

ton post office. He was twenty-one years of age and entered the postal service in 1913. The date or place of his death are not reported.

ROBERT COOK.

Robert Cook, another Edmonton postal clerk, is missing.

D. A. McQUARRIE.

D. A. McQuarrie, a Public Works man of Nelson, B.C., who went overseas with the 30th Battalion, is reported to be severely wounded in the jaw and in a French hospital.

WILLIAM THOMPSON.

A cablegram from overseas announces that William Thompson, mail transfer agent of the Calgary district, R.M.S., has been killed in action. He was born in Troon, Scotland, in 1891, and entered the postal service in 1914. He went overseas with the 82nd Battalion.

S. H. THORSON.

Stephen H. Thorson, railway mail clerk of the Saskatoon district, is reported killed in action. He was 24 years of age, entered the postal service in 1912, lived at Gimli, Man., and was not married. He belonged to the 42nd Battalion.

MEDALS PRESENTED.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught was pleased to confer upon James Parkinson, Inspector of Dominion Secret Service, the Royal Victorian Silver Medal for long and meritorious service. Inspector Parkinson began his police career on the Cobourg Police Force in 1884, from which he resigned to join the Dominion Police the 1st of June, 1887; was promoted Sergeant 1st of June, 1906, and to his present rank 1st of October, 1907. Inspector Parkinson is perhaps one of the best known police officers in Canada, having brought to a successful issue cases in almost every city in this country, his particular line being post office burglaries and

counterfeiting. He was chosen by the Chief Commissioner to accompany His Royal Highness on his many tours of inspection throughout Canada; was one of the special guard for the present King during his visit to Canada as the Duke of Cornwall and York in 1901 and again as Prince of Wales in 1908; was also appointed personal bodyguard to His Serene Highness Prince Fushimi of Japan during the visit to this country in 1897 for which he received the Order of the Rising Sun. He was born in the County of Kerry, Ireland, in 1858.

The Royal Victorian Medal has also been awarded to the following: George Muhlig, W. M. Hutchison, Alf. Seaby, Thomas Ambridge, H. F. Sims, R. O. Croll and John Guy, all of Government House Staff.

EXEMPT FROM TAX.

The Court of Revision on the assessment of the City of Ottawa has decided that the members of the Board of Railway Commissioners, as employees of the Government, are covered by the agreement between the city and the Government concerning exemptions from income taxes. The decision was rendered on an appeal from assessment brought by D'Arcy Scott, assistant chairman of the Board.

HOW SPENCER WON HIS CROSS

In the issue of October 13th it was announced that Captain R. A. Spencer, of No. 1 Tunnelling Company, who in civil life is on the staff of the Forest Products Laboratories in Montreal, had won promotion and the Military Cross. How he earned the distinguishing decoration is told in brief but expressive terms in the official order. It says:

During five successive nights he patrolled "No Man's Land" in order to locate a mine gallery, and then wrecked it.