

at Moncton from Brigadier-General Biggar, Ottawa, asking that two trains with artillerymen and guns, on their way from Prince Edward Island to Petawawa Camp should be turned back. This was promptly arranged. Great Britain had declared war; and Canada was in it. For the five years following, the two officials representing the Department of Militia and the government railways were in constant communication.

Within a few days following the outbreak of war, the services of the road were actively engaged in the transportation of troops—probably the first troops moved in Canada during the war. A wireless message had been received at Halifax stating that Glace Bay was being bombarded by a German war-ship and asking for help. There is a mystery about that message which has never been solved. It was apparently never sent from any wireless station in Canada; and the surmise of naval men is that it came from the German wireless station in the United States, and was flashed forth in the hope that the British cruisers known to be in the vicinity of New York would be lured away to the help of Glace Bay, and thus give German ships in the United States ports a chance to get to sea. The message was a “fake”, as events proved; but men and guns were rushed

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