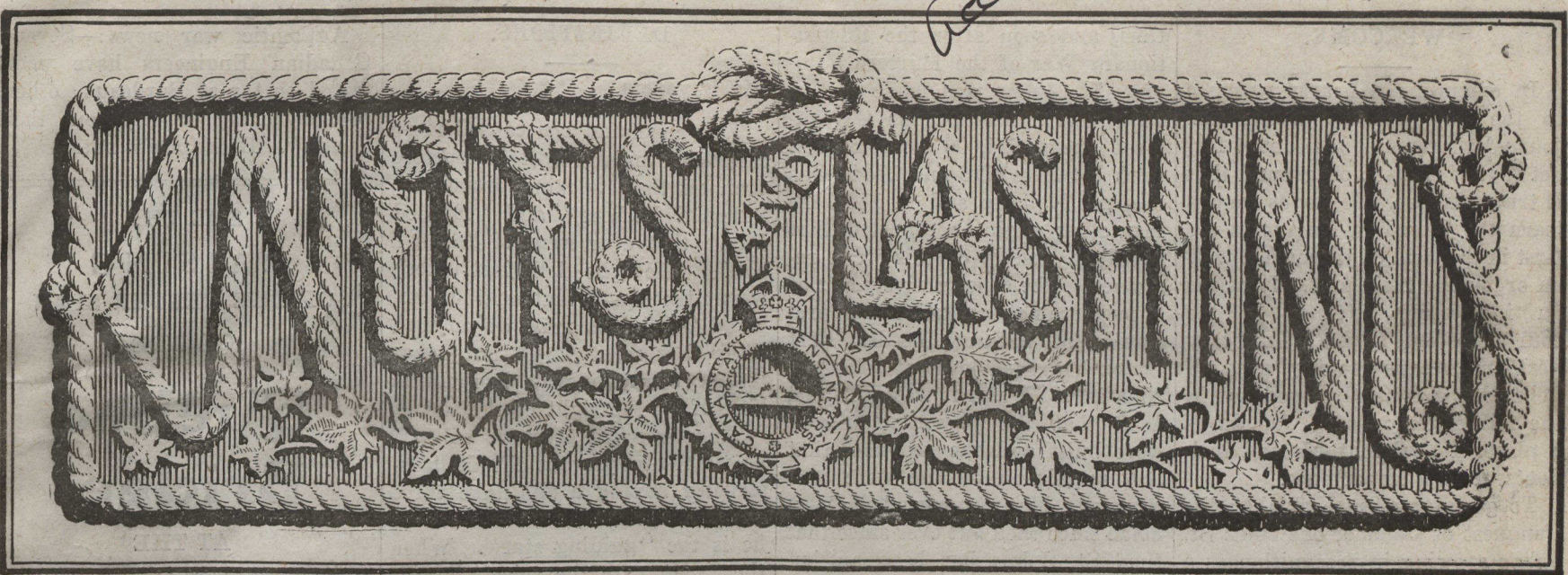


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# HE ROSE FROM THE RANKS, AND BECAME OUR O. C.

## Colonel Melville's Career Inspiration To All Sappers.

Born in Carlton County, New Brunswick, on March 28th, 1873, Lieut. Col. W. W. Melville is a typical production of, and lacks none of the prominent attributes which go so far to distinguish those hailing from, the early settled Maritime Provinces. Men from these provinces have asserted their superiority in many and varied spheres of life and Col. Melville is in no way an exception, having established for himself an enviable reputation as a soldier and administrator.

Starting his military career as a sapper in 1889, in the Brighton Engineers (now the 1st Field Company Canadian Engineers) he has completed 28 years consecutive service, in recognition of which he wears the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Medal.

Sapper in 1889 to Lieutenant Colonel in 1915 is an experience vouchsafed to few and one to be eminently proud of. He is not ashamed of having been a "ranker" for if he has any frills he keeps them strictly under lock and key; and it is due to the practical experience gleaned during his many stages of promotion that he maintains all officers should win their spurs in a like manner, gaining at first hand the knowledge of and insight into the sappers' life which the higher command should



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(Photo by Pinonnault)

## His Watchword Is "Results: Give Me Results."

necessarily possess. The remarkable knowledge of, and interest in the needs and welfare of all ranks displayed by him at all times goes a long way to vindicate the stand taken by him from the viewpoint of those whose pleasure and good fortune it has been to serve under him.

At the outbreak of war in 1914, Colonel (then Major) Melville volunteered his and his Company's services for "overseas". This offer was readily accepted by the Department of Militia and Defence and he was ordered to mobilise and proceed to Valcartier Camp where the 1st Field troop was linked to his company forming the 1st Field Company Canadian Engineers, Canadian Expeditionary Forces, under his own command with rank of Major.

His work in France and Flanders, we know, notwithstanding his impervious reticence, was well and nobly done and reflects most creditably upon the service of which he forms no minor part. His duties in France included those of Commander of the Royal Canadian Engineers and involved the application of the principles of common sense and sound judgment of which he is and always has been the counterpart; and which seems to me to distinguish every officer

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