
Glory of Our Comrades

By CHAS. CREAN.

*Go, and in regions far
Such heroes bring forth
As those from whom we came;
And plant our name
Under that star
Not known unto our North.*

MICHAEL DRAYTON.

IT is with great pleasure and pride that we quote here a bald report of our comrades in the trenches. Nevertheless, it is a true account of what took place. I could, however, say a good deal more than we intend to, but shall leave that for some abler pen than mine. However, I trust that what I do say will give you some idea of what lies behind the smooth, impersonal stage directions of war.

After the great battle of Langemark, our boys, worn but not shattered, retired into billets until May 14th, when the headquarters were moved to the Southern Section of the British Line in readiness for new operations. During that time reinforcements had poured in from our base at Shorncliffe, where were gathered our troops, whose numbers and efficiency we owe to the large vision and untiring energy of Sir Robert Borden, assisted by his Cabinet. His direct and comprehensive methods are an example which the Empire might follow with advantage.

On May 17th the re-made infantry brigades advanced towards the firing line once more.

It must, however, be understood that on the afternoon of May 18th the 3rd Brigade occupied reserve trenches, two companies of the 14th Royal Montreal Regiment, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Meighen, and two companies of the 16th Canadian Scottish, under Lieut.-Col. Leckie, being ordered to make an immediate advance on La Quinque Rue, north-west of an orchard which had been placed in a state of defence by the enemy. One company of the 16th Battalion was to make a flanking