Middlesex Will Leave - BATTALION WILL Trail of Ruin and Death On Their Road to Berlin

Nauwigewauk Man Writes of Gallant Charge of Western Battalion and of the Last Moments of Augustus Hodgson.

Signaller Irving D. Appleby, of Nauwigewauk, attached to the Canadian Brigade Headquarters, first contingent, has been heard from again. This time he has written a most affecting letter to a western mother whose son had fallen in battle. Mirs. E. C. Hodgson, of Melfort (Sask.), received this letter, which is reproduced in Canada, an illustrated weekly published in London, England. The letter follows:

The letter follows? "Your heart would have swelled with pride you could have seen him in his last hour on earth; smiling, light-hearted, faithful, and pure of speech. Never was a piece of ground so torn and riven with shot and shell as that green meadow over which the Edmonton boys raced, laughing and cheering, toward certain destruction.

"I was endeavoring to keep together the shattered remnants of my line of communication, and was lying behind a heap of rubbish, formerly somebody's home. Hourly things grew worse ahead; the broken 90th, of Winnipeg, dear to all western hearts, were dying where they stood, refusing to retreat, refusing to surrender, dying ter food, for water, and from every form of high-velocity

"Attempts had been made to reach them and failed, for the enfilading fire from Fortuin, on the right, was terrific. Then, when all appeared lost, your from Fortuin, on the right, was terrilic. Then, when all appeared lost, your boy's regiment was ordered—or shall I say received permission?—to attempt re-lief. A half company, containing Augustus, came forward in short rushes, cheerfully, yes, joyfully, and eventually reached the tiny bit of shelter where I was lying with my instruments. Here they rested twenty minutes, stripping themselves of all unnecessary weight in preparation for the last dash. Your boy laughed when he saw my shoulder-straps and badges and remarked: "Wherever you go, you'll find a New Brunswick man hanging out." "Then came the moment: 'Forward the 9th,' and as their officer rose to lead he full ded heres them a new promotify output out the prost and for

lead he fell dead before them; not a moment's pause, out they went and for-ward, ohl so gloriouslyl while I clung to my key and watched with the tears ward, only so geomossly, while a charge of all the sources to be on the general staff streaming down my cheeks. It is hard sometimes to be on the general staff instead of in the rank and lile. But with all their speed, courage and coolness, flesh and blood was weaker than the tons of iron and steel that were hurled at them, and they fell swiftly. Almost the first to fall was he whom you gave, and, desperation mastering the sense of duty for the moment, I left the key and ran to him. He took but one look at the peaceful blue sky above us, out of which the sun shone screnely; he saw something 'Up There' that caused a smile to ripple over his face, and—his fight was finished.

"As to his last resting-place, it is in a beautiful garden, in the rear of the place where I was sheltered, his head toward the west, toward home; above him the cross of Christ, giving to the world this inscription: Pte, Augustus Stew-art Hodgson, No. ——, 9th Canadians, killed in action April 25th, 1915. "Better can no man do than this: that a man lay down his life for that of a friend,"""

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Just priod to going to France several of the Canadian soliders wrote interest ing details of the camp life in England. Murray Jamieson, formerly of Clover Hill (N. B.), who left a good position in the world. We are taught to the interest and afterwards transferred to a faing cover, a man who can take ever behind nothing is the man is do take to the interest will be inded ease. "
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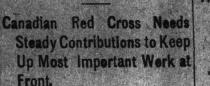


Companies at Fredericton, Wood stock and Sussex-Winter Quarters Arranged For Troops in Canada

Ottawa, Sept. 27-Plans for the win ter quarters of the 45,000 to 50,000 troop who will be in training in Canada this winter were approved by the militia council this afternoon. The work of fit-ting up the various buildings selected is np the various buildings being rushed under the dire t.-Col. A. P. Deroche, dir and buildings, and by th Col. A. and buildings, and by and buildings, and by at month most of the mer ortably settled for the win completed arms nfortaoly scrubs completed armories the various completed armories her large suitable buildings acquir e department. Temporary cookir ceping accommodations will be that in each building, thus making that in each building, thus making



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uarter of it. This revenue moreover ould not be used merely as income, that is to pay a year's munning expenses in a cristing and complete establishment. fuch of it had to go as capital expendi-ure, to build and equip field dressing tations, stationary hospitals, base hos-nitials and convalescent homes. Motor imbulances and hospital trains had to be provided. Doctors, nurses and order-ies had to be transported long distances. Supply depots and warehouses had to be provided or constructed. In short a rery elaborate organization had to be provided at great expense absolutely from the very beginning. Yet all this achievement may be ren-lered utterly inadequate by one large battle. In two or three short days the demand on the Canadian Red Cross may be doubled or trebeled. An avalanche of

doubled or the Canadian Red Cr doubled or trebled. An avail-bunded can in a moment sweet ns of supplies which it takes London, Sept. 29, 3.20 p. m .- The Britsh have won an important victory in Mesopotamia. The Turks are in full re-

