Chatham Men Show Great Gallantry Under Heavy Fire

Andrew Baldwin, Although Wounded, Carried Message Which Saved Battalion—Major Norman Edgar Ready to Hold Out "Until Cows Come Home"—Montreal Soldier-Hero Who Does Not Drink Nor Smoke.

Saturday, June 5.

News of how a Chatham hero saved a whole Canadian battalion by delivering a message under fire, although wounded, is told in a letter from Pte. Jack Forrest to Alvan Walls, of Chatham. The wounded man is Andrew C. Baldwin, whose name has already appeared in the casualty lists.

The letter follows:

Belgium, May 9, 1915.

Dear Alvan,—I am just writing you a few lines to let you know that there are a few of us on top yet. I suppose you have heard that Andrew Baldwin is wounded, but I suppose you have not heard just how he got it. I know he would not tell it, but he did splendidly. It was owing to his pluck in carrying a message from one part of the line to another under a regular hail of shot and shrapnel that a battalion of Canadians were not cut off and captured. I cannot tell you how proud all the boys are of him and he deserves it all. It was while carrying this despatch that he was wounded. I do not know whether he will get anything for it or not, but he deserves the best that goes.

Also Major Edgar. At a critical moment he received word asking how long he could hold out and the word he sent back was, "Until the cows come home," and he did it, too. Chatham should be proud of both and also of Charlie McCulley, who carried wounded out under a regular hell of fire. The ones at home have not the slightest idea of what our boys have gone through, none but themselves know and what it means to see your friends drop beside you, and what it means to a fellow who wins the respect of his comrades on the battlefield. I would like to see some more of the Chatham boys out here, but I suppose there is quite a few coming with the Second Contingent. I may be lucky enough to run across some of them.

How is everything in Chatham? Drop me a line once in a while and tell me the news. Will write soon again. With best wishes.

Yours truly,
JOHN.

Major Norman Edgar referred to is another Chatham boy. Singularly enough both Edgar and Forest have since been wounded.

Charlie McCulley is a son of Col. McCulley, of Chatham. Col. McCulley has another son wounded and who is now in a hospital in England.

Local Man Wounded.

A telegram received yesterday by Mrs. Westley Boone, 417 Haymarket square, confirmed the announcement in yesterday's Telegraph that her son, Private George W. Boone, had been wounded in France, while fighting with the 17th Battalion, to which he had been transferred from the 12th. He is about twenty-three years of age, and was well known about the city. He had been employed with R. J. Currie, harness-maker, Waterloo street, and was popular in Y. M. C. A. circles. He left St. John last fall in the infantry company from here, for the 12th Battalion. The last letter received from him a few days ago said that he had been through some heavy fighting but had escaped without injury. Besides his parents, the young soldier has two brothers and seven sisters at home.

A Montreal Hero.

In Montreal Wednesday night a proud father and mother told a Daily Mail representative something of their son, Stretcher-Bearer Reginald Harry Drake, who will shortly receive the Distinguished Conduct Medal from the king himself. Newspaper clippings telling of the youth's bravery—he is not yet twenty—and pictures of him were brought out from a box containing treasures of which the chief ones were these. There, too, was his own story of the act which has won for him this honor.

It was his attempt to save a companion in danger from death, under heavy fire, that has won Stretcher-bearer Drake the medal that every British soldier regards as equal to the Victoria Cross. Private George Poole Soady of the 14th batalion, had been "bowled over"—to quote from one of the hero's letters—by a German sniper, and fell about a hundred yards in front of the position where Drake was writing a letter to a friend in Montreal. The stretcher-bearer, accompanied by a companion named Gould, started out to bring him in, and both were hit. With a bullet in his side Drake went on, and gave Soady first aid before he would consent to have his own wound attended to. The brave effort to rescue Soady was futile, for he succumbed shortly after.

The Hero's Modest Story.

