

A Letter from BRIG.-GENERAL H. D. B. KETCHEN, C.M.G. Commanding the 6th Canadian Brigade.

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My dear Daly,

It is a great pleasure for me to have a chance of writing a few words for inclusion in the Christmas issue of the 'TRENCH ECHO.' When I look back to the days in November, 1914, at the time I mobilized the City of Winnipeg Battalion and paraded it for the first time in the GRANITE RINK in WINNIPEG, and follow the Battalion's existence through its training in ENGLAND, its record at ST. ELOI, the SOMME, VIMY RIDGE and FARBUS, then at the ACHEVILLE-FRESNOY engagement, HILL 70 and last, but not least, at PASSCHENDAELE, it seems to me that few Battalions can show such a uniformly successful record. It has been achieved by the keen spirit, high discipline and desire by all ranks to make the battalion 'second to none.'

In wishing you, your Officers and men, the best of luck and success in the coming year from myself and Staff, I am sure I am joined in so doing by all ranks of the other Battalions in the Brigade who have also nobly done their share in attaining such a successful record.

Once again, good luck to the 'Old Battalion.'

Yours sincerely,

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JACK, to his pal: "There goes a blinkin' A.S.C. squad on a route march!"