

Men Stricken Down at Ypres Writing Home of Big Fight

Maj. Alex McMillan Seriously Wounded,
Capt. D. J. McKinney Killed

Pte. Otto Logan Tells of One Canadian Battalion Cut to Pieces in Rush of German Reinforcements—W. J. Brennan, Reported "Missing," is in Hospital—Albert County Boy Pays Price—Mel. Vye, of Chatham Killed.

Tuesday, June 20.
Supplementing the official notices of casualties which are bringing anxiety and sorrow, tempered by that pride which comes from the sense of duty done and sacrifice for the right, to many New Brunswick homes, letters are beginning to arrive telling of the terrific engagements at Ypres beginning June 2 and lasting for several days.

Mrs. Otto Logan, of West St. John, yesterday received a card direct from the hospital to which her husband was officially reported admitted, in the recent big fighting, suffering from wounds. It conveyed the advice that her husband was suffering from shell shock and under the circumstances was doing well. Almost simultaneously with the reception of the card she received a letter from the hospital written by her husband.

He related the terrible experience through which he had just passed. The letter was dated June 5. He said that the Canadians got word to charge and the Germans were completely overcome at the first onrush. Having been reinforced the Germans came back strong and just simply cut the Canadians to pieces. In the battalion in which Pte. Logan was there were only about two or at the most three officers and about 200 men that were left. With the small number that remained they were successful in holding the Germans at bay. After a terrific fight they were forced to retreat, not without holding their own against the overwhelming odds. The order was then given to go if they could. At this time a shell burst near where Pte. Logan and two others were standing. The shell came with terrible suddenness and killed the two men standing alongside Pte. Logan, who managed to get out with his life.

He referred to the good treatment he was receiving in the hospital where he is at present. He was quite weak, but was not complaining as he was fortunate in having escaped with his life. Pte. Logan's friends will be delighted to hear that he has thus far escaped and that his confinement to the hospital suffering from shell shock is not serious enough to prevent him from telling his folks how he is.

FRANK MACKENZIE THROUGH SAFELY.

A field service card, dated June 4, from the trenches in the Ypres salient, the land stained with heroic Canadian blood, was received yesterday from Private Frank P. Mackenzie, of the 6th Canadian Mounted Rifles. His friends and those who have read his interesting letters in The Telegraph will be pleased to know that he is well. He promises a letter at the first opportunity.

Pte. Brennan in Big Fight.

Pte. William J. Brennan, who was reported recently as missing in the big fight between the dates of June 2 and 4, is, according to his own words, in a hospital in France. A field card received by a friend of his in the city yesterday under the date of June 6, conveyed the welcome news that he was

of a New Brunswick battalion, who has been since February last suffering from shell shock and doing light duty in the convalescent hospitals in France, to the effect that he has been sent to a convalescent home in England and expects to remain there for some time. Major McMillan Wounded.
The news that Major Alexander McMillan was seriously wounded on June 17 and has been admitted to the hospital in Boulogne was received yesterday morning in a telegram from Ottawa by his mother.
Major McMillan, who is head of the printing and publishing firm of J. & A. McMillan, volunteered his services soon after war was declared and received an appointment with a local battalion and his ability and devotion soon won him promotion. Since arriving at the front he has done excellent work and the members of the battalion, in their letters to friends at home have spoken in the highest terms of him. He has been one of the most popular officers in the unit. His friends at home will regret deeply the news that he is severely wounded, but it is hoped that the answer to a cable inquiring about his condition, which has been sent, will bring more cheerful news.

Captain D. J. McKinney Killed.

Captain D. J. McKinney, formerly of St. John, was killed in action on June 15. The sad news, which was received yesterday morning by his half-brother, John A. Davidson of this city, will be learned with sincere regret by many friends here.

