

decoration. Pat was just going on leave, and as he was anxious to visit Ireland I was able to send him to my wife's home, where I hope he had a good time.

"I expect to be attached to the 21st Battalion shortly as paymaster, consequently I hope to get my extra 'pip.'

"This note ought to arrive by Christmas, so I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and bright New Year, hoping that we shall be back with you all at Christmas, 1918."

The following breezy letter, dated 17th October, was written by GUNNER A. R. HEWAT, formerly of the Winnipeg branch:—

"It is two in the morning and I have to sit round and see that old Fritz doesn't decide to send over some of his ugly gasses before morning, so I shall try and drop you an odd line or so.

"The rainy season appears to have a good get-away now, and we are beginning to realize what real army mud means.

"For the last two weeks I have been running despatches for the Brigade, so have not seen old Bill or Alice (G. C. B. Baillie and A. McLennan, former members of the Winnipeg staff), as they are at present at the wagon lines; however, they are both well.

"Moorman is on Headquarters' work, which I believe is quite lively at times and interesting. Lorne McCallum was lucky enough to get away on an artillery course for six weeks.

"Our guns are roaring away like mad dogs, but I can't hear any replies from old Fritz. He seems to enjoy sending them over in daylight now when he can watch the mischief they do.

"Moorman ran across Mr. Mordy one day and he was looking, as well as feeling fine. His 'Charlie Chaplin' has grown into an honest-to-God moustache now, and Don hardly knew him at first.

"I have seen Pat McClafferty and Ollie Aitkins several times. Pat is with the McGill Siege Battery and Ollie is in the trench mortars. It certainly does one good to run across some of the old boys here. One almost believes for the time being that he is back in the 'Peg' just where he left off.

"As far as I can see, the most interesting work in this war is in the Flying Corps. To see these fellows fighting certainly is thrilling. Had the pleasure of seeing one of our machines bring one of the Hun's down where I happened to be standing watching the performance. Both pilots certainly had the very best of nerves.

"Was up to see the two craters which were made by the mine explosions which Lloyd found and volunteered to blow up. They sure are some size. Just beside them they have erected a large monument to his memory.

"When you are here and stop for a moment just to look over the surroundings, they bring home to one, even more than you can realize,