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atson, Mrs. Ralph Hayden and Miss ye Camber, of Woodstock, spent ednesday night in Perth having tored from Woodstock via Caribou d Presque Isle. They returned to

e on Household Economics to the dover domestic science class, at the ne of Mrs. W. M. Field, Thursday

members of the Round Table Liter-

Club at their regular meeting.
On Friday Mrs. Wiley entertained a ladies at a knitting party. esent were Mrs. William Curry, Mrs. P. Waite, Mrs. H. H. Tibbits. Mrs. Peter Watson, of Houlton (Me.), is siting his sister, Miss Sarah Watson.

Miss Gertrude Kilburn went to St

Miss May Armstrong has been con-ted to the house the past week with abscess in her mouth. A number of the Andover people thered at the Andover station on Sat

day afternoon, on the arrival of the press, to welcome Private Arthur ebb, who has been invalided home om France. Private Webb was in the enches at the battle of Festubert when rench, sustaining injuries from which e has not yet recovered. While in the illage Mr. Webb is the guest of Mr. nd Mrs. W. A. Gillett. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perkins, of

its.

Mrs. D. R. Bedell and Mrs. J. W.
Illes will serve tea at the regular meetng of the Red Cross Society on Wedesday afternoon.

Mrs. John Inman received a telegram
n Saturday telling of the sudden death

its have rented Mrs. Welling's bungaand moved into it last week

Frivate William Kelly, all of whom have Gagetown's best wishes.

A souvenir from the battlefield of Glanders has recently been received by N. H. Otty, from Lance-Corporal Alred Ashburne, of the 1st battalion. It

red Ashburne, of the 1st battaion. It is a button off Corporal Ashburne's reat coat, which, with the other conents of his dug-out, was blown up when a shell landed in the dug out. The nere concussion flattened all the buttons if they had been hammered. Corporal shburne said, that during the heavy rtillery duel, around October 13, the arth shook as if they were in a boat. On Saturday the news that Private ames McNevin, of the 26th battalion, ad been wounded while in action, was leard with regret by many friends. Last numn, although only eighteen, he agerly signed on, and left here anxious o do his part. Only a few days ago a ard was received from him by one of is friends here. On it was embroided in their national colors, the flags the Allies, and Private McNevin had written "Ill stand by these flags till the irth shook as if they were in a boat. or the Allies, and Private McNevin had written "Pil stand by these flags till the ind, if it costs me my life." He also emarked that he had had four sand ags fall on him when his dug-out was slown up, but was "still alive." The ext of kin of this courageous young oldier is Miss Annie McNevin, Glasow, Scotland. On Friday a Friday a packing case of Red

ross work was sent to headquarters a St. John from the local branch here. With so many Canadians in the field, nd a long hard winter coming on, the (Continued on page 7, sixth



## BRITISH COMMAND OF SEA FROM BEGINNING OF WAR. DOOMS GERMANY TO DEFEAT

(By Archibald Hurd, Naval Expert of The London Telegraph.)

There is no better way of concealing the truth than to use trite phrases which have passed into our every day speech. They are so familiar that they make little impression on the mind; no one pauses to think what they mean. We can trace their atrophying process in religion, natural science and politics. Just now in all the Allied countries there is talk of "the command of the sea." Who stops to consider what the words mean? Who ever calculates what the cost in human life and treasure would have been had the Allies not had "command of the sea?" Who, again, ever examines the facts to ascertain exactly

What course, for instance, would the war have taken if the British fleet had stood by, had not intervened in the struggle? The naval situation at the moment when Germany determined to trample on Europe's freedom was not a little remarkable. By means of successive naval acts Germany had first overtaken Russia, then Italy, and finally France, and she could count on the support of the Austro-Hungarian navy, which under her guidance had greatly expanded until it rivalled that of Italy. The Germans had so completely outdistanced all the other Continental Powers of Europe in ships of war that on the outbreak of hostilities they with the co-operation of Austria-Hungary were absolutely assured of the command of the sea if the British fleet did not move. absolutely assured of the command of the sea if the british need do not move. The two enemies had an enormous preponderance in effective ships of all classes over France and Russia, and those ships, every seaman admitted, would be handled with enterprise and skill. The relation of the four navies is not generally appreciated. The following statement showing the ships of the four countries on the outbreak of war reveals the preponderance possess-

Dreadnoughts:	Germany	Austria.	Total.	France.	Russia,	Total.
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Battle ships	20	12	32	19	8	27
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Cruisers	48	10 15	58	13	9	22
Destroyers	130	15	145		95	179
Torpedo boats	80 30	58	145 138 36	150	95 25 25	175
Submarines	30	6	36	53	25	78

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MEN IN MACHINE **GUN CORPS OF 26TH** THEIR OWN COOKS

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23RD BATTERY ISSUES BOOKLET

Sergt. Major Harry N. Patchell as Editor - Officer of 25th Reports That Previncial Battalions Work Out Well in Firing Line.

