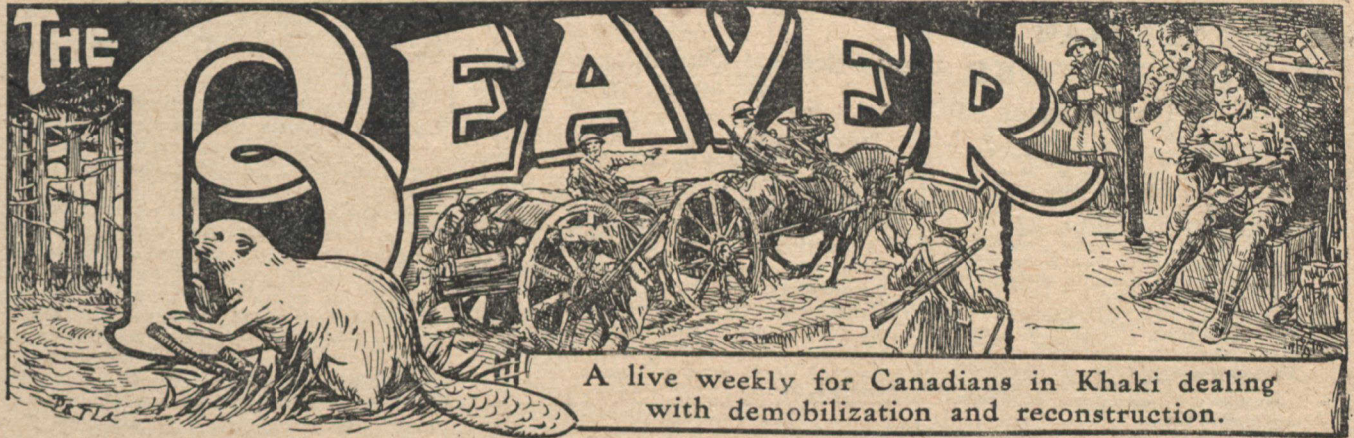


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CANADA is justly proud of her M.P. V.C.—the first and presumably the last Member of any British Parliament to win the coveted distinction in this War.

Lieut.-Col. Peck, who is also a D.S.O., is one of the most popular Officers in the Canadian Overseas Forces, and that is saying a good deal. He was returned at the last Federal Election as Member for Skeena, B.C., by a very large majority, his opponent only securing a small number of votes.

A citizen soldier, like so many of his brother officers, he joined the 30th Battalion at Victoria, B.C., in November, 1917, and in a few months he was in France, so keen and eager that in May, and again in October of this year he was twice wounded in two big fights with the Huns.

Evidently, this only whetted his appetite for more of it, for the Victoria Cross was gained "for most conspicuous bravery and skilful leading when in attack under intense fire."

The bald statement in the "London Gazette" reciting the deed which won the award, loses nothing by its baldness, for anyone with ordinary imagination can fill in the details. The statement runs:

## CANADA'S M.P. V.C.



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**LIEUT.-COL. PECK, V.C., D.S.O.,**  
 who has received the coveted award.

"His command quickly captured the first objective, but progress to the farther objective was held up by enemy machine gun fire on his right flank. The situation being critical in the extreme, Col. Peck pushed forward and made a personal reconnaissance across a stretch of ground which was heavily swept by machine gun and sniping fire. Having reconnoitred the position, he returned, reorganised his battalion, and, acting upon the knowledge personally gained, pushed them forward and arranged to protect his flanks. He then went out under the most intense artillery and machine-gun fire, intercepted the tanks, gave them the necessary directions, pointing out where they were to make for, and thus paved the way for a Canadian infantry battalion to push forward. To this battalion he subsequently gave requisite support. His magnificent display of courage and fine qualities of leadership contributed largely to the success of the brigade attack."

Lieut.-Col. Peck was born at Hopewell Hill, N.B., in 1871, and is a broker by profession.

He is serving in France with the 16th Battalion.