

won their laurels in the great war. The general battle is more commonly known to Canadians as Langemarck, St. Julien or Ypres.

"I don't like to talk too much about the fighting we went through, because so many versions have been published," said Major Hanson to *The Star* today. "We used to have much amusement in the trenches reading some of the 'war stories' that came back to us in the newspapers. But I can give you a general outline of what happened, and incidentally of how I obtained my own wounds.

"The 13th Battalion were in the trenches from the Poelcappelle road, west, when the Turcos, to their left, succumbed to the poisonous German gases, and broke back."

The 14th, 10th and 16th, were back at St. Jean and Ypres, six miles away, having come out of the trenches the night before. At St. Julien one company of the 14th was billeted and one company of the 13th.

"When the trouble came on the afternoon of April 22, these two companies were moved up to the cross-roads at Kersselaere. The Germans were advancing in a wedge, along the two roads that meet at this point, and the little group of Canadians held them. The resistance was so stubborn that the German advance was deflected to the left, and time was gained for the bringing up of reserves.

"It was at Kersselaere that all the officers of my company, Steacie, Brotherhood and Stairs, were wounded. I was shot through the leg. When it was over there remained 92 men out of the company of the 14th."

Major Hanson left the hospital, on a Wednesday, and sailed for Canada on the *Missanabie* the Friday of the same week. He is now resting at his home in St. Lambert.

"Back here in Canada it is hard to realize that there is such pandemonium going on over in France, and that thousands of Canadians are in the thick of it. I shall enjoy a rest."

Major Hanson received a German bullet through the thigh, injuring an important nerve. His leg below the knee is almost paralyzed.

A royal welcome was extended to Major Hanson by St. Lambert, when he reached home last evening. Hundreds of citizens gathered at the M. and S. C. railway on St. Denis street, and when the automobile containing Major and Mrs. Hanson reached that point, there was a triumphal procession to Major Hanson's home on Prince Arthur street.

The drum and bugle band of the St. Lambert Cadets, and a detachment of 120 of the boys, under Capt. Wilson, lead the procession, which included a number of automobiles. Throngs of people lined the streets and cheered lustily as the war hero passed.

At his home, in response to demands for a "Speech," Major Hanson said:

"Fellow soldiers and neighbors and friends: To endeavor to respond to this grand welcome, this wonderful expression of kindness and friendship is more difficult than any task which has fallen to my lot since I left St. Lambert. I would like to say many things to you, and yet I do not know what to say. Perhaps the day may come when we can arrange a meeting and I can have an opportunity to tell you some of the things I have seen since I went from among you. But now, even if I were not really overcome by this reception, I do not know whether I should be able to say very much for you must know that I had only been out of the hospital three days when I embarked on the *Missanabie*.

"This I can say every man from St. Lambert and every man and boy (for some of them were only boys after all) from Canada shared in the honors which were earned for Canada during those dreadful, but glorious days in April when so many gave their lives. It was no work for children, yet the