Drake's story of the deed, in a letter to his parents, is brief, as follows:

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am feeling all right, although I have been unfortunate enough to get hit by a German bullet. It is not serious. It is a slight bullet wound on the right side of the chest, and came out under the right arm. I guess by the time you get this I will be nearly well; don't worry about me, for I am all right. If anything serious was to happen you would hear from the Ottawa government within twenty-four hours. Now don't worry.

"I was writing to Mr. Harvey (secretary of the local lodge of the Ancient Order of Foresters, of which Drake was a member) just before they called for the stretcher-bearers, and I was on my way to the man who was hit when I got hit myself. I went to the other poor fellow, and he was dying. He was 7hit in the side and it came through the heart, on the other side.

"I am now in Boulogne, in the military hospital. We have a fine view of the seaside, and are being looked after fine."

Grenadiers Will Be Pleased.

In another letter, received a week ago last Monday, Stretcher-bearer Drake said that he was still in the hospital at Boulogne, and was getting along nicely, the wound being nearly healed. He unasumingly told how he had received the congratulations of the "boys" in the regiment (the Grenadier Guards) from the colonel down. His captain had told him that he had brought honor to the battalion, and that every man was proud of him. "I suppose the Grenadiers will be pleased to learn of it," he wrote.

Another letter that the first man in the Canadian contingent to win the medal for distinguished conduct wrote

ANDREW BALDWIN, Chatham hero wounded while carrying messages which saved a Canadian battalion. This picture shows him as a member of the Argonauts, the champion basketball team in Chatham six years ago.

Two other members of the team are at the front and three members of the famous Reds, champions of the previous year, are also in the king's service. These are Capt. J. D. K. MacNaughton, paymaster of the 55th; Sergt. W. W. Loggie, paymaster-sergeant of the 26th, and Pte. W. W. Watling, member of the 26th Army Medical Corps.

ELLSWORTH REID, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Reid, 17 Simonds street, who is reported (unofficially) as having been killed while fighting with the Canadian troops in France.

OBITUARY

Theodore H. Arthuts.

Saturday, June 5.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arthurs, 47 St. David's street, will sympathize with them in the loss of their youngest son, Theodore H., who died on Friday afternoon, after a short illness. Besides the parents, two sisters and one brother survive: Evelyn, Elsie and Raymond.

Mrs. William J. Marks.

Saturday, June 5.

The death of Mrs. William J. Marks occurred yesterday morning in the Sisters Infirmary after a short illness. Her husband, who is a member of the Army Service Corps, is in England. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Daley, and besides them and her husband is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Francis Dibblee, Elizabeth and Maud, and three brothers, John, of Boston; Lewis, of the Army Service Corps, now serving in France, and Maurice, at home. A wide circle of friends will hear of her death with regret.

Frederick James Hatheway.

Mrs. S. E. Melick, Elliott Row, yesterday received an Australian paper of April 12 containing news of the death of her brother, Frederick James Hatheway. The sad news will be heard with regret by many former St. John friends. Mr. Hathaway was a son of the late Mr. James Gilbert Hathaway, who was himself drowned on the St. John river a few years ago. The deceased was at one time a clerk in the Bank of New Brunswick.

Edward Walker.

Saturday, June 5.

The friends of Edward Walker will hear with regret of his death which occurred last night, following an attack of pneumonia, at the residence of his father-in-law, Lt.-Col. Arbuthnot Blaine. Mr. Walker, who was a native of Nottingham, England, had resided in St. John for the last seven years. He was a gentleman of sterling character, active in good works and general sympathy will be felt by the sorrowing family. He is survived by his wife.

Miss Eva H. Lockhart.

Sussex, N. B., June 8—The death of Miss Eva H. Lockhart took place at the home of her sister, Mrs. Warren Hall, Penobsquis (N. B.), Thursday, June 3, at 8.30 a.m., aged 53 years, after a brief illness. Decaeased leaves to mourn an aged mother, Mrs. H. M. Lockhart; two brothers, Walter S., of Hyde Park (Mass.), and Augustus, of Washington (D.C.); and two sisters, Mrs. Fred Fullerton, St. John West, and Mrs. Warren Hall, Penobsquis (N. B.)

