

was educated at Macleod Public School and Bishops College School, Lennoxville, P.Q., and entered The Canadian Bank of Commerce in 1911. He enlisted as a private in the 31st (Alberta) Battalion, went overseas to England in 1915, and into the trenches in France on 22nd September, 1915. He was recommended for a commission on 21st January, 1916, "which he had so well earned by his excellent work in the trenches since we came to France." (Brigd. Gen. H. D. B. Ketchen). He was gazetted lieutenant in 31st Battalion, and put in charge of the scouts.

The following are extracts from letters written by his brigade commander, battalion commander and chaplain :

"He was, without doubt, one of the finest young fellows I had in my brigade, and since being promoted has more than upheld the honour of the 6th Brigade by his undaunted courage and pluck."

"On the night of July 11th, he was sent out on special patrol in front of trenches, and close up to the German lines, to take a German prisoner who was at a listening post, when he was shot through the heart. The only casualty, his end came instantly and without suffering; his men were able to carry him in, and the next day he was buried at 'Reininghelst' (five miles south of Ypres) with full military honours. All our officers attended the funeral, which went to show the great love and respect we all had for him."

"We looked on him as having established a great reputation for personal bravery and courage, and he would, without doubt, have had very strong recommendations for recognition for his work had he lived and carried on as he always did; his habitual cheerfulness under the heaviest shell fire, and in most trying circumstances, was most marked. We feel we have lost one of our very best officers. There was certainly none better amongst the young officers in my whole brigade. If he had been spared, I know he would have had a very distinguished career with us and made a name for himself." (Brigd. Gen. H. D. B. Ketchen.)

"He was loved and admired by all; he was absolutely devoid of any fear, and combined with his courage were the characteristics of a good soldier and officer: intelligence, self-reliance and discretion. His cheery disposition won the hearts of every one. No one felt his loss more deeply than our colonel, his estimation of his worth is immeasurable. We have seen a lot of fighting and many affecting scenes, but nothing has touched us so deeply as when we stood to attention and gave him the last salute as we filed past his grave." (Capt. W——, chaplain.)

"His courage, devotion to duty and cheery disposition made him invaluable as an officer, and he carried out the difficult duties of his position as scout officer with conspicuous ability. He had carried the respect and liking of all ranks to an extent which was quite exceptional for a young officer." (Col. A. H. Bell, O.C. 31st (Alberta) Battalion.)

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