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#### LONDON NOTES.

The casualty lists which come in daily have already borne unwelcome news to us of deaths in action and from wounds amongst the ranks of the Western Scots. We knew that this had to come, but none the less it has a very depressing effect, and we realise more than ever that it is up to us who are left behind to do all in our power in the interests of the Battalion.

We are endeavouring to keep track of the hospitals in England to which our wounded men are sent, and we will try to see that they get some solid proof of the anxiety of this paper to look after their interests in a personal and individual manner.

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We hear that Pte. Hopwood is seriously ill in France, but that subsequently his condition has slightly improved.

Sgt. Crossthwaite, in answer to our query, states that he has everything he needs, and is receiving the very best attention at the Guildford War Hospital. We asked a nurse friend of ours to keep her eye on him, and no doubt she will!

We have written to Pte. S. D. McDermid and A/Cpl. F. Paul, who are in hospital at Wandsworth and Birmingham respectively.

In the same way we will send THE WESTERN SCOT, and endeavour to write to casualties as they arrive, so that they will know that their friends in the 67th are not forgetting them.

Numerous letters and parcels have been addressed to the offices of this magazine for men in France. We have forwarded these, and will be glad at any time to do so, but for the information of relatives and friends concerned we might state that the most direct means of reaching men is to address all envelopes and parcels to:—No. —, Pte. —, "A," "B," "C" or "D" Co., 4th Canadian Pioneers, B.E.F., France.

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We sent forward the number of THE WESTERN SCOT published August 23, as soon as it was issued, by a route which we had reason to believe was the quickest. There has evidently been a long delay somewhere, and we will endeavour to avoid this in future.

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The Business Manager has been transferred to the Staff of the Canadian War Records Office at 3, Lombard Street, London, E.C., and special facilities are now given him, so that production and delivery of THE WESTERN SCOT in future will be as little delayed as possible. But if delays occur, please remember that the mailing list has now reached rather huge dimensions. It takes quite a time to address and wrap six hundred magazines.

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The lists published in this issue will place permanently on record the ranks attained by N.C.O.'s in the old 67th on proceeding overseas. Also by combining Lists of Increase and Decrease in Strength with the Lists given in the Nominal Roll Number, the whereabouts of every man can be ascertained.

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Those of us in London had our little glimpse of "War" in the early hours of Sunday morning, September 3. The marvellous network of searchlights, and the eerie appearance of the apparently innocuous silver cigar in the sky, was a sight not soon to be forgotten. Of course, it was impossible to ascertain at such a great height exactly how close the shells were going to the Zepp., but they seemed to be bursting above, below and all around it; and must have been far too close to be pleasant to the occupants of the air-ship.

The red signal which fell from "something" in the clouds above the Zepp., and the almost instantaneous cessation of firing, caused a thrill even though we who were watching did not know the meaning. A few minutes afterwards a tongue of flame shot up—this rapidly became a huge ball of fire which illuminated the whole of London with a bright white light, as the burning Zepp. dropped like a fallen star to earth. Lieut. W. L. Robinson, R.F.C., had splendidly finished the work so well begun by the anti-aircraft guns, and had nobly earned the V.C. subsequently conferred on him by His Majesty.

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