Funeral services will be held Friday evening at 7.30 p.m., and remains taken to Central Norton for burial on Saturday morning. Rev. C. J. Steeves will conduct the services.

Samuel McKay.

St. George, June 4—The funeral of Samuel McKay, of Pennfield, who died on Wednesday last was held this afternoon at Pennfield. Mr. McKay was 77 years of age and had been failing in health for the past year. He was for many years customs officer at Pennfield and a prominent mason. Five sons, James, West, Colin, Robert and Samuel, and three daughters, Mrs. Scott Morrell, of St. John; Mrs. W. A. Mawhinney, of Maces Bay, and Mrs. Ferris at home, survive. James McKay, of this town, is a brother. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. Spencer assisted by Arch Deacon Newnham, of St. Stephen. Among those in attendance at the funeral were Senator Gillmor, Dr. Taylor, Robert Grey, of St. George; Sheriff R. A. Stuart, Judge Cockburn, James McDowell, T. A. Hartt, M.P. and G. H. I. Cockburn, of St. Andrews; R. W. Grimmer, G. W. Ganong, and J. T. Whitlock, of St. Stephen.

Thomas W. Horsman.

Saturday, June 5.

Thomas Wood Horsman, the well-known bandmaster, died last night, aged 56. He was a native of Leeds, England, but he had been in St. John for twenty-six years where he was a teacher of music especially of the instrumental side. He was the founder of the band of the Sons of England, had been bandmaster of the now lapsed artillery band and latterly of the 62nd St. John Fusiliers. Prior to coming to St. John he had seen services in South Africa and was in the expedition at the time of the North West Rebellion. For many years he was caretaker at the military store at Fort Howe. He leaves his wife and ten children to mourn, besides one sister in St. John and two in England. The sons are Thomas W., Albert Edward and John F., in Boston; Arthur, now in the first Canadian contingent in France; William T., Phillip Edward, Ralph and Ernest, of St. John. The daughters are, Mrs. Charles Osman and Mrs. W. H. Priest, of the city.

David M. Burgess.

Monday, June 7.

The death of David M. Burgess took place yesterday at the residence of his son Edward, Main street, Fairville, after a few months' illness. He was in the seventy-seventh year of his age, and leaves to mourn one son, and one sister, Mrs. John O'Leary, Modesto, California. The body is to be taken to Holderville, Kings county on Wednesday for interment there.

Elton Lewis.

Elton Lewis, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lewis, of West Brook (N. S.), died last Saturday at the early age of thirty-three years. Until his illness set in some fifteen months ago, Mr. Lewis had been superintendent of fairs and institutes for the province of Alberta and for some time previously he had served as provinvial weed inspector in Alberta. At the time his health began to fail he was about to assume the position of principal of the new Alberta Agricultural College.

After leaving the Parrsboro High School, Mr. Lewis had studied at Acadia University and secured his B. A. degree from that institution. He chose agriculture as his profession, having a natural fondness for outdoor life, and fitted himself for his work by study at the colleges at Truro and Guelph, respectively. Subsequently, he went to Alberta where he had met with splendid success in his profession.

When his health began to fail he was granted leave of absence by the Alberta government. He went to Saranac, New York, and afterwards to the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal but failed to regain his health. He returned to West Brook about ten days before his death.

Besides his parents and one brother, Burton Lewis, of West Brook, he is survived by his wife and a little daughter, Marion. Mrs. Lewis was formerly Miss May Stevens, of Guelph.

Mrs. Margaret Murphy.

The death of Margaret, widow of Timothy Murphy, occurred Saturday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Michael O'Keefe, Ready street, Fairville. The late Mrs. Murphy, who was in her ninety-sixth year, was a well known resident of Fairville. Besides the daughter with whom she made her home, three other children survive—John Foley, of Fairville; Rev. Sister Martha, of St. Patrick's Orphanage, Montreal, and Mrs. John McCann, of Brighton (Mass.) John Cohalan, of this city, is a brother.

