

THE IDEALS AND TRAINING OF A FLYING OFFICER

RODERICK Ward Maclellan, known to his friends as Ward, was a Queen's Arts graduate of 1914. He was born in Toronto on the 17th of May, 1893, and was killed in France on the 23rd of December, 1917. Prior to entering Queen's in 1910, he had received his earlier education in the schools of his native city. Both his father and his grandfather Maclellan were graduates of Queen's. He decided to follow his father in the legal profession, so in October, 1914, he registered in the Law School at Osgoode Hall. One immediate result of the war in legal circles was the Osgoode Rifle Club which he joined and he soon became one of the crack shots. He completed his first year in law in the spring of 1915, and in October commenced his second, and at the same time joined an Officers' Training Corps connected with the University of Toronto. In December he decided to join the reinforcements which Queen's was gathering to send to her Hospital then at Cairo. In January, 1916, he went to Kingston and enlisted as private number 03755. While there he received the result of the Christmas law examinations, standing fifth in a class of about ninety. In his farewell letter from Kingston he said: "I wish you all good-bye again, and remember that I am going off on work which is congenial and necessary, and I could not with any self-respect stay in Toronto any longer."

He sailed from St. John with the rank of Sergeant, on the 2nd of March, crossing the Atlantic on the Scandinavian. To