

incl messages.

March 26th, 1924.

Major M. Kirkpatrick Crockett,
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My dear Major:-

It gives me much pleasure to acknowledge your letter of March 18th conveying to me the good wishes of the present members of my old Company No.1, 5th Regiment C.G.A. It was kind indeed of them to pay me this tribute and I hope you will convey to them my warm appreciation.

The mention of Sergt.-Major Bowden brings back to my mind very vividly that splendid coterie of good soldiers and fellows through whose efforts No.1 was raised to the proud position of premier company in the old 5th. I am quite sure I could name at least fifty of them without effort. It is no surprise to me to learn that the old spirit still prevails and that they make up in efficiency what they lack in numbers. No. 2 was our great rival in those days, and there comes to my mind now the rhyme of Jack Sweet's,-

"'Tis said by some that Winsby had a fleeting
dream one day

That he could muster men enough to take the
shield away.

On going to press, I must confess, no courier
hath run

To intimate or to relate the death of No.1."