Mrs. Rebecca Carson.

St. Martins, June 4—The death occurred of Mrs. Rebecca Carson on June 2, at her home at West Quaco. She was 72 years of age, and is survived by two sons, Allen, of San Francisco (Cal.), and Oscar, at home; also by two daughters, Miss Jessie, at home, and Mrs. S. E. Wilson, of Los Angeles (Cal.); also by two brothers, Capt. Robert Carson and T. B. Carson, M.P.P., of this village. Funeral services were held Friday, conducted by Rev. W. A. Snelling.

A Chicken Mystery.

Once upon a time an inspector was examining a very youthful class of boys, and among other subjects he requested the teacher to ask her pupils a few questions in Nature knowledge. Desiring her class to do her honor she decided upon the simple subject, "Chicken."

"Now, children," she said, "I want you to tell me something very wonderful about chickens.

"How they get out of their shells?" promptly responded one little fellow.

"Well," said the teacher, "that is, of course, wonderful; but I mean something more wonderful still."

There was a silence for a few seconds. Then up spoke little Johnny. "Please ma'am it's mair wonderful hoo they ever got intae their shells."—Weekly Scotsman.

TWO ST. JOHN MEN AMONG THE KILLED

David Briggs and Ellsworth Reid Fell at Langemarck Although Names Not in Official List

COMING NEARER HOME

Casualties Announced During Last Few Days Contain Names of Many Maritime Province Lads—Mrs. Mersereau's Exciting Search for Wounded Husband.

Friday, June 4.

Names of maritime province men are creeping into casualty lists more and more, and several men, including some of St. John's representatives, have sacrificed their lives for king and country.

Yesterday morning's list from Ottawa contained the names of Private Hugh Melvin Nichols, Parsboro (N. S.); Private Leo Zinch, Peninsula (N. S.), and Sapper Horace Garrison, Horton Bluff (N. S.), among the killed. Among the wounded were: Private Richard P. Macdonald, Pictou (N. S.); Private Douglas Wells, Sackville (N. B.), and Private Rupert Sheldon, Fredericton (N. B.); and among the missing: Private Adam James McKenzie, Pictou (N. S.); Private John Albert Murdoch, Pictou (N. S.); Private Frank Boreham, Amherst (N. S.); Private W. F. McBurden, Fredericton (N. B.); and Private John Bruce, Onslow (N. S.)

Confirmation of the news of the death of Private David Briggs, a brother of Policeman George Briggs, came in a letter yesterday to Mrs. J. K. Livingstone, 69 Murray street, written by her cousin, Fred. Renlston, who left St. John with the first trops. Private Briggs saw a good deal of service, the letter states, and fell at Langemarck, fighting to the last.

Miss Ella Reid, Simonds street, yesterday received a letter from Driver G. Lister, Belgium, announcing with regret that her brother, Ellsworth, had been killed in action. Mr. and Mrs. Reid have telegraphed to the war office, but so far have received no official notification concerning the death. They are naturally grief-stricken, but cling to the hope that some mistake has been made.

Herbert J. Ganter, son of Mrs. Catherine Ganter, 74 Chesley street, is in the Royal Hospital, England, with shrapnel wounds in the legs and arms, according to a letter received by his mother. His name was mentioned in a recent list from Ottawa.

Friends in the city yesterday learned that Private Cecil Rhodes, of Tronton (N. S.), was among the wounded. He is related here and well known. Mrs. Alfred Ells, of West St. John, got word yesterday that her son, Private M. Crawford, was in a hospital in England. He said he was doing well and expected to be discharged soon. The casualty list yesterday again contained the name of Walter Peterson, formerly of West St. John. He enlisted in the west, and his brother is at present here with the 26th battalion. He is wounded.

Private Duplissea Heard From.

A letter was received yesterday from Private Harold Duplissea by his mother in Fairville, saying that he was back again on the firing line after being wounded three times.

Mr. and Mrs. Ensebe Comeau, of Moncton, received a letter a few days ago from an English lady. She had visited their son, who was in a serious condition from wounds in Netley Hospital, and has since died.