Captain McKinney was a son of the late William McKinney, and resided here until about twelve years ago. He was a member of the third South African contingent and on his return became a member of the permanent force as an instructor at Halifax, afterwards being transferred to London (Ont.), where he was at the time war was declared. He immediately offered his services and was given a commission in one of the first battalions of the first contingent and went overseas with them, serving through practically all the big engagements in which the Canadians took part. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Sergeant T. Boyle Killed.
Another Northumberland county boy has made his supreme sacrifice for his empire in France, Sergeant Thomas Boyle, of Millstream, Newcastle parish. A telegram stating that he had been killed in action was received by his parents on Saturday. He had been in uniform since the outbreak of the war, first at the wireless station here and afterwards going to France with the 28th Battalion under Major Crocker. He was his parents' and Mrs. George Boyle, brothers Patrick and George, of Grand Marais (Mich.), and Joseph, of Millstream, and sisters Mrs. Frank Ryan, of Newcastle; Mrs. William Holman, of Millstream, and Nellie and Sadie at home.

Third of Family in Casualty List.
Private Walter Vallar, reported wounded last week, belongs to Stanley, York county, where he owns a farm. He came out from England with immigrant boys and lived for a time with Councilor J. E. Douglas. He was sent to France with a draft and was in the trenches three months. A brother was killed in the South African war, and two brothers have been killed in this war, while another is a member of the 104th Battalion.

Soldier Son of Soldier Father.
Private Harold Kelly of the 4th Pioneer Battalion has been notified that his son, Private Allan Kelly has been wounded in action.

Private James Porter.
Word was received yesterday morning by Mrs. James Porter, 12 Harding street, that her son, Private James Porter, who was wounded on June 12 and admitted to No. 12 Stationary Hospital, Boulogne. Private Porter enlisted at Sussex with the 55th Battalion but was drafted to the 21st Battalion.

Corp. Smith Goes to England.
Word has been received by relatives in the city from Corp. Clarence B. Smith,

all right and came through the heavy fighting without a scratch.
Gallant Soldier Falls.
Hopewell Hill, June 16.—The whole community here was shocked and grieved to learn of the death of Corporal Albert W. Starratt, a former Hopewell boy, who succumbed to the wounds sustained while heroically doing his part in the third battle of Ypres. Corporal Starratt passed his boyhood days in this village, and friends and relatives here have taken a deep interest in his career at the front, where he has been in the thick of the fight with Anderson's Battery since the early days of the war. He was one of the first to respond to the call of king and country, and had conducted himself throughout the great struggle in such a manner as to win the admiration of all. Of the modest manner of the true soldier, his deeds were known mostly only to his intimate friends as he was averse to having published his own actions which he looked upon as being the simple conduct of a Canadian soldier in the discharge of his duty. It was known, however, that he had been engaged at the front in work of a special character in which he displayed a gallantry that was above all praise. To his sorrowing relatives, formerly of this place, the deepest sympathy will be extended by friends here. Three cousins of Corporal Starratt from this village are now with the colors—Private Hugh Wright, now at the front with the 26th, and Gunner Clark Wright, in England with the 4th Siege Battery. Heavy Casualties.

Major McMillan's Condition.
Major McMillan, brother-in-law of Heber Vroom, brother-in-law of Murray MacLennan, M.D., is the effect that Major McMillan's condition was satisfactory and that he would be removed to England as soon as possible.

From Bomb, Fred, Shear.
Mrs. A. P. Friars of 788 Main street has received word from her brother, Fred Shear, 1st contingent, now in No. 5 London General Hospital, that he had undergone a successful operation and is getting stronger every day.

Brigadier-General McLean received a letter recently from his brother, Major Herbert McLean, of the 6th C. M. R. asking for him to let the relatives of "B" squadron know that he is taking every step to identify and get the effects of the fallen. Captain Scott, of the 6th C. M. R., is being missed. Captain Scott was last seen with three men holding a sap, and his last words were that he would stick until the last. The captain, he added, had been mentioned for distinguishing himself in "D" company of the regiment, and was noted for promotion.

Mr. W. B. McKenzie of Moncton has received a cablegram from his son, Major Brouard H. T. McKenzie, who is now at the front, stating that he had been wounded in the back, but is progressing favorably. He was previously wounded in action, and was at his home in Moncton in December last on sick leave. He is a young officer who has made rapid progress in the army.

