

EPILOGUE.

OFFICERS, N.C.O.s, and MEN.

This is a solemn time for us all.

No Canadian can view the demobilization of the 1st Canadian Division and all that that means and stands for—the Old Guard Division of the Canadian Corps—without emotion.

Memories crowd fast upon us: our victories, our glorious dead—who fell battling for the Right, and therefore fell in the Peace of God, and live to-day as never before—our maimed and mutilated comrades, Canada's care, and ours, through life.

The 1st Canadian Division has proved on many a bloody, triumphant field that it is the last word in military efficiency—for nearly four years front line assault troops, and uniformly successful.

One does not know which branch or arm to praise most, all are so splendidly gallant, loyal and efficient, of proved worth and valour.

I cannot view the breaking up of my beautiful 1st Canadian Division, the men of the "Old Red Patch," with equanimity. It breaks me up too. That is the truth.

I shall soon only be a memory to you. It will, however, I trust, be the pleasant memory of a Canadian General who believed in you, trusted you, cared for you, **gloried** in your steadfast courage, discipline, and truly wonderful achievements, and who hopes none of you will be the worse for being "Macdonell's Men."

Canada is proud of you, and Canada is grateful.

For myself, my pride in my Division is immeasurable, my gratitude complete.

God bless and protect every one of you in the years to come, and give you each Happiness and Success.

Remember that we of the 1st Canadian Division—Canada's "Old Guard"—stand present for the King.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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Commanding 1st Canadian Division.