



Lieut. Irving Findley, M.C.

Lieut. Irving Findley, M.C., son of President Findley, who was shot down and severely wounded about six months ago has arrived home on six months' sick leave.

Almost two years ago to the day Lieut. Findley reached home after being wounded in the Ypres salient, but was able to return to France after a couple of months' convalescence in Canada. This time he is on crutches, with a badly smashed leg and other wounds, but with the probability of complete recovery in time.

At the beginning of the great enemy offensive, March 21, Lieut. Findley was acting as observer with Flight-Commander Capt. Geo. I. Paterson, of Regina, at the extreme right of the British army. These two officers carried on contact patrol work and special reconnaissance flights twice each day for twelve days, until, on the afternoon of April 2, they were shot down by machine-gun fire from the ground, Capt. Paterson being instantly killed. Lieut. Findley was shot through the arm, leg and foot and rendered unconscious. While falling a bullet hit the petrol tank, splashing some gasoline in his face, which restored consciousness for a moment. Finding himself in a vertical nose-dive near the earth, he seized the dual control stick and flattened the plane sufficiently to land with only a partial crash in "No Man's Land," about 100 yards from the German lines. He was thrown clear of the machine and two brave French infantry officers, Lieut. Matroite and Maconniaux, rushed out through a hail of machine-gun

bullets and rescued them, Lieut. Matroite being shot through the shoulder in the effort.

The official citation in connection with Lieut. Findley's award of the Military Cross is as follows:

"On one occasion, under adverse climatic conditions, he carried out, during a flight of three hours at an altitude of 300 feet, a most valuable reconnaissance. During recent operations his work in attacking enemy troops from low altitudes has been of the greatest value, and he has set a splendid example of energy and determination to all ranks of his squadron."

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Copy of a Letter received from Gen.  
Sir R. E. W. Turner, V.C., after  
a Visit to Kingswood

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Canadian Headquarters, Argyll House,  
246 Regent St., London, W.I.,  
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Bunhill Row, London.

DEAR MR. DAWKINS:—It was very good of you to come out with me yesterday, when I had the pleasure to visit Kingswood Canadian Convalescent Home, which is so generously kept up by the Massey-Harris Company of Canada.

While at Kingswood I was greatly impressed with the most homelike and very comfortable accommodation provided for our men.

Please accept and, at the same time, convey to the Matron and her Staff my appreciation of the splendid work you are doing.

With best wishes for the future,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,  
R. E. W. TURNER.

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Nursing Sister M. Wilson has been obliged to resign her position at Kingswood on account of bad health, and is returning to Canada. She is one of the original four Sisters who came to Kingswood when the Home was opened nearly two and a half years ago, and has given most valuable, loyal and devoted service.

Before leaving, Nursing Sister Wilson was presented by the Staff with a silver-mounted trinket box, and by the patients with a very handsome travelling clock in red morocco case.