

and French are, man for man, better than the German soldier, and under even conditions can win a glorious victory in this war.

I told some of the officers that we would give them a glorious welcome back to Canada, and one of them said to me: "I never expect to go back to Canada. I came with the Canadian troops when they first came here. I have been exceptionally fortunate. Most of my brother officers have fallen, and it is scarcely humanly possible that I should expect to see this war through." Yet, with that feeling, brave and courageous and with a cheerful smile he was going ahead doing his day's work. And that is the feeling of all our men. I was talking with another of the Princess Patricias at the ramparts of Ypres, just after a serious engagement. Just the night before they left the trenches they lost six men by German shell fire, and of these six belonged to the very small remnant of the men who left with the battalion after it was formed. And of those five four had been entitled to leave, and had been offered their leave before going to the trenches this time. But they said they would not take it, there were so many new men as reinforcements, and they must be there to help steady the line and keep up the record of the Princess Patricias.

So they deliberately and freely went back, and went to their deaths. Do you mean to tell me that the people of Canada, recognizing the heroism and devotion of such men will not provide the men and reinforcements needed? It is incredible if they know the facts. Our men over there are prepared to fight and ready if need be to die—but when the flag falls from their hands who will take it on unless we send reinforcements? Are these reinforcements really needed? Let me tell you something not generally known. At scarcely any time during the past summer did we have sufficient men in Great Britain who had completed their training to provide the necessary reinforcements at the front.

Our men were awaiting a Fourth Division to relieve the First Division and give them a much needed rest, for they had had no rest period since they first started in this struggle. But while the coming of this Fourth Division was delayed because there were not enough troops for them, they had to