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Heroes Of War Here On Corsican Steamship Brings More Than 200 Wounded and Invalided Soldiers Bands and Crowd Greet Them as They Disembark—One St. John Man and Quite a Number From Maritime Provinces

Band Point was the scene of unusual activity this morning on the arrival of the Allan line steamer Corsican, which had on board more than 200 wounded and medically unfit soldiers, home after helping in the great war. The steamer docked about 8 o'clock, but the soldiers and other passengers did not disembark until after ten o'clock.

The steamer brought 2750 bags of mail and 1892 bags of parcel post, in addition to a large general cargo and 761 passengers. The passengers included the returning soldiers and some 800 or 900 sailors, who will complete training for the British Navy.

Among the soldiers was Private Frank H. Lodge, who left St. John with the first contingent. As he walked down the gangplank of the steamer he was greeted by loud cheering and a musical selection by former comrades, now members of the 104th Battalion band. The local reception committee were on hand to welcome him and he was soon speeding towards his home in West St. John, leaving behind him hundreds of friends who cheered until the automobile carried him out of sight.

Maritime Province Men. The maritime province soldiers on board the steamer were as follows: Sergeant William Ferrieham, of Fenfield, Charlotte County, N. B.; Sergeant P. Grant, of New Glasgow, N. S.; Staff Sergeant Murray, of St. John's, N. S.; Corporal R. F. Manderson, of Newcastle, N. B.; Private T. A. Davidson, of Springfield, N. S.; Private Fred Ulock, of Chatham, Driver H. J. Finlayson, of St. John's, N. S.; Sergeant Grandy, of Bay L'Argent, Nfld.; Seppie Connell, of Digby, N. S.; Private A. Higgins, of New Brunswick, Kings County, N. B.; Bdr. J. A. MacLachlan, of Sydney, C. B.; Bdr. Hugh McPherson, of Sydney, C. B.; Bdr. Arthur Coll, of Sydney, C. B.; Private C. E. Thomas, of St. John's, N. S.; Private Millington, of Amherst.

These men all discharged this afternoon and entrained for their respective homes. All Cheerful. Some of the soldiers who arrived on the steamer having been supplied for life, while others have suffered from the gases used by the Germans, and not a few are invalided home as a result of nervous diseases brought on by shock. All appeared to be in good spirits, looking forward optimistically to the future and confident that time would work wonders with their constitutions and again enable them to engage in their respective callings.

Tales They Tell. Some stories told by the soldiers gave the hearer a faint idea of the heroic deeds performed by these men. While out on any show of bravado they narrated how they received their injuries during battles now famous. One young man, who had lost a limb, attributed his loss to the brutality of the Hun. He said that the Germans had captured him and had purposely disabled him. He was later sent back to England in the exchange of prisoners. Companions say that his nerves have slightly collapsed as a result of the brutal deed of the incident, and he rarely speaks of the incident. Upon returning to England he had to be operated upon and has since been in a hospital there.

Would Go Again. Two other young men, who were going about on crutches, told of receiving their injuries from burning shrapnel. They were quite cheerful and said they expected to procure wooden legs which would assist them in getting about. They said if they had it to do over again they would return to the battle fields and again have a shot at the enemy. A British recruit gave a few interesting details of his personal experience. He told how one day when everything was quiet, a stray shell landed not far from him, a piece piercing his knee and thus crippling him. Previous to that he had been engaged in a charge and had received a flesh wound. He said the allies had the Germans anchored in the west and there was no fear from that section. He was confident that the allies could drive the Germans back when the opportune time arrives.

Another soldier, who resides in Toronto, said he was overcome by gas. He said it was a painful and also a very nauseous experience. He told of the morning when the dark fumes clouded over his trench, and how he endeavored to protect himself from them but failed. He said that he still feels the effects of it, and while breathing often has pains in his lungs.

TO MEET RUSSIANS IF THEY ATTACK BULGARIA

London, Nov. 29.—Telegraphing from Bucharest the Times correspondent says: "In view of the threatened Russian intervention, preparations for defence are actively proceeding along the whole Bulgarian frontier, under German supervision. Troops are being brought up from St. Serbian front, and about four divisions of General Vondervoght's army are reported to have joined the Bulgarian forces. The Turkish and Bulgarian armies are now being well supplied with ammunition by way of the Danube."