Mesopotamia. The Turks are in full re-treat toward Bagdad. The British are pursuing the retreat-ing Turks. Announcement to this effect was made in the house of commons to-day by Austin Chamberlain, secretary of state for India. Mr. Chamberlain read telegrams from General Nixon, commanding the forces in Mesopotamia relating the outcome of recent fighting. General Nixon reported that one pe-sition carried by the British constituted a long line of defences astride the river Tigris. At a point seven miles east of Kut, two Belgades crossed the river from

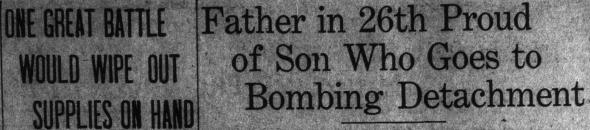
a long line of defences astride the fiver Tigris. At a point seven miles east of Kut, two Beigades crossed the river from the right bank and by a forced march reached the left wing of the Turkish po-sition, carrying it by assault. By night-fall the whole position had been carried. The Turkish losses in dead are de-The Turkish losses in dead are de-scribed as very severe. The Turks clung to their trenches with the greatest te-nacity, and they were filled with corpses when the British finally carried them. A number of guns, many rifles, several hundred prisoners and quantity of am-munition were captured. General Nixon gives the British casualities as "under five in deal".

A second despatch from General Nix-

A second despatch how obtain the "The enemy's position in advance of Kut-El-Amara was captured with many prisoners and guns. The enemy is in full flight toward Bagdad. Our forces are pushing in pur-suit. Details will follow."

General Nixon's second despatch indi-cates that the British forces have made a long advance in the interval since the previous official report. Kut-El-Amara is on the Tigris river about 150 miles be-low Bagdad and more than 200 miles from the river, north where the force first interval 4 Bac

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Wm. Gormley, Sr., Writes of His Son's Departure for France and William Jr. Writes Letter While on Board Transport-New Address of 26th is "Army Post Office"-Brothers Meet on Firing Line.



WML GORMLEY, SR.

Letters received in St. John, including one by Mrs. J. L. McAvity, by the last English mail speak of the departure of the 26th Battalion from their Kentish camp and embarkation at a point on the coast on September 15. Most of the news is that the men were delighted to get the orders to move and while they give no

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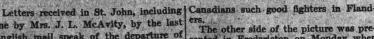
I am sorry to be separated from him, but I am proud of him, as are all the boys who know him. He didn't like to leave me, but he knows we are at war now and he must do his part. I feel that I should not have left you, but I could not stand with my own son going. I thought it was my place, too. Tell my friends to write. My new address: No. 69338, 26th Bat-talion, B Company, 6th Platoon, 2nd C. E. F., Army Post Office, London, Eng-land.

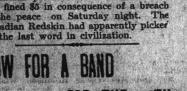


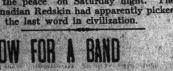
eyes. "We received our field kitchens a couple of weeks ago, and they work ex-cellently. We are now fitted completely from head to foot for foreign service from head to foot for toreign service, including gas helmets and Kitchener's boots. Twe got out my hunting license and expect to have some sport when we get into the game country, which will be soon, for we are just getting ready for our final war kit inspection."



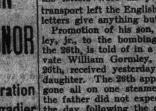
w instances where some of the men ay have to be lodged elsewhere. In accordance with the recroiting plan is rural centres, announced by the min-ter of militia yesterday, local arrange-ients will be made for the temporary lifting at local centres of small units,













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every of St. John West, who will be is guests for the week is Josie Matthews, of the primary urtment of the Gagetown school, at Tharsday and Friday in Frederic-where she was atlending the Teachers' itute for Sunbury and Queens. S. Wilkinson, manager of the

itute for Sunbury and Queens. A. S. Wilkinson, manager of the Bank Nova Scotia, has returned to his duties r spending a vacation of some weeks Campbellton (N. B.) ev. T. F. Marshall, who has been vis-g for a short time at St. Margaret's , Cape Breton, returned home on usiday. 'te. George McKay, of the 64th Bat-on, Sussex, is here for some time to le up his business before taking up we duties in his company. Ars. Harry Warwick came up from stifield on Thursday to spend a few s with her mother, Mrs. Jotham P. yee.

rea. iss Paulina P. Fox, B. A., after a t vacation at her home in Lower getown ,left last week for New York resume her studies at Columbia Uni-

