

National Anthem. Then we sloped arms again, and there was a minute's quiet, when Gen. Watson stood up in his stirrups and called for three cheers for the King. You should have heard a Canadian Division cheer! I never heard such a noise in all my life. Every man put his cap on the end of his rifle and cheered his lungs nearly away. When everything was quiet again, the King turned his horse and trotted down beside the crowd, followed by his staff. He circled around past the artillery at a walk, and came slowly up the infantry line. As he came up to us, I heard Gen. Watson say, 'This is the 75th, Sir, another Toronto Unit.' Then the King said, 'There is one thing we notice about your Canadians——' and they passed on." The letter ends with a reference to the preparations for departure for France, "the place I have been longing to reach for two years." And now his dear young body rests in France forever!

The first Battle of the Somme, begun on Dominion Day, 1916, had been in progress for about a month when our boy crossed the Channel. From August to December he was in active service. Like other correspondents, he was reticent about his experiences and feelings; but occasionally he broke silence and I remember, in particular, a reference to Courcellette in one of his letters, and an enthusiastic tribute to the 22nd French-Canadians, who covered themselves