Murray MacLennan, son of Wm. Anderson, of Burnt Church, who has been wounded at the front, is the fifth man out of eleven who left Chatham in the Mounted Rifles to be wounded in action. His brother has also been wounded.

Card Brings Joy.
There was joy in a St. John home yesterday when a field card was received by Harold Elliott from his brother, J. T. Elliott, who was reported missing and killed in the recent casualty lists.

The card was written under the date of June 4, and on it he said that he had been wounded and was admitted to a hospital, but was getting along nicely. He is the son of Joseph Elliott of Musquash. He crossed with the 55th battalion, and later was transferred to another unit.

Dangerously Wounded.
Robert A. Anderson of Kingsclere, York county, has been officially notified that his son, Wm. Franklin Anderson, is dangerously ill in hospital at Boulogne, suffering from gunshot wounds in the head and chest.

Private E. Jones, St. John, killed in action.

Apobiqui, June 20.—James L. McAuley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. McAuley, who has been on active service a number of months, has been wounded in the head and chest.

Capt. Lawson Injured.
Capt. Rev. G. A. Lawson, chaplain of the 148th Westmorland and Kent battalion, met with a most distressing accident at London (Ont.) on Monday evening. The captain was intending to leave for St. John on the local express, near which he was standing, talking to Major C. L. Harrington, Captain G. M. Campbell and a lady. The train commenced to move out, and Captain Lawson, who was encumbered by his great coat, valise and cane, commenced to stagger. He stumbled, his toe and fell forward upon his face, breaking his glasses and cutting and bruising his face and hands. The ambulance was summoned and the injured officer removed to the city hospital. Captain Lawson is very popular with the men of the local battalions, and news of his mishap was received with profound regret in military as well as civil circles.

Pte. Parks Missing.
Reports have been received in Fredericton to the effect that Pte. Charles Wilnot Parks, son of Dr. G. H. Parks, of Montreal, and grandson of R. D. Wilnot, M.P. for Sunbury-Queens county, has been reported missing. He was to have been given a commission in the new little battalion in this province to be raised by Lieut.-Colonel P. A. Guthrie. Was Reported Dead.
Lieut. Harvey Reid, of Harland, who was unofficially reported dead a few days ago in the city papers, is not dead, but is expected home today.

Major Magellan's Gallantry.
Captain Flewelling of the river steamer Oceanic, received a letter yesterday morning from his son, Private Ernest Magellan, who was reported in yesterday's paper as a member of a well-known New Brunswick battalion. He said he had come through a terrible engagement, and although he was averse to the nerves, he expected to feel well after a few days of rest.

He said he had the honor of assisting in the capture of the German field of battle after he had been wounded in four places, and also administering first aid before he was removed to a base hospital. He was a member of the 1st trenchers. Tell Billy McKee his boy is



MAJOR ALEX. McMILLAN, St. John, reported seriously wounded.

returned to the front after spending ten days in the north of Scotland on leave. Herbert Sansom.

Relatives have been notified that Herbert Sansom, son of Major John E. Sansom, of Stanley, York county, has been seriously wounded while fighting in France. He is one of three brothers now overseas and left Fredericton with the first contingent.

Captain Scott's Gallantry.
Brigadier-General McLean received a letter recently from his brother, Major Herbert McLean, of the 6th C. M. R. asking for him to let the relatives of "B" squadron know that he is taking every step to identify and get the effects of the fallen.

Captain Scott was last seen with three men holding a sap, and his last words were that he would stick until the last. The captain, he added, had been mentioned for distinguishing himself in "D" company of the regiment, and was noted for promotion.

Mr. W. B. McKenzie of Moncton has received a cablegram from his son, Major Brouard H. T. McKenzie, who is now at the front, stating that he had been wounded in the back, but is progressing favorably. He was previously wounded in action, and was at his home in Moncton in December last on sick leave.

