

WAR PERSONALS.

Capt. T. C. Evans, M.C., has luckily escaped death or wounds by narrow margins on two occasions. One day he was walking across exposed ground when German snipers got his range and their bullets whistled near him. He threw himself into a shell hole and had to remain there until dark. On another occasion a shell tore through the tent in which he was sleeping. Had he been sitting up he would have been killed.

Gunner Charlie Slack, who has won the Military Medal, is a brother of Gilbert R. Slack, of the Department of Militia and Defence, who is at the front with a cyclist corps.

Major H. H. Donnelly, wounded, was for a long time an officer of the Department of Public Works, but left the government employ shortly before he enlisted. He was at one time in charge of the Temiskaming works and later superintendent of dredging for the Maritime Provinces, with headquarters at St. John. He went overseas as captain in an automobile machine gun battery, mobilized at Ottawa.

A. Lagimodiere, the Winnipeg artillery sergeant who won the D.C.M. recently, is a brother of R. Lagimodiere of the Transcontinental Railway staff.

Men of the re-wiring staff of the Department of Public Works have sent a special remembrance to Romeo St. Denis, recently wounded and now in hospital at Sheffield, Eng.

A FRENCH CROSS.

Another member of Canada's public service has won honors while fighting in the French army. C. E. Billard was on the Hudson Bay Railway staff when the war broke out and went home to serve against the Germans. It is now learned that he has won the Military Cross.

WITH THE BATTERY BOYS.

Assurance is given that the 74th Battery, C.F.A., is to be removed from Kingston to Ottawa and, perhaps before this issue of *The Civilian* is in the hands of its subscribers, the unit, horses, guns and all, will be in quarters at Lansdowne Park.

Capt. Frank Grierson is anxious to bring his unit to the Capital, where no artillery, with horses and guns, has been seen since the early days of the war. The 74th Battery, which has five Ottawa officers and has recruited a hundred Ottawa men, is furnishing a part of the latest draft upon the 17th Brigade and some of the lads who enlisted in the autumn will soon be crossing the water to complete their training in one of England's famous artillery training grounds. There will be a lot of vacancies in the battery and unusual opportunities for recruits to get good ratings.

With the battery quartered in Ottawa, the local men will have the pleasure of frequent visits to home and families. Altogether, the 74th Battery offers an unusually good opportunity for the young man who wants to "get into the game" under pleasant conditions.

FAREWELL PRESENTATIONS.

On the eve of their departure from Ottawa with the 207th Ottawa-Carleton Battalion, Lance-Corporal J. D. Mooney and Corporals C. S. Johnston and G. M. McRae were presented by their former co-workers in the Post Office Department with useful and valuable articles for men on active service. Combination sets of cutlery, drinking cups and money belts were among the articles presented, and not least valued by the recipients were addresses expressing the admiration and good wishes of the donors.