

OUR
VOLUNTEERS
IN KHAKI
4,465

Civil Servants Under Arms

OUR
DEAD - - 429
WOUNDED 611
PRISONERS 25

Major James J. Stock

Major James Joseph Stock, M.C., was doing work in Saskatchewan under the Topographical Surveys when the war broke out. He returned to Ottawa and enlisted as a sapper with the Engineers of the 2nd Division of the C.E.F. While his unit was in training in England he was given a commission and went to France as a lieutenant. His good work at the front soon attracted attention and in 1916 he was decorated with the Military Cross. The official Order says:

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He carried out the preparations for three assaults with great judgment under heavy fire. On one occasion he was hit on the chest by a bomb which failed to explode, but he carried on with great coolness.

The old 2nd Field Company of Canadian Engineers became the 2nd Canadian Engineers Battalion and the young officer continued to serve with such credit that he became a captain and, finally, last spring, won his majority.

He participated in the big shows in which his division was engaged up to the final grand drive from Arras towards Cambrai, last autumn. On September 29 his luck changed and he was badly wounded in the legs. Eventually his right leg had to be amputated.

Major Stock is now in the Third London General hospital at Wandsworth and it may be a long time before he sees Ottawa again.

The accompanying picture was reproduced from a photograph of a large group of officers of the Canadian Engineers.

As the Boys Come Home

As the boys come home a lot of new stories of wounds, gas, shell-shock, gallant actions, promotions, medals, etc., etc., will be told. *The Civilian* wants all of such stories that concern civil servants. Look out for good ones and send them to the editors.

A Memorial to Our V.C.

A mural tablet to the memory of the late Lieut. James Edward Tait, V.C., M.C., will be erected in the church of the Parish of Troqueer, Kirkeudbrightshire, Scotland, of which place he was a native.

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Orders, Crosses and Medals.

Another of the Welland Ship Canal engineering staff has received the Military Cross. The latest man so distinguished is Lieut. Reginald Ingersoll Olmsted, son of Dr. W. E. Olmsted, of Niagara Falls. Lieut. Olmsted has seen a lot of service and was wounded on August 15, 1917. He holds a militia commission in the 7th Field Battery of St. Catharines, which has sent so many distinguished artillery officers overseas during the war.

Russell White, of the Central Experimental Farm staff, Ottawa, has won the D.C.M. He is one of three brothers at the front.

The Order awarding the D.C.M. to Sergt. Charles Olmsted, Royal Canadian Dragoons, (Interior, Ottawa), says,—*"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty both as troop leader and S.S.M., especially during two months' heavy fighting."*

Capt. Eric Oscar Keeler, a newly-gazetted "M.C.", belongs to Belleville post office staff. He was at first an officer of the 207th Battalion, but afterwards served with the 38th, with which unit he won his decoration and a captaincy.

Lieut. John Labatt Scatcherd, of the Field Artillery, whose wounds and subsequent death were recorded in the November *Civilian*, is named in a list of awards of the Military Cross that has just been published.



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