Murray MacLennan, son of Wm. Anderson, of Burnt Church, who has been wounded at the front, is the fifth man out of eleven who left Chatham in the Mounted Rifles to be wounded in action. His brother has also been wounded.

Card Brings Joy.
There was joy in a St. John home yesterday when a field card was received by Harold Elliott from his brother, J. T. Elliott, who was reported missing and killed in the recent casualty lists.

The card was written under the date of June 4, and on it he said that he had been wounded and was admitted to a hospital, but was getting along nicely. He is the son of Joseph Elliott of Musquash. He crossed with the 55th battalion, and later was transferred to another unit.

Dangerously Wounded.
Robert A. Anderson of Kingsclere, York county, has been officially notified that his son, Wm. Franklin Anderson, is dangerously ill in hospital at Boulogne, suffering from gunshot wounds in the head and chest.

Private E. Jones, St. John, killed in action.

Apobiqui, June 20.—James L. McAuley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. McAuley, who has been on active service a number of months, has been wounded in the head and chest.

Capt. Lawson Injured.
Capt. Rev. G. A. Lawson, chaplain of the 148th Westmorland and Kent battalion, met with a most distressing accident at London (Ont.) on Monday evening.

The captain was intending to leave for St. John on the local express, near which he was standing, talking to Major C. L. Harrington, Captain G. M. Campbell and a lady. The train commenced to move out, and Captain Lawson, who was encumbered by his great coat, valise and cane, commenced to stagger.

He stumbled, his toe and fell forward upon his face, breaking his glasses and cutting and bruising his face and hands. The ambulance was summoned and the injured officer removed to the city hospital.

Captain Lawson is very popular with the men of the local battalions, and news of his mishap was received with profound regret in military as well as civil circles.

Pte. Parks Missing.
Reports have been received in Fredericton to the effect that Pte. Charles Wilnot Parks, son of Dr. G. H. Parks, of Montreal, and grandson of R. D. Wilnot, M.P. for Sunbury-Queens county, has been reported missing.

He was to have been given a commission in the new little battalion in this province to be raised by Lieut.-Colonel P. A. Guthrie. Was Reported Dead.

Lieut. Harvey Reid, of Harland, who was unofficially reported dead a few days ago in the city papers, is not dead, but is expected home today.

Major Magellan's Gallantry.
Captain Flewelling of the river steamer Oceanic, received a letter yesterday morning from his son, Private Ernest Magellan, who was reported in yesterday's paper as a member of a well-known New Brunswick battalion.

He said he had come through a terrible engagement, and although he was averse to the nerves, he expected to feel well after a few days of rest.

He said he had the honor of assisting in the capture of the German field of battle after he had been wounded in four places, and also administering first aid before he was removed to a base hospital.

He was a member of the 1st trenchers. Tell Billy McKee his boy is

all right and came through the heavy fighting without a scratch.

Gallant Soldier Falls.
Hopewell Hill, June 16.—The whole community here was shocked and grieved to learn of the death of Corporal Albert W. Starratt, a former Hopewell boy, who succumbed to the wounds sustained while heroically doing his part in the third battle of Ypres.

Corporal Starratt passed his boyhood days in this village, and friends and relatives here have taken a deep interest in his career at the front, where he has been in the thick of the fight with Anderson's Battery since the early days of the war.

He was one of the first to respond to the call of king and country, and had conducted himself throughout the great struggle in such a manner as to win the admiration of all.

Of the modest manner of the true soldier, his deeds were known mostly only to his intimate friends as he was averse to having published his own actions which he looked upon as being the simple conduct of a Canadian soldier in the discharge of his duty.

It was known, however, that he had been engaged at the front in work of a special character in which he displayed a gallantry that was above all praise. To his sorrowing relatives, formerly of this place, the deepest sympathy will be extended by friends here.

Three cousins of Corporal Starratt from this village are now with the colors—Private Hugh Wright, now at the front with the 26th, and Gunner Clark Wright, in England with the 4th Siege Battery. Heavy Casualties.