Miss Bessle Edwards and her daugh-Miss Bessle Edwards and Miss ma Edwards, have moved to St. John,

re they will spend the winter. liss Polly Scovil, of Queenstown, was guest of Miss Molly Otty on Friday. liss Ethel Boyd went up to Frederic-on Friday to be the guest of friends the week-send

on Friday to be the guest of friends the week-end. Ir. and Mrs. Harry Coy motored from Istream on Friday and were guests of and Mrs. J. L. Allingham. V. P. Fox left on Friday for Freder-n to spend a few days.

invassers for the St. John patriotic ion spent Friday in Gagetown, and wed much encouragement in their work. A party in a touring car

ed by Senator Jones, of St. John assed the river road section and was

s, Amos Corey returned on Frida spending a week with fri

iss Ethel Reid, daughter of Mr. a. J. Frank Reid, has been ill duri

week with pneumonia, but is now proving. Otty Reid is now able to be after his illness of the past fortnight. fiss Winfield Dunn, who has been ill h typhoid fever for the past three ks, is now showing signs of improve-t, which will be heard with pleasure

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ingham. he Misses Polly and Louise Scovil, benstown, left on Monday for Ha d (Conn.), where they will take study of nursing at the Hartfo spital. The Misses Scovil will be mi in many ways in the social and chu of Gagetown and Queenstown. M

vil has been secretary se Scovil has been secretary-treas-of the Queenstown branch of the nen's Institute, which has been doing effective Red Cross work during the t year, while Miss Polly Scovil has

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ison and Miss Alice Keith have re-ned from a pleasant visit with rela-es in St. John. Misses Mabel Macdonaid and Mae Imer are guests of Mrs. J. C. Jones. Mrs. Taylor is the guest of her son, F. A. Taylor, of Moneton. Miss Annie Nelson has returned to agor, after spending a week at her ne here. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Burnett have re-ned to their home in Brownville (Me.)

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Ir. and Mrs. Claude Burner, have ned to their home in Brownville (Me. drs. George Wilmot and daughte ce, who have been the guests of Mr E. Humphreys for the past five week returned to their nome in Malde

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drs. Nathan Steeves is the guest of daughter, Mrs. E. H. Rice, of Monc-

lisses Mabel Macdonald, Mae Palu Mrs. Lee B. Stockton motored acton on Friday.

UNERAL OF HENRY WATHEN

Harcourt, Sept. 23—The funeral of late Henry Wathen, whose death oc-rred on Wednesday last, was held in the family residence on Friday ernoon. Services at the house and ave were conducted by Rev. A. D. icLeod, assisted by Rev. J. R. Mc-iy and Rev. W. E. Best and a large recurse of neonle among them piper ay and Rev. W. E. Best and a large neourse of people, among them many ends of the deceased from Mongton, exton and Campbellton, followed the dy to its last resting place. The late the way and was lowingly remembered by my friends in the beautiful floral of-ings that covered his casket. The deceased, who was in his 76th ar, had been in the railway mail ser-te for almost thirty-five years, having ired only a few years ago. He was ired only a few years ago. He wa man who enjoyed the confidence an man who enjoyed the confidence and pect of all with whom he came in itact in a business or social way. He is always ready to lend a helping hand, the needy and foremost in any move-ent for the good and uplift of the com-mity, and will be missed not only in own home but in his church, his me town, and by a large circle of ends. He is survived by one son-in, of Harcourt, and five daughters-s. W. G. Thurber, Millerton; Mrs. S. Donn, Harcourt: Mrs. S. William-Dunn, Harcourt; Mrs. S. William-Greenwich; Mrs. J. W. Fox, To-to, and Miss Trinda, at home.







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Official record of the campaign in Me-sopotamia have been bare of detail and little has been known here-to-fore of these operations. The last official state-ments conveyed the inference that the lighting on this front was comparative-ly unimportant, consisting of skimishes between relatively small forces. It is not improbable that a new expe-ditionary force has been sent in by the Beitish. Scattered reports during the last few weeks have shown that large bodies of troops were being forwarded towards Turkey. Both Italian and Brit-tish troops are believed to have been de-statched, but it was generally assumed these forces would be employed on the Gallipoli front or in Syrla.

20,000 Recruits in Five Weeks.



MAJOR GENERAL CURRIE, mem-ber of the Legion of Honor.

ber of the Legion of Honor. It was announced in the London Gazette on Friday, September 8, that the president of the French republic has con-ferred, with the approval of the king, the decoration of the Legion of Honor on the following officers, in recognition of their maintering and the cam-paign: Croix de Commandeur. Colonel (Temporary Brigadier-General) Arthur William Currie, C.B., Can-adian Forces. talion, B Company, 6th Platoon, 2nd C. E. F., Army Post Office, London, Eng-land. Leaves Wife and Five Children. Waiter White, 103 Campbell road, brakeman on the I. C. R., left this morning for Sussex, having joined the 64th Regiment for service overseas, Mr. White is a married man with five little Children.-Halifax Herald. First Impressions of War.





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