

have arrived in London, suffering with a wound in the eye. He is a railway mail clerk from the Winnipeg division and went overseas with the Postal Corps.

DAN A. SIMONS,  
HARRY S. HOGARTH.

Dan A. Simons, of the Post Office Department, has been a prisoner in Germany, but has been transferred to an internment camp in Switzerland. Harry S. Hogarth, of the Trade and Commerce grain staff in Winnipeg, is also in the hands of the Germans, and has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment for refusing to assist in the manufacture of munitions. Hogarth was made prisoner at St. Julien sixteen months ago.

News of these men comes in a letter from Simons, who writes, in part, as follows:

"On my leaving Germany Corporal Harry Hogarth asked me to write on his behalf, as I will be able to say more than he would be allowed to say. He is going about with a jail sentence hanging over him. Last winter, he, with some others, was ordered to go to a munition factory to work there. All the English in the party refused to go, as naturally they did not want the job of preparing bullets for their comrades. They refused, knowing that they would be punished, and really I think we should be proud of them. They were tried by court-martial and received a sentence of one year each. They have appealed several times, and at the time I left they had sent in another appeal. I do not know how it will come out, but it is not very likely to do much good. If his letters stop coming, you will know that he has been sent to the prison to do his time. He is the sort that will do it and never flinch. He is a man, every inch of him, and I am mighty proud to own him for a friend.

"He asked me to tell you that he has not been receiving any parcels lately. Of course it is pretty hard to exist without parcels in Germany, and most Canadians seem to depend too much on what the Red Cross does for the boys. After an experience of thirteen months in Germany, I can say that is a mighty poor support. The most useful things to send are tinned meat and fish, beans, corn, tomatoes, tea,

sugar, butter and milk. And above all, don't forget the tobacco and cigarettes. There is so much spare time when there is nothing to do but smoke.

"He is quite well in health and I hope when this is over to meet him in Ottawa and take the old town apart with his able assistance. Sincerely yours,—DAN. A. SIMONS."

### MAJOR VERRETT, D.S.O.

Major Hector Bacon Verrett, of the 2nd Battalion, C.E.F., has been recommended for the D.S.O. In civil life he is assistant deputy postmaster general. He earned this distinguishing honor at Ypres during the fighting from June 2nd to 15th. Part of the recommendation by his O.C., concurred in by Brig-Gen. G. B. Hughes, reads as follows:

"This officer has been recommended for his conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty during the above noted period.

"On the 5th June, after being wounded by shrapnel, he stayed by his command under the most trying conditions, and also took a very active part in the improvement and strengthening of our position. This was done under a very heavy shell fire.

"On the morning of the 4th June my Adjutant was cleared on account of shell shock, which left me, owing to casualties in officers, in a very serious position. Major Verrett, although wounded, took on the duties of Adjutant in addition to his own, and proved of the greatest assistance to me.

"His manner assisted very much in cheering up the men under very adverse conditions.

"This officer has been with his battalion since the 26th April, 1915, and his work has been of the very highest calibre, and for his general devotion to duty I strongly recommend him for an honor or reward."

Thirty-seven members of the Montreal customs staff have joined the "10,000 Red Cross Club" of that city.

There is nothing more aggravating than a man of few words who insists upon using them constantly.