Major McMillan's Condition.
Major McMillan, brother-in-law of Heber Vroom, brother-in-law of Murray MacLennan, M.D., is the effect that Major McMillan's condition was satisfactory and that he would be removed to England as soon as possible.

From Bomb, Fred, Shear.
Mrs. A. P. Friars of 788 Main street has received word from her brother, Fred Shear, 1st contingent, now in No. 5 London General Hospital, that he had undergone a successful operation and is getting stronger every day.

Brigadier-General McLean received a letter recently from his brother, Major Herbert McLean, of the 6th C. M. R. asking for him to let the relatives of "B" squadron know that he is taking every step to identify and get the effects of the fallen.

Captain Scott was last seen with three men holding a sap, and his last words were that he would stick until the last. The captain, he added, had been mentioned for distinguishing himself in "D" company of the regiment, and was noted for promotion.

Mr. W. B. McKenzie of Moncton has received a cablegram from his son, Major Brouard H. T. McKenzie, who is now at the front, stating that he had been wounded in the back, but is progressing favorably.

He was previously wounded in action, and was at his home in Moncton in December last on sick leave. He is a young officer who has made rapid progress in the army.

Murray MacLennan, son of Wm. Anderson, of Burnt Church, who has been wounded at the front, is the fifth man out of eleven who left Chatham in the Mounted Rifles to be wounded in action.

His brother has also been wounded.

Card Brings Joy.
There was joy in a St. John home yesterday when a field card was received by Harold Elliott from his brother, J. T. Elliott, who was reported missing and killed in the recent casualty lists.

The card was written under the date of June 4, and on it he said that he had been wounded and was admitted to a hospital, but was getting along nicely.

He is the son of Joseph Elliott of Musquash. He crossed with the 55th battalion, and later was transferred to another unit.

Dangerously Wounded.
Robert A. Anderson of Kingsclere, York county, has been officially notified that his son, Wm. Franklin Anderson, is dangerously ill in hospital at Boulogne, suffering from gunshot wounds in the head and chest.

Private E. Jones, St. John, killed in action.

Apobiqui, June 20.—James L. McAuley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. McAuley, who has been on active service a number of months, has been wounded in the head and chest.

Capt. Lawson Injured.
Capt. Rev. G. A. Lawson, chaplain of the 148th Westmorland and Kent battalion, met with a most distressing accident at London (Ont.) on Monday evening.

The captain was intending to leave for St. John on the local express, near which he was standing, talking to Major C. L. Harrington, Captain G. M. Campbell and a lady.

The train commenced to move out, and Captain Lawson, who was encumbered by his great coat, valise and cane, commenced to stagger.

He stumbled, his toe and fell forward upon his face, breaking his glasses and cutting and bruising his face and hands.

The ambulance was summoned and the injured officer removed to the city hospital. Captain Lawson is very popular with the men of the local battalions, and news of his mishap was received with profound regret in military as well as civil circles.

Pte. Parks Missing.
Reports have been received in Fredericton to the effect that Pte. Charles Wilnot Parks, son of Dr. G. H. Parks, of Montreal, and grandson of R. D. Wilnot, M.P. for Sunbury-Queens county, has been reported missing.

He was to have been given a commission in the new little battalion in this province to be raised by Lieut.-Colonel P. A. Guthrie. Was Reported Dead.

Lieut. Harvey Reid, of Harland, who was unofficially reported dead a few days ago in the city papers, is not dead, but is expected home today.

Major Magellan's Gallantry.
Captain Flewelling of the river steamer Oceanic, received a letter yesterday morning from his son, Private Ernest Magellan, who was reported in yesterday's paper as a member of a well-known New Brunswick battalion.

He said he had come through a terrible engagement, and although he was averse to the nerves, he expected to feel well after a few days of rest.

He said he had the honor of assisting in the capture of the German field of battle after he had been wounded in four places, and also administering first aid before he was removed to a base hospital.

He was a member of the 1st trenchers. Tell Billy McKee his boy is

all right and came through the heavy fighting without a scratch.

