

cal Corps, Engineers, everything complete save for the air service, which is supplied by the Imperial Army. I was glad, however, to find in the British air squadron some Canadians, amongst whom I met Flight Lieut. Macaulay, of Montreal, who is doing splendid service with that squadron. Personally, I venture to express the hope that we shall soon establish our own air service, so as to complete the fighting forces at the front for Canada. The reason we have not an air service is not because we have not many Canadians in the air service. It was a matter of gratification to me, and will be to all Canadians, that British officers have told me that they preferred the Canadians in this service, because when it came to a difficult and dangerous flight the Canadians had the courage and nerve to face it and risk the consequences, and the British officers told me they admired their pluck.

In Sir Julian Byng, who commands our Canadian forces at the front, we have a British officer in the prime of life, who has had large experience all over the world, and much experience in this war. He was in command of the British forces in Egypt when the war broke out, and immediately returned to England, where he had command of the 3rd cavalry division which was at the first Battle of Ypres. He was also at the Dardanelles until he succeeded to the command of the Canadian Army Corps.

I spent four days with our Canadians at the front, going in and out amongst them, and seeing the conditions under which modern war is carried on, and I count those four days amongst the most memorable of my life—I would not forego that experience at the front for anything I know.

The Ypres salient is not a healthy spot, as our men say, but I did not find one of our men who was not prepared, and glad, to go there. While they were holding a section of the Ypres salient, they were only holding half of it. The crack corps of the British army, the Guards, held the other half of that vital part of the front, where the Germans twice tried to hack their way through to Calais and the sea. When Britain wanted that vital point firmly held for the Allies she sent the Guards to take care of one half, and the Canadians to the other. And if many sons of Canada have fallen in that section of the front they lie side by side with the flower