

the proletariats many were dying of starvation. His action a few minutes later tended to justify his statement, for, when I offered him a tin of bully beef, he devoured it like a hungry dog. When he had finished his meal I left him, as I had other duties to perform."

Extract from a letter dated 28th October, written by GUNNER R. PANGMAN, formerly of the Windsor, Ont., branch:—

"You will see by the address that we are now in England after a long wait. All the Windsor boys are here and feeling fine. Clint probably gave you the personell when he was home on last leave.

"They put us into quarantine right away and now we are sleeping in tents again with a high barbed wire fence around us and a guard outside. The weather has been awfully cold and not a bit what we expected. When we got up this morning, 5.30, by the light of the stars, everything was frozen stiff.

"We expect to be in quarantine for about ten days, then here is hoping we get our leave. After that our course takes anywhere up to five weeks, so I should not be surprised if we spent Christmas in France.

"One of the chief things that struck us since we came here is the conservation of food. Nothing whatever is wasted. If everything is not eaten at one meal, it is dished up at the next; but we have a regular chef in the cooking line and our meals are the best we have had yet, in spite of all the warnings we were given to the contrary.

"Clint, Wigle and Walker Whiteside wish to be remembered to all and please give my kindest regards to any of the old staff that are left."

Extract from a letter written from France by LIEUT. JAMES R. PURDY, formerly of the Winnipeg branch, dated 13th November:—

"I was very pleased to hear that you are all getting along so well in the 'Peg' and that you are carrying on bravely with your depleted staff. It is indeed good to note, however, that you are looking forward to your boys coming back.

"I am glad to be out here now amongst the boys. I had a long spell in London and was naturally feeling fed up and the long hours of confinement were beginning to have their effect on me. I am now feeling very, very fit, however, as I get about such a lot.

"I saw Capt. Curran some time ago. He was down on a course of instruction and was looking very fit and quite recovered from his recent wounds. I also saw Pat McClafferty a few days ago. He won the Military Medal some time ago for bravery in action, and I believe he is now the only living member of the Commerce who has won the