

service for the Empire. He was born in Scotland and went to South Africa with the Camerons. He had been in Canada ten years when he enlisted for service in France. On December 17th he received wounds in action that resulted in the amputation of his left leg.

The name of Battery Sergt.-Major J. C. Cowan was among those in a list recently brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War. Particulars as to why Mr. Cowan is "mentioned" are not given. Previous to enlisting in the Artillery, Sergt.-Major Cowan was in the P. L. D. G., and in civil life in the Dominion Lands Branch, Department of the Interior.

Gunner George F. Martin, of the 16th Battery, C.F.A., formerly a postal clerk, London, has received the Military Medal for bravery on the field. Details of the action in which Gunner Martin was engaged are not given, but his mother has been pleased to show the medal to his colleagues of the London Post Office.

A VETERAN.

Corp. Garrett Daunt O'Connor, Queen's University Company, Canadian Engineers, is in hospital in France since Aug. 20, suffering from a gunshot wound in the knee. Corp. O'Connor has been under arms since the war started. His company, under Major Alex. Macphail, Science Professor, Queen's University, laid out Valcartier Camp, spent the awful winter of 1914-15 at Salisbury Plain, and has been in the struggle on the battle-line for over 2½ years, taking part in such great battles as Ypres, Festubert, Givenchy, Sanctuary Wood, The Somme, Vimy Ridge, and the present great struggle. Corp. O'Connor was recommended for a commission in the Royal Flying Corps by Lieut.-Col. Alex. Macphail. He bears many marks of battle from bullet and shrapnel, being buried alive,

stunned by a shell, etc. The "Win the War" Convention, Canadian Municipalities Union, besides many women's organizations, have passed resolutions favoring furloughs for the boys of our first contingent, who have been under arms and away from home over three years. The heroes well deserve a rest. Garrett O'Connor, railway mail service, is very proud of his son.

WAR PERSONALS.

Daunt O'Connor, of the Engineers, wounded in the knee, is a son of Garret O'Connor, railway mail clerk, Bridgeburg, Ont.

Lieut. H. A. Robertson, wounded, was formerly in the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Stanley Raymond, Tilsonburg, wounded in France in 1916, and returned to Canada, was appointed to the Customs at Bridgeburg, where he was much respected. Having quite recovered from his wounds, he re-enlisted in the new Central Ontario Battalion and hopes to rejoin his old fighting unit.

A draft of troops for the 18th Construction Battalion, which recently arrived in England, was commanded by Capt. S. F. Speck, formerly of the Welland Canal staff. Capt. Speck, who is a South African veteran, raised most of the draft by his own efforts in Niagara Falls.

R. M. S. CONVENTION.

About thirty railway mail clerks, representing the fourteen districts of the R. M. Service in Canada, are holding their first annual convention at the Russell House, Ottawa, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1917.

A full report of their session will be published in subsequent issues of *The Civilian*.