Mrs. George Corbett, Wright street, received a letter a few days ago from her son, Dr. G. G. Corbett. He is now at the front, attached to one of the forward brigades as physician. He gives a graphic description of his surroundings and credits the Canadian troops with having performed the superhuman in their bold and firm resistance against the German odds at the latter part of April.

Gunner Harry Andrews, writing home, speaks only in a casual way of a narrow escape he had from death. A body of men was marching through a recently shelled village and stopped to receive a message. In an instant the whole road in front of them was ripped up by exploding shells. Had they continued on their march they would have been slaughtered.

Mrs. Samuel James, 590 Main street, has fear that the Thomas James mentioned in a recent casualty list is her son. She has received no word from Ottawa and the address of the wounded soldier is given as London (Eng.), but still she is greatly worried.

Dr. Duval's Condition.

In a letter received from Major J. L. Duval by his wife, the wounded officer states that he is now in a private nursing home in London, and is receiving the best of care. The rooms are exceptionally furnished and he, with five other officers, is enjoying the best of care at the hands of nurses and surgeons in charge. He expects that he will be able to get around in two or three months. The doctor mentions nothing about the pain that he is suffering, but it is inferred from other letters that he is having a pretty hard time of it. Mrs. Duval expects to go to England and join her husband about the last of June.

Search for Major Mersereau.

Writing to Rev. George Steel, from London (Eng.), under date of May 19, Mrs. C. J. Mersereau sends the following interesting statement of facts regarding Major Mersereau:

I expect you saw by St. John papers that Jack had been very seriously wounded, and such is the case.

On the afternoon of April 26 a piece of high explosive shell entered his brain just above the left ear. This caused his right side and tongue to be paralyzed. For ten days after receiving the official notice that he had been "seriously wounded," I could find no trace of him. The eleventh day brought a letter from the sister in charge of a clearing hospital close to the firing line telling me of his wound, that he was unconscious and very serious. The letter had been over a week coming. In the meantime with the aid of Six Max Aitken, Lord Primrose and Sir Reginald Grey (Sir Max Aitken had to call these last two in), I had succeeded in getting a passport and permit to go to Boulogne, so I left by the next boat, only to find that I would not be allowed to go to Jack. However, after one and a half days I did get a permit from General French and motored 75 miles. I could even hear the rifle fire at the front, and, of course, the cannons plainly. Well, I arrived to find Jack had been sent on an ambulance train two hours before. They knew not where, and could only give the train number. We arrived in Boulogne about 3 a. m. and found the train had been in twenty minutes and that Jack had been sent to No. 7 Stationary Hospital. I went there to be sure, and found him asleep. They said I could come very early at 7 o'clock. We got two hours' rest on the floor of an hotel dressing room. I went to the hospital, and he knew me. They operated that day for abscess on the brain and gave me very little hope of his recovery. However, he did, and he was brought to London some three or four days ago. I put the children in boarding schools and am allowed to spend the day from 11 a. m. to 6.30 p. m. with him. His right side has quite recovered. The wound has not healed at all yet, but he eats well and is so brave and cheerful. Of course his recovery will be slow and the doctors don't know what may be the result. They are not very cheerful to me, but I am hoping for the very best.

WEDDINGS

Robertson-Orr.

On Thursday morning at 11 o'clock the Exmouth street Methodist parsonage was the scene of an interesting event, when Miss Anna Orr was united in marriage to Harold C. Robertson. The bride was given in marriage by her brother. She was gowned in a pretty costume of grey with black picture hat. Following the ceremony a dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents and later Mr. and Mrs. Robertson left on a honeymoon trip through P. E. Island. On their return they will reside at 56 Adelaide street.

Irving-Russell.

A wedding of much interest to Chatham people took place at St. John's manse, June 2, when Mrs. F. W. Russell, of Loggieville, became the bride of Lieut.-Col. Howard Irving, of Douglasfield. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Harris, immediate relatives and friends only being present. The happy couple left on the 10.15 train on a short honeymoon, and were given a rousing send-off at the station by a large number of their friends.

