

excluding the Railway and Canal Services, or, with those added, 3,700. It is highly probable that the total enlistments have reached or surpassed that figure.

Regarding the Ottawa men enlisted, it may be pointed out that a large proportion of them are with units which have mobilized outside of Ottawa. These men have been lost sight of as soon as they left the city and the public has not credited them to the Service as recruits.

Viewed in the light of the state of recruiting in Ottawa generally, and taking into account all the special conditions affecting the enlistment of civil employees of the Government, the above showing is one that the Ottawa Service has no reason to be ashamed of, while the Service outside of Ottawa has made a record which commands the highest praise.

### **POWELL WINS CROSS.**

Robert Wynyard Powell, 4th Field Company, Engineers, mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch as winning the Military Cross for gallantry on the field of honor, is a son of Dr. R. W. Powell of Ottawa and an employee of the Department of Public Works. He was reported wounded in a casualty list of April 8th, and evidently sustained his injury while doing distinguished service in action.

### **LIEUT.-COL. W. D. ALLEN, D.S.O.**

Few men at the front have won promotion and distinction more rapidly than Lieutenant-Colonel W. D. Allen, D.S.O., who, in civil life, is a member of the staff of the Dominion Meteorological Office in Toronto.

Lieut.-Col. Allen went overseas as a captain in the 3rd Battalion, having joined with the men of the Queen's Own Rifles, with which corps he has been connected for twenty-one years, rising from its ranks. Some months ago he was wounded in action. When Lieut.-Col. Rennie of the 3rd Battalion was made a Brigadier General, Captain Allen received his promotion to a Lieutenant-Colonelcy.

On the King's birthday this year his merit was further recognized by the conferring upon him of the D. S.O. At that time he was engaged in the desperate action at Hooge and sustained a slight wound which, how-

ever, did not keep him from the firing line very long. He was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch of June 16th for distinguished conduct.

### **73rd IS ATTRACTIVE.**

The 73rd Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, C.E.F., now mobilizing at Kingston, promises to be one of the best units in that arm of the service. It has a special interest for Ottawa civil servants, being commanded by Captain Donald Robertson, of the Department of Indian Affairs (formerly of the 2nd "Ottawa" Battery) and having Lieut. A. H. Miller of the Surveyor General's office as second in command. Other civil servants enrolled with the 73rd are John Culbert of the Auditor General's office, A. B. Coulter of the Naval Service, Henry Elliott of Railways and Canals, and G. D. M. Fulton, W. Jones and F. Scott from the Department of the Secretary of State. Other civil servants are said to be about to join this bunch of friends in the 73rd.

### **RECOMMENDED FOR MILITARY CROSS.**

Captain W. F. Peterman, of the 13th Battalion, C.E.F., the Cobalt customs officer whose gallantry at the front was related in a recent issue, has been recommended for the Military Cross.