

MEMORIAL

We should erect somewhere a monument to our departed comrades which would bear their names and the places where they fell. We should also take steps to have our Battalion Cross placed upon the graves of these men in France as was done in the case of our comrades who died in Canada and in England. We should also send resolutions of sympathy to the next of kin of these who have fallen. I started doing this when I received rumors of the deaths of certain of our members some time ago, but in two or three cases found that I had been wrongly advised and my letters caused needless worry to anxious relatives, for the comrades showed up afterwards as wounded instead of killed, so I gave up doing this until I have a correct return of casualties.

PIPE BAND

I am making an effort to have our Pipe Band reorganized so that on Labor Day we shall have at least twenty pieces. Pipe Sergt. Cromwell is busily engaged on this work now. Let us look forward to being led through the streets of Boston by what is left of that band which was once the largest Pipe Band in the world.

KILTIE KONCERT COMPANY

Sergt. George Duthie is assisting me in the reorganization of the Kiltie Konkert Kompany, and it is hoped to be able to put on a show in a Boston theatre in which the old boys who caused us to pass so many happy moments shall take part.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

I am having compiled a list of all those who helped us either by money or work while we were being organized or while on service. This will comprise about five thousand names, and to each of these we will send a membership card written upon McLean silk tartan.

PICTORIAL RECORD

We have in No. 6 Breath O' the Heather group pictures covering every member of the Unit. It is my hope that everyone that has survived the war shall be present on Labor Day so that we may again take groups of the different platoons, bands, etc., and to be able to send to the kind donors of our kilts, whose names the platoons bore, a photograph showing the remnant of the once full strength platoon.

You will realize, my comrade, that in the organization of our association as above outlined, an immense amount of work and a great expenditure of money shall be necessary. For instance, the 250 crosses or more required for the graves of our comrades in France, will cost quite a sum of money, and it will be necessary to send a committee from our Battalion to France and Flanders to put up these crosses. This will cost a deal more. But I believe that we who have been lucky enough to come back, owe this to the memory of our comrades—for what would be a finer tribute of our love and esteem for them than the placing upon their graves of our Battalion crest which would speak to the world and say, "Here lies a true McLean." Big hearted, whole souled, patriotic men and women have backed our battalion from the start and I know that they will back it until our work is completed and we have done these things which are necessary to carry into the new association the traditions of the old.

There will be many other things which we will have to discuss. Think these matters over so that you will be prepared with suggestions. Our good old standbys, General McLean, Col. Walter Scott and Dr. A. W. Thornton will be among the friends to greet you on Labor Day. Watch the date.

Yours aye,

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