

TO ALL WHO SERVED—

Greeting



ON THIS WARRIOR'S DAY, The Veterans' Alliance desires to extend to all ex-service men an expression of cordial friendship, the hand of steadfast comradeship, and the services of its Bureau, if such are needed.

Origin

THE ORIGIN OF THE VETERANS' ALLIANCE is well known to the majority of ex-service men of Toronto and Central Ontario generally, yet in these days, when it seems possible that at last a firm step forward may be made in the direction of unity, it will bear repeating.

Early in 1923, out of a sea of trouble and conflicting elements that seemed likely to all but wreck the cause of the veteran, there emerged the first clear sighted vision of what could be accomplished by a co-ordination of the various returned soldier bodies untrammelled by individual or personal interests. A general Convention for Ontario was called in the West End Club House, Toronto, on the 24th May, 1923. This meeting was representative of practically every Chartered Association in the Province, and after careful deliberation formed itself into a Provincial Veterans' Alliance for Ontario, and for the better organization of this enormous Province, divided the territory into four Regions.

The Central Ontario Region organized itself during the Convention and elected an Executive which was quite representative from the point of view both of the number of Associations represented and of the places where the members resided, this Executive having full power to add to its numbers by the addition of further representatives of soldier organizations.

THE CENTRAL ONTARIO REGION OF THE VETERANS' ALLIANCE, on opening offices in the Kent Building, absorbed the office which had for some years been successfully operated by the Toronto & District Command of the Great War Veterans' Association, and immediately set to work upon the establishment of a PENSION ADJUSTMENT AND GENERAL SERVICE BUREAU for ALL ex-service men, *irrespective of whether they were affiliated or not.*