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### PAY !

During one of Britain's tiny wars Kipling  
implored the public to

" Pass the hat for your credit's sake,  
And pay, pay, pay."

There was no necessity for the objurgation  
in this war, when millions were handled with  
scarcely a thought. There was no time to pass  
the hat. The cash had to be shovelled out.  
Wisely the Public Treasury looked after the  
actual bodily needs of the soldier leaving  
Private Enterprise to supplement these  
necessities with such comforts and luxuries  
as delight the heart of the fighting man. It  
cannot be said that the British Tommy at  
any rate was overpaid. Nor on the other  
hand can it be affirmed that in the majority of  
cases he had not enough for his immediate  
needs. For if pay was small it was always  
sure, and for many the Government was a  
Fairy Godmother, who now that demobilisa-  
tion is accomplished and pay has ceased is  
sadly missed. The public have little idea of  
the immense and splendid Army Pay System  
which has grown up during the war. All they  
hear about it is that Mrs. Brown did not get  
her separation allowance one week or that Mrs.  
Jones wrote to the Pay Office and did not get  
a reply. They quite overlook the fact  
that the Browns, the Jones, and the Jenkins  
all look alike on paper, and when the initials  
of Private Brown are not stated and the  
address to which Mrs. Jones had moved is  
not even given, even the Canadian Pay Office  
cannot supply the omission, and has  
perforce to wait until Mrs. B. or Mrs. J.  
writes again. Where breakdowns have  
occurred they have invariably been traced  
to some outside circumstance over which  
no one had any control.

The Government can congratulate itself  
upon the magnificent services rendered by the  
heads as well as by the military and civilian  
staff of the Pay Department. The constant  
movement of troops, the remodelling of  
Divisions, the change from one unit to  
another and the incessant fitting to and fro  
of soldiers dependents complicated the work  
of the Pay Department enormously. The  
wonder is not that an occasional hardship  
occurred, but that these were so few in num-  
ber.

## DEEDS OF DARING.



Capt. M. Currie, M.C.

Captain  
(A / Major)  
M. Currie,  
M.C., was a  
bank mana-  
ger in Cal-  
gary, and  
joined up  
in 1915.

He came  
over in 1916,  
was for a  
time in com-  
mand of a  
Company.  
Capt. Currie  
has also  
acted as a  
Paymaster.

No. 75361  
C.S.M. Rob-  
ert Hanna,

Canadian Infantry, was awarded the V.C. for  
most conspicuous bravery in attack, when  
his company met with most severe enemy  
resistance and all the company officers  
became casualties. A strong point, heavily  
protected by wire and held by a machine  
gun, had beaten off three assaults of the  
company with heavy casualties. This War-  
rant Officer under heavy machine gun and  
rifle fire, coolly collected a party of men, and  
leading them against this strong point,  
rushed through the wire and personally  
bayoneted three of the enemy and brained  
the fourth, capturing the position and  
silencing the machine gun.

This most courageous action displayed  
courage and personal bravery of the highest  
order at this most critical moment of the  
attack, was responsible for the capture of a  
most important tactical point and but for  
his daring action and determined handling  
of a desperate situation the attack would not  
have succeeded.

No. 445120 Sgt. Herman James Good,  
Quebec R., was awarded the V.C. for most  
conspicuous bravery and leading when in  
attack his company was held up by heavy  
fire from three machine guns.

Realising the gravity of the situation, this  
N.C.O. dashed forward alone, killing several  
of the garrison and capturing the remainder.

Later on, Sgt. Good, while alone,  
encountered a battery of 5.9-inch guns.  
Collecting three men of his section, he cap-  
tured the entire crews of three guns.

Lieut. (T./  
Capt.) T. E.  
Pugh, M.C.,  
hails from  
Stony Plains,  
Alberta.

He enlist-  
ed in Val-  
cartier in  
1914, shortly  
after war  
broke out.  
He was pro-  
moted Lieut.  
in July, 1916.

As tempo-  
rary Capt.  
he was for  
some time  
attached to  
the Royal  
Air Force.



Lieut. T. E. Pugh, M.C.