Ganong-Keirstead.

Apohaqui, June 4—The Methodist church of Berwick was the scene of a most interesting wedding on Thursday, June 3, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when Miss Sadie Jane Keirstead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Keirstead, of Keirstead Mountain, was united in marriage with Lieut. Arlington Tweedie Ganong, of the 6th Canadian Mounted Rifles. The church was tastefully decorated with spring flowers and flags the ceremony being performed by Rev. Jas. F. Rowley under a noral bell of apple blossoms. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was dressed in white hand-embroidered crepe de chene, wore a veil of tulle caught up with orange blossoms, and carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses. She was attended by Mrs. Oliver Keirstead, as matron of honor, gowned in pale blue silk with overdress of shadow lace and wearing a large black picture hat. The groom, clad in khaki uniform, was supported by Walter Coleman, St. John. Percy Wortman and Oliver Keirstead were ushers and Mrs. George Smith played the wedding march. After the ceremony the bridal party motored to the home of the bride's parents at Keirstead Mountain, where a reception was held. After congratulations and dinner the bride changed her costume for her travelling suit of navy blue serge, with hat to correspond, preparatory to leaving by the 1.30 train en route to Fredericton for a short stay before returning to Amherst where Lieut. Ganong's military duties are centred. Mrs. Ganong intends crossing to the old country with her husband. The gifts were very beautiful.

Mawhinney-Gates.

A very interesting event took place at the Baptist church, Port Williams, Kings county (N. S.), on Wednesday afternoon, June 2, when Miss Evelyn Curtis Gates, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kempton Gates, was united in marriage to Robert Thompson Mawhinney, of Chance Harbor (N. B.) The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, which was played by Miss Irene Gates, cousin of the bride, and was attended by her sister, Miss Gertrude N. Gates. The groom was supported by John W. Meissner, of St. John. Little Miss Mildred Gates, cousin of the bride, acted as flower girl, and was prettily attired in white. Waldo and Walter Gates, also cousins of the bride, were ushers. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. H. Beals, pastor of the Baptist church, in the presence of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The choir sang The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden, and after the ceremony Mrs. O. G. Cogswell sang a benediction entitled The Life Road. The church was handsomely decorated with potted plants, and the bridal party stood under an arch of apple blossoms and evergreen. The bride looked charming in a handsome gown of duchesse satin with veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white carnations and maiden hair fern. The bridesmaid wore pale blue brocaded silk and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride, after which the happy couple left for a short wedding trip to Windsor and Yarmouth. The bride's going away suit was of dove grey broadcloth with hat to match. The groom's gift to the bride was a necklace set with pearls; to the bridesmaid a handsome brooch; to the groomsman, monogrammed cuff links; to the flower girl, a ring; to the soloist, an amethyst hat pin, and to the organist, a brooch.

Miss Gates was a valued member of the Port William Baptist church, where she was organist for the past two years, and a faithful worker in the Sabbath school and W. M. A. S., and will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Many handsome and valuable gifts were received, including money, silver, a china dinner and tea set from the church and choir of which the bride was a member, and a beautiful cut glass water set from the Ludlow street Baptist church of St. John West, of which the groom was a member.

The best wishes of their many friends for a happy and prosperous life will follow Mr. and Mrs. Mawhinney to their new home in St. John, where they will reside at 20 Paddock street.

Modest Suitor—I have only $5500 a year, sir, but I think I can support your daughter on that.

Father (enthusiastically) — Support her, my dear boy? Why, you can support her entire family on it.

A Kings County Boy In New York Shows Way to Those at Home

Murray Jamieson Gave Up Good Position and Sailed to Fight for Civilization—55th Filling Up with Response From All the Recruiting Centres.

The patriotic spirit of Canadians outside the dominion and the attitude of American business men toward the gallant Canadians are both exemplified in a little story, the scene of which was laid in New York.