Gallant Soldier Falls.
Hopewell Hill, June 16.—The whole community here was shocked and grieved to learn of the death of Corporal Albert W. Starratt, a former Hopewell boy, who succumbed to the wounds sustained while heroically doing his part in the third battle of Ypres.

Corporal Starratt passed his boyhood days in this village, and friends and relatives here have taken a deep interest in his career at the front, where he has been in the thick of the fight with Anderson's Battery since the early days of the war.

He was one of the first to respond to the call of king and country, and had conducted himself throughout the great struggle in such a manner as to win the admiration of all.

Of the modest manner of the true soldier, his deeds were known mostly only to his intimate friends as he was averse to having published his own actions which he looked upon as being the simple conduct of a Canadian soldier in the discharge of his duty.

It was known, however, that he had been engaged at the front in work of a special character in which he displayed a gallantry that was above all praise.

To his sorrowing relatives, formerly of this place, the deepest sympathy will be extended by friends here.

Three cousins of Corporal Starratt from this village are now with the colors—Private Hugh Wright, now at the front with the 26th, and Gunner Clark Wright, in England with the 4th Siege Battery. Heavy Casualties.

GORDON KENNEDY, ST. JOHN MAN, GIVES LIFE FOR CAUSE

Bright Young Man Who Had Several
Narrow Escapes Reported
Killed in Action

Frank Miller Has Also Paid Penalty—George Flewelling of Brookville Said to Be Missing—Harold Kenney, of Hampton, Among the Wounded.

Thursday, June 22.
Word was received at the home of his wife, 208 Charlotte street, yesterday afternoon, that Private Gordon Kennedy, of a New Brunswick battalion, had been killed in action. He was at the front for several months and had many narrow escapes. Only recently a letter was received from him saying that he had been struck by a bomb which, fortunately for him, did not explode. Because of so many lucky escapes, his friends were shocked at the news yesterday. His death occurred June 12.

Private Kennedy leaves his wife and two small children, also one brother, Charles, and two sisters, Eva and Hattie. He was very well known about the city and previous to enlisting he was engaged in the insurance business. He had a great fondness for newspaper work and was disappointed that he could not gratify his ambition. He was particularly well known among newspaper men. His death will be generally regretted.

Private Kenney Wounded.

Word was received at Hampton yesterday that Private Harold Kenney, formerly of the Army Medical Service, has been wounded. Private Kenney was a stretcher-bearer when he first arrived on the western front but more recently has been in the trenches along with the infantry. It is not known whether or not his wounds are serious.

Private Miller Killed.

Mrs. Jessie Finnamore, wife of Sergeant-Major Albert Finnamore, of the 64th O. S. Battalion, and a former employee of The Telegraph, has received word from her father, Ezra Miller, at Tinto (N. S.) to the effect that her brother, Frank Miller, had been reported killed in action on June 3. Private Miller who has been reported killed, joined the "O" company, 68th Montreal Battalion, and has been in the trenches since last February, and reports from the front were to the effect that he has been doing excellent work. Before enlisting for overseas service he was employed on a dredge by the Norton Griffiths people, and is well known in this city.

Mrs. Finnamore has been advised that her husband, Sergeant-Major Finnamore, has received a promotion since arriving with his battalion in England.

Colonel Powell's Brother Missing.
Lieut.-Colonel Powell, G.S.O. of New Brunswick command, received word yesterday from Ottawa by his brother, Gunner Powell of the Ottawa battery in the first brigade was missing. He is in the thirtieth year of his age, and was wounded a year ago and has just returned to the firing line.

Private Laidlaw Killed.
Mrs. Frank Lotten of this city received news in a letter from her home in Scotland telling her of the death of her sister's husband, Private Allan Laidlaw, who fell on the field of honor on May 21, near Ypres.

Private Laidlaw came to Vancouver seven years ago and resided in Vancouver. When war was declared he enlisted with the first Canadian Contingent and had seen much active service.