The following letter was received by Mrs. L. H. Turner, St. Almo, Victoria county, from her son, Earl Turner, who enlisted with the 26th Battalion, and since going to France has been transfer-red to the reserved machine gun section of the 26th Battalion instead of D Com-

pany;
Dear Mother and Father,—I have just had my dinner, and as there is no parade this afternoon I have nothing to do but

write.

For dinner today we had beefsteak, fried potatoes, bread, jam and coffee, pretty good for a soldier, don't you think? We are getting better food now than we did in our company, that is the company I was in before being transferred to the reserved machine gun section. We do our own cooking, six of us together, and we fix up some great old feeds; but I tell you what, I would like to be home, where I could get a good feed of fried chicken.

We are billeted in a barn now, and we

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WAR IN THE ALPS

### Officers of 26th Making Good This Man's Testimony

Germans Coming to End of Tether But 'Twill Take Another Year to Make Sure of Victory-26th Again in Trenches, Sergt. Ryer Having Been First in Second Division to Win D. C. M .-- Major Magee's Battery Wins

A St. John officer attached to the 1st Canadian Division at the front, who has seen service since early in the war writes to a friend in St. John from the trenches under date of November 1. The Telegraph has been allowed to reproduce the following interesting extracts from this letter:

"I am going on leave tomorrow after two months strenuous work, and thought I should drop you a line before going. The winter rains have set in here and the mud is something to marvel at. . . . Things are going rather well with us and I think the Huns are pretty near the end of their tether. But I imagine it will take another year to finish the war, if we do it then. This will be my first leave since the war began, and I am sadly in need

We have brought down two aeroplanes in our lines lately, and have seen some thrilling exhibitions of airmanship and nerve. Yesterday I had the pleasure of working for a couple of hours with German shells whizzing over my head and bursting beyond us. Big shells they were, too, for they threw the dirt up as high as the largest trees.

"I saw 'Jim' McAvity and most of the officers of the 26th last week getting ready for their second trip to the trenches. They got quite a scorching the first week. Had sixty-three casualties. Our first brigade had live hundred during the past week; so you see life is still a bit strenuous on the front, though the fight has been chiefly artillery. McAvity is making good all

The following special order issued at the front is evidence of the good work that has been done by the Heavy Battery under Major Frank Magee and Captain Cyrus F. Inches, in which there are several St. John men, former members of the 3rd Regiment, C.G.A. It also shows that they are no longer a part of No. 1 Group Heavy Artillery and may have returned to the Canadian Di-

Special Group Order by Brigadier-General G. M. Franks, R.A., commanding No. 1 Group Heavy Artillery Reserve. Departure of "Phipps Brigade": In consequences of their services being required elsewhere the Phipps Brigade comprising the 48th and Canadian Heavy Batteries, have, it is hoped, temporarily left No. 1 Group, H.A.R. The G.O.C. wishes to place on record the excellent work done by this brigade during the recent operations. Both batteries have been exposed to heavy shell fire and both have been thanked by the division they were supporting during the battle of the 25th of September, 1915, for the assistance rendered by them. The G.O.C. feels that he is expressing the feelings of the group in wishing them good luck and a speedy return,

(Sgd.) H. RYAN, Captain R. A., Staff Captain No. 1 Group, H.A.R.

proud to learn that the whole 26th Battalion has been mentioned in despatches for exceptionally good work," writes J. Holly Turner, of the 26th, a west side

"Sergeant Ryer of our battalion brought in a lot of wounded men while exposed to heavy fire and he has since been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Of course we are very A. secretary of the 52nd Battalion will much pleased with Sergeant Ryer's record as only two D. C. M. medals have been awarded in the second Canadian division of sixteen battalions.

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An officer of the 26th Battalion writes killed.

formerly a draughtsman in the engineer "I am sure that St. John will be ing department of the I, C, R, at Moncton, has been killed in action, while serving with the Canadian Engineers at the A big recruiting meeting was held at Rockland, Carleton county, last night

and six recruits signed. One is Bruce Hon. Captain W. B. Hurd, Y. M. C.

we are still in Belgium where we street, has received two letters from her have been for two months and we have seen some pretty stiff fighting. I guess the 26th is as good as any of them when it comes down to the real thing."

No One Down-Hearted.

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It is estimated there are, in round rom the front:

"There isn't anyone down-hearted numbers, about 100 members of the staff
we get good grub and can buy of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in