Murray Jamieson, a native of Clover Hill, Kings county, and well known in this city, was employed in a responsible capacity in a hardware house in New Work City when the war broke out. For months he remained at his work much against his desires, and eventually he threw up his position to join the Canadians at the front, and he left on the White Star liner Adriatic a week or more ago for England.

MURRAY JAMIESON, formerly of Clover Hill, Kings Co., who gave up a good position in New York to fight for civilization and the land of his birth.

His employers refused to accept his resignation. They admired his courage, and as it was expressed by them, they "were glad he was going to Europe to fight for civilization, but would at the same time miss him very much." They said they would keep his position open for him during his absence, furnishing a substitute until his return. His fellow employes gave him a great send-off when he left. They banquetted him and many of them were at the pier when the liner departed.

Recruiting Still Slow.

Recruiting for the 55th battalion still continues—but slowly. Yesterday there were four recruits here, and it was reported that in various points in the province a few had answered the summons to service. They are gradually wending their way to Sussex and the ranks are slowly but surely filling up. Among those who have joined the 55th recently is James W. Hunt, secretary-treasurer of the Dredgers' Union, and for the benefit of those who are still in doubt as to which course they should take, it might be said that he is a married man with four children.

About twenty men under Sergeant F. W. Stringer went from here last night to join the main body of the 55th at Sussex. Seven more recruits passed through the city last night from St. Stephen. Sergt. George London will have charge of the local recruiting office of the 55th in succession to Sergt. Stringer.

John K. McDonald, of the local post office staff, left for Sussex yesterday to take up his duties with the Canadian Postal Corps. Fred McIntyre, also of the local office, has gone to Aldershot with a section.

Company drill was carried out by the 26th battalion yesterday morning in the vicinity of the armory. In the afternoon a detachment attended the funeral of Sergt. Horsman, under Major C. J. Dunfield. The construction corps had kit inspection and company drill.

The Boys at the Front.

Daniel Lund, of Sackville, received a telegram from Ottawa yesterday, stating that his son, Daniel was missing. Lund went with the first contingent and had been engaged in active service for some time. He was first attached to the 12th battalion, but was recently transferred to the 4th battalion.

Mrs. James, 590 Main street, and her family, were pleased yesterday morning when they received a telegram from Ottawa announcing that the Thomas James, whose name appeared in the casualty list a few days ago, was not her son. He is still with his regiment and uninjured, it said.

Lieut.-Col. F. L. Wanklyn, honorary colonel of the Canadian Construction Corps tendered a complimentary banquet to the officers of the unit and the chief officers of other units at the Union Club at Saturday.

Captain Wm. Vassie, of the D. A. C., Fredericton spent the week end in the city.

W. J. Devennis, company Q. M. S., of Sussex was in the city over Sunday with his people.

Sergt. Atkinson's Wounds.

Word has been received as to how Sergt. Charles Atkinson of St. Mary's sustained his wounds at the front. Q. M. S., E. Blair, of the same battalion writes to Atkinson's family that he was twice wounded on May 21. He was struck behind the ear with a bullet and remained unconscious for some time in the trenches. On the way to the dressing station he was struck again, this time in the thigh.

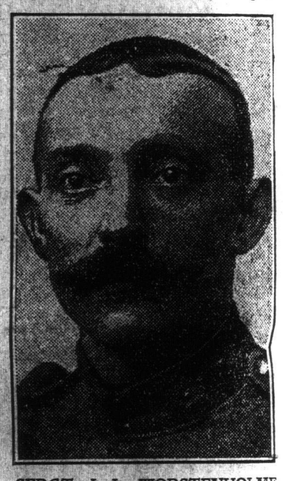
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Leaman, Moncton, has received a reply to their request for information about their son, Edward, who was reported missing. The telegram stated that he was in the thick of the recent severe fighting and it is believed that he must be a prisoner in the German hands.

Miss Lottie Corbett, who is in charge of the operating room in the Moncton General Hospital, has been granted six months' leave of absence to go to Europe with the Red Cross. She will go with the Harvard Medical Corps which consists of thirty-five doctors and seventy-five nurses.

