

It has been a rough passage ever since we left Cape Verde and the steamer has not been making very good time. My last letter was posted at St. Vincent. We were there for 36 hours coaling, and all the officers went ashore. St. Vincent is an interesting place to spend four or five hours in. After that it commences to pall. Two days after leaving we celebrated New Year's day and the advent of the twentieth century. It was a subdued celebration, because we had a dozen cases of enteric in the hospital which had developed during the voyage, and some of them were rather bad. On the afternoon of New Year's day Sergeant Inglis, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, died, after only a week's illness, and on Wednesday morning his body was slid over the stern rail, the ship laying to for a few minutes during the ceremony. The dead soldier leaves a widow and small family in Winnipeg. This afternoon we had another example of the uncertainties of war, when Lieutenant Sutton, of the R. C. D's, died of enteric. He had been all through the campaign with his troop from first to last and never lost a day or missed a fight through wounds or illness. He was one of the handful of officers left with what remained of the regiment during the fighting around Belfast, and he was only taken sick the day after we sailed for home. It seems impossible to realize that he is dead. Before embarking at Cape Town he cabled Mrs. Sutton to meet him at Halifax.

During the voyage weekly concerts have been given by the different corps under the direction of a committee of which Lieutenant McCrae was the indefatigable secretary. On the occasion of the last one there was a collection for the Sailors' Widows and Orphans' fund prefaced by such a neat and effectively eloquent speech by the secretary that it extracted £25 from the company. The programs were remarkably entertaining because there is much talent in the outfit.

The voyage has been long and tedious. Going out we were busy all the way looking after the horses and preparing for the campaign, so that the time passed with comparative rapidity. On this voyage we have had noth-