LANCE CORPORAL British in First Line FRANK THOMAS OF 26TH DEAD

Only 19 Years Old—Belonged to Annapolis But Had Lived in St. John for Some Years

Another member of the 26th Battalion has given up his life. Lance Corp. Frank Thomas, aged nineteen years, a native of Annapolis Valley, N. S., who had resided here for the last four or five years, the platoon officer, Lieut. E. A. Sturdee told his friends this morning.

His having been with young Thomas



Lance-Corporal Frank Thomas

on patrol duty, being a wise arrangement about 7.30 a. m. on November 5. "Frank Thomas was fearless and brave," wrote Lieut. Sturdee, "and was much missed by his comrades. He died the death of a gallant soldier and suffered no pain for his death."

Some of the 26th Home. Lieut. Sturdee said that he had not only in that organization but with many friends. His father resides in Massachusetts, and he has one sister, Mrs. Wm. Fyne, of Freeport, N. S., and three brothers residing in the states. Friends in the city will sincerely regret the loss of the young man's death.

CHILD DEAD. Friends of Henry Hector of Spar Cove will sympathize with the loss of his infant, Donald, whose death occurred last night. He was aged ten months and had been ill for some time. The funeral will be held from the home of the child's uncle, Fred Hector, tomorrow afternoon.

MRS. MARY LLOYD

The death of an esteemed resident of North End, Mrs. Mary Lloyd, occurred at 7.30 o'clock this morning at her home, 1396 Douglas avenue, after a lengthy illness. She was a native of this city and was about eighty-three years of age. Mrs. Lloyd was the widow of St. Thomas H. Lloyd, who was well known in St. John and friends will sympathize with the family in their bereavement. She had been an active member of St. Peter's church and had long taken a deep interest in its affairs. Mrs. Lloyd is survived by one son, John Lloyd of the staff of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd and four daughters, Mrs. Margaret Corkey, Mrs. I. Haney and Miss Kate and Miss Alice Lloyd, besides fourteen grandchildren. The funeral will be held on Wednesday morning at 8.45 o'clock to St. Peter's church.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Daniel O'Connell took place this morning from his late residence, Union street, to the Cathedral where solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Dr. Bourgeois, assisted by Rev. William Duke as deacon, Rev. Miles Howland as sub-deacon, and Rev. Hector Bellevue as master of ceremonies. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc gave final absolution. Interment took place in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Harry R. Atcheson took place this afternoon. Following burial services, interment took place in Cedar Hill. The funeral of Mrs. Emily Venning Sears took place this afternoon from Trinity church, following burial services conducted by Rev. Ralph Sherman. Interment took place in Fernhill. The funeral of Mrs. Brown, widow of Dr. Alfred G. Brown, took place this morning upon the arrival of the Halifax train. Burial services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Barralough, and interment took place in Fernhill.

WORK BEGUN

The work of straightening the street railway line in Market Square was commenced this morning by a large gang of men.

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News of Maritime Province Men In the War

A Distinction. Sergeant H. D'Arcy McGrath, son of H. J. McGrath, of Fredericton, who is now with the 46th British Columbia Battalion at Shorncliffe, England, has made the highest marks in the history of the Canadian military school in England. He lately took the machine gun course and came out first in fifty-two men and officers picked for the course. He received a distinguished certificate, i. e. he made more than 90 in all his exams. His total is said to be 87.

Going Overseas. Lieut. Ralph Gentry, of Fredericton, has been ordered to report at Halifax for instruction with the permanent army service corps. In the spring he expects to go overseas. He has been engaged in recruiting No. 7 Company, A. S. C., to Is in Serbia.

Private Frank McManiman, a Fredericton man, who was wounded with the Dorset Regiment, while fighting in the Balkans, is now in Serbia with the Royal Irish Fusiliers.

Locksley McKnight, son of John McKnight of Fredericton, and a graduate of the U. N. B., is now a lieutenant in the 96th Battalion at Calgary. He lately resigned as principal of the McCaskey school in Edmonton to go overseas.

PLEASED WITH THE RECEPTION GIVEN TO THE 69TH IN ST. JOHN. "St. John well deserves the name of the 'Loyalist City,'" said Lieutenant Gentry, who arrived in St. John this morning. "As I was coming to St. John this morning, I was much interested in the newspaper accounts of the remarkable reception given to the 69th Battalion by the citizens of St. John on their arrival here. I can say that the men would appreciate it for I know that there are a great number of the citizens who are so cordially disposed towards them."

Lieutenant Naibert is on his way to the Annapolis Valley to address the Acadians in their own language in connection with the Nova Scotian recruitment campaign. He has had similar experiences in Gloucester county with good results.

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