At Woodstock.

A Woodstock despatch says:

"There were several arrivals at the armory Saturday and ten recruits passed the preliminary medical examination for the 55th Battalion and were sent to Sussex on the evening train, and four others left this morning. The total number enlisted during the week is 26. This makes the total number from Woodstock and vicinity recruited for the 55th about 99. Lieut. Colonel Kirkpatrick was here Saturday and expressed himself as highly pleased with the type of men recruited at this point. He will send two officers to assist Lieut. W. H. Hamilton in the campaign. These will probably arrive here in a day or two.



SERGT. J. L. WORSTENHOLME, D.C.M., a former St. John man who has won honor for gallantry in battle.

The list posted Saturday night is as follows: Earl W. Corey, Centreville; Claire Corey, Centreville; George Murphy, West Glassville; Edward Barrett, Tracy Mills; J. E. Lynott, Woodstock; Gordon Gough, Sisson Ridge; J. A. Chandler, St. John (N. B.); William Murchison, Four Falls; Howard Fowler, Lakeville; John R. Hynes, Woodstock; Charlie S. Greer, Woodstock; Herlin B. Watson, Woodstock; Edward Downey, Hartland; John J. Boumaster, Costigan; Wm. A. Austin, Costigan; Springer M. Tompkins, Perth; James Conway, Ireland; Chas. Clint Clark, Hartfield; Wm. Bashoe, Moncton; James H. Allen, Fredericton; Jacob J. Chase, Woodstock.

The following were added this morning: Jas. D. Billings, Birmingham; Fred. Emelton, Woodstock; John Mabee, St. John; E. and James Sadler, Glasgow.

Dr. A. E. Currie and Waldo Curie left Saturday for Ottawa where they will be attached to the Dental Corps now being organized for overseas service.

GERMANS FAIL IN AUTOMOBILE DASH

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icing the flashing rays of a strong light, traced them to the Monastery. He called two carabiniers, made his way to the Monastry door and insisted upon entering. The Monk in charge in reply to questions declared there were only three monks in the building. A second monk appeared, but the lieutenant could not locate the third.

Finally he broke down the door of a cellar and found within a monk who had in his possession a war map, upon which were notations of military value. Three monks joined in saying that the upper story of the monastery was empty and not in use, but the lieutenant was not satisfied. He started an investigation which showed that on the upper floor there had been set up near a window a large reflector for signalling purposes. Here also two more monks were found, and all were at once taken into custody.

The search of the lieutenant revealed a large number of documents and notes prepared by monks, together with letters from colleagues in Vienna.

AUSTRIANS REPORT FURTHER VICTORIES.

Vienna, June 7, via London, June 8, 1.22 a.m.—The war office tonight made public the following official communication:

"After the severe defeat at Przemysl the Russian army command during the last few days has made strong efforts to break our line by attacks against our position on the Pruth, especially against the district of Kolomea and Delatyn, where the enemy continues to push forward masses of fresh troops.

"While all these attacks were being put down by the tenacious bravery of Gen. Pflanzer's army, through which the Russians suffered severely, allied forces under Gen. Von Linsingen were approaching from the west. Yesterday they captured Kalusz, the district north of Kalusz, and the heights on the left bank of the Dniester, north of Zurawno. Between Nadworna, near the Bystrica, and the Lomnica our troops joined in the attack.

"Battles to the east of Przemysl and Jaroslau continue. North of Mosciska the enemy has been forced to evacuate Sieniawa. Isolated weak counter-attacks by the Russians collopsed.

"Near Przemysl we have captured since the first of June, 33,805 prisoners."

CONSTANTINOPLE IN DESPERATE STRAITS.

Paris, June 8—"All information reaching here from Constantinople," says, the Havas Agency's correspondent at Athens, "agrees in representing the situation in the city as almost desperate. The young Turks are in dire straits. They are only being upheld by the insistence and ceaseless efforts of the German Ambassador and Enver Pasha, the war minister.