Bruce County News

Pte. Bower Laidlaw spent a couple of days at his home in Lions Head. He signed up with the Princess Pats at Strathcona.

Monday evening was cool but the coming of Jack Frost didn't make it any cooler, in fact it was warmer around the station when Pte. Jack Frost arrived in Chesley after being away nearly two years and being ten months in an English hospital. He has two nasty shrapnel wounds in the top of his head.

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The great offensive at Lens has produced a large casualty list of local boys, for besides Sergt. William Wolfe, who was killed in the Fray, Walkertonians were wounded as follows: Pte. Sam Leake, who went from the 160th to France, is laid up with a gunshot wound in the right arm; Pte. William Craig with a wound in the chest; Earl Grenzenbach, son of Rev. J. H. Grenzenbach, and Pte. James McCarter is suffering with a badly lacerated foot.

A cable despatch which occurred in Wednesday's papers, announces that Captain William Avery Bishop, of the Canadian Cavalry and the Flying Corps, who holds the Victoria and Military Crosses and the Distinguished Service Order for attacking hostile aircraft, has been gazetted chief instructor of aerial gunnery with the grade of squadron commander, ranking as temporary major. This is in confirmation of a letter received this week by his father, Mr. W. A. Bishop, of Owen Sound, in which Capt. Bishop stated that he had bad news to give them-bad for him but good for the folks at home-which was that he had received the intimation that he was to be appointed chief instructor in air fighting in one of the largest new aviation camps in England.

Sergt. Harry McDougald who is home from England on a ten weeks' furlough, was rejected from the 160th on account of goitre, and for the past six months has been a target marker at a big Imperial musketry camp in Surrey.

A letter from one of the boys at the front states that Pte. Chester Cunning-ham of Walkerton has received two stripes for his good work on the firing line, and is now a corporal.

With so many of our boys overseas and the high cost of ammunition, there is not so much hunting being done this fall. No doubt a great many of the boys who gave up everything for king and country will have a longing for a run through the hardwood after partridge or to take the dog down to the swamp and wait on the old runway for the rabbit.

In a letter home Corp. Ed. Eidt, D.C. M., writes: I landed in London from Boulogne on the night of the first of September, and the next day went up to Witley Camp. I stayed there a few days and had a fine time with all the boys, and there are certainly a lot of them at Witley. The 160th went out on a three days' practice manoeuvre and I saw them march off, our old Colonel (Sutherland) in the lead. They are a good looking battalion and I think will make a name for themselves in France.

"Bruce in Khaki" is anxious to know if the Soldier who received Army Pill (No. 9) for a sprained ankle from his Medical Adviser, Dr. Hibben, is yet convalescent, and if he thinks his injured ankle is likely to impair his future usefulness as a Soldier.—Some bull you shot that time Hibben, eh? more effective than all you got at Mytchett me thinks.