were written in railway cars