Mrs. Laidlaw, who resides with her mother in Scotland, has many friends in St. John who will extend deepest sympathy in her sad bereavement.

Word from Harry Magee.
Friends in Fairville will be glad to learn that a field card has been received by the family of John Magee from the front. Private Magee was reported wounded in the face two weeks ago. The information, of course, was very

The total recruits secured in the province last week was 122, the total for the week previous was 112. The county totals follow: Westmorland, 20; St. John, 14; Albert, 13; Madawaska, 12; Gloucester, 11; Carleton, 10; Victoria, 8; Restigouche, 7; York, 7; Kings, 4; Kent, 4; Charlotte, 2. Four recruits from Nova Scotia, four from P. E. I. and two from Quebec were secured for the 165th battalion.

A recent report from Ottawa gives the following on recruiting in the Dominion of Canada up until June 15:
Up to June 15, 940,128 men had joined the colors in Canada, 254,251 in the preceding three days, 254 enlisted in the London district, 1,602 in Ontario, 555 in Ottawa and Kingston, 561 in Montreal, 124 in Quebec, 822 in the maritime provinces, 1,800 in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 600 in British Columbia, and 607 in Alberta.

The total enlistments divisionally since the start are: No. 1, London, 28,467; No. 2, Toronto, 76,971 (one unit to be sent from); No. 3, Kingston and Ottawa, 85,187; No. 4, Montreal, 26,002; No. 5, Quebec, 8,226; No. 6, maritime provinces, 81,871; No. 10, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 70,188; No. 11, British Columbia, 21,802; No. 12, Alberta, 80,704. Enlistments in April were 28,289, in May, 15,000, and in June, 18,344.

The report that a machine gun brigade had been authorized for this province has gained credence in the city and from all indications it is from a reliable source. The report is to the effect that A. K. Scammell, of this city, will command the brigade. It will be the first unit of its kind in the Dominion, and if listed and sent to the front, it will be adopted at all in the British army, it is only recently.

Before the war broke out there was some talk of organizing machine gun brigades but the war office was averse to the establishment of a new arm of the service, as the one arm always works more smoothly than two separate branches.

At that time, however, there were only two machine guns to a battalion, but it has been reported recently that there are at present a machine gun to every platoon on the western front. The machine gun has taken a very prominent part in this war and it may be that it has been decided by the war office to brigade this branch of the service separate from the infantry.

With a machine gun to each platoon, it would be sixteen machine guns to a battalion, and with a crew of eight men for each gun there would be 128 men in each battalion in the machine gun work, and to a brigade of three battalions, the machine gun men of a brigade would form a half a battalion.

The unit proposed for this province will have four companies with nine guns to a section. Each section will have one lieutenant, two sergeants, one corporal, six drivers, one batman and twenty-four privates.

The commanding officer of the unit will hold the rank of major and the only captain in the unit will be the adjutant as the total number of men will be only 180. It is reported that the headquarters of the unit will be in St. John.

Word was received yesterday from Ottawa by Mrs. Jane Owens of 264 Chesley street, advising her that her son, Private John Owens, had been slightly wounded in the knee and had been admitted to No. 23 General Hospital at Etaples.

Private Owens went overseas with the 55th Battalion, and soon after their arrival in England, was transferred to another infantry unit with which he was fighting when wounded. He is in the fortieth year of his age and was a long-time resident here. In a letter received recently by his mother he said that he was in the best of health.

Moncton Veteran Dies of Wounds
Mrs. William Cheek of Moncton has received a telegram from Ottawa announcing that her husband has died of wounds. He enlisted in the 55th battalion and was transferred to another hospital. He was a British army man, having fought in India and South Africa. For some years he was in the city employment here. He is survived by his wife, one son and three daughters.

Frederick Tyler.
Frederick Tyler, son of James Tyler of St. Mary's, has been officially reported wounded.

Vernon Merchant Killed
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Merchant of Fredericton, were officially notified yesterday that their only son, Vernon, had been killed in action in France. He was only 18 years old and