

## DECORATIONS

Capt. Gerald Musgrave Hamilton, who has returned to Canada wearing the Military Cross with which he was decorated by the King in person, is a Welland Ship Canal engineer. He is descended from the old Hamilton family of Queenston, and followed the family tradition of service in the militia. He was an officer of the 44th Regiment when the war broke out. He went overseas in 1916 in command of a draft of Signallers, but served in France with the 7th Engineers Battalion, being at one time in command of a company and later adjutant of the unit. He was once wounded.

Lieut. Oscar Spreckley is coming home with a Military Cross. He is a well-known Topographical Surveys man who went overseas with the "original firsts" as corporal in a Field Ambulance, edited the "Iodine Chronicle," was wounded at Cambrai, received a commission, was attached to the 19th Battalion and now rounds out his war record with a coveted decoration.

Lieut. E. R. Owen, R.A.F., won a Mention in Despatches overseas. He is a Topographical Surveys man, enlisted in the C. A. M. C. in 1914, served two years with that unit and a Canadian mounted corps and then secured his commission in the naval branch of the air service.

A Bar has been added to the Military Cross won some time ago by Captain Vivian C. S. McClenaghan of the Canadian Engineers, in civil life an employee of the Department of Public Works.

A Bar has been added to the D.S.O. of Major David Philpot of the 7th Battalion, in civil life a member of the Public Works staff at New Westminster.

Lieut. Norman Fee, accountant of

the Archives, who served overseas with the Royal Garrison Artillery, holding the post of Brigade Adjutant, is home with the Military Cross on his breast and a Mention in Despatches to his credit. He won the decoration for capturing seven prisoners and important documents from a German headquarters in Preulx, while his Mention in Despatches reads as follows: *On the second morning of action, when going to the batteries of his brigade, he met what was left of the division coming back out of the line, and was advised not to press further forward. However, he continued past the batteries, and located the enemy coming leisurely up the hill. With his runner he quickly picked off the leaders, and ultimately retired amidst showers of bullets from our own lines and those of the advancing enemy. He managed to get back to a telephone line, and sent a message to headquarters advising them of the situation. As a result the batteries were ordered to withdraw, and the guns were saved.*

## CASUALTIES

THOMAS JAMES MOXLEY, who died in Ottawa on March 19, as the result of illness caused by military service, was probably the youngest civil servant to lose his life through the war. Though only sixteen years of age, he worked in the Government Printing Bureau until he could pass the physical test for enlistment in the C. A. S. C. That was in 1915. Later, he transferred to the Artillery and spent two years and three months in France. Then his health broke down and he was returned to Canada. He leaves a widowed mother and two sisters.

JAMES C. MacFARLANE of the Department of Agriculture, returned, was wounded twice while at

the front with the 2nd Battalion. He was a recruit of the 207th Battalion.

## RELEASED

Official announcement is made of the release from a German prison of John Balchin, an employee of the Department of Railways and Canals, whose experiences during the last year of the war were thrilling and painful. A recruit of the 8th Mounted Rifles, he was transferred to the machine gun squadron of a Canadian cavalry unit in France and was with the "flying brigade" of Canadian cavalry and motor machine guns that was sent to help the broken British 5th Army before Amiens in March, 1918. On the 23rd of that month he was so severely wounded that he could not be removed with the retiring troops and he was left at Fort Vandeuil, his C. O. reporting that the wounds would almost certainly prove fatal. There was great surprise when the Germans reported him a prisoner in their hands and his ultimate return to Canada was long deemed very unlikely.

## ADVANCE, INTERIOR!

A checking-up of the Roll of Honor by official lists of the Department of the Interior has resulted in eight additional names being added to the very long record of volunteers from that branch of the Civil Service. These names had been inadvertently omitted from the Roll in former listings. Four are those of Ottawa men and four are those of Western men. The editors hope to receive further casualty reports of Interior men, for it is certain that the Roll is far from complete in that respect.

## ATHLETES ORGANIZE

The Civil Service Amateur Athletic Association of Ottawa is showing some real post-bellum "pep" and promises to have its colours to the front on many fields this year.

At the recent re-organization meeting the following officers were elected: Hon. president, Hon. F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works; Hon. vice-presidents, Mr. J. B. Hunter, Deputy Minister of Public Works; Mr. D. C. Scott, Deputy Minister of Indian

Affairs; Mr. S. L. T. McKnight; President, Mr. W. J. Fraser; vice-president, Mr. J. S. Woodill; secretary, Mr. R. A. Tapley; treasurer, Mr. C. P. Roche; auditors, Messrs. Ph. Phalen and J. D. Sutherland; Executive committee, Messrs. W. E. Taylor, C. A. Wallace, W. A. Matheson, J. K. Wilson, H. Hartley, L. R. Younger, A. E. Shore, J. D. Sutherland.

Chairman of the Bowling Committee, W. E. Taylor.

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