

KING GEORGE SINGLED OUT 26TH IN FINAL REVIEW OF CANADIANS

Rev. E. B. Hopper Writes Stirring Account of Grand Inspection of Sept. 2

Every Heart Thrilled as Cheers of 25,000 Canadians Greet Their Sovereign—"An Exceptionally Fine Battalion," Said King George in Speaking of 26th, and Kitchener Praises Division—Likely Now in France—The Need for More and More Men.

On the eve of the departure of the 26th battalion for France, the chaplain, Rev. E. B. Hopper, wrote the following letter to a friend who is a member of the staff of this newspaper:

East Sandling Camp, Lines of 26th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, Sept. 7, 1915—Once again I venture to write what may interest those in your province who have fathers, sons, brothers, or sweethearts in the 26th battalion.

Let me say a word about my own virtues first. It may interest some of my friends to know that the war office has confirmed my appointment as senior chaplain of the 5th Brigade, in which I am permitted to remain attached to the 26th battalion, in which I am most vitally interested; not only because I have been their chaplain for so many months, but also because they are of St. John and the province of New Brunswick. One thing more concerning myself. I have taken a charming house in Hythe, Kent, for my wife and daughters. The address is "The Ness," 21 Hillcrest road. At the moment of writing I believe them to be on the Donaldson line steamship Cassandra. If they sailed on Sept. 4 they will probably arrive a few days after we have left for the front. This is a great trial to myself and my son and still more to Mrs. Hopper. But it is part of the sacrifice our service demands, and we must be ready to accept it with fortitude.

This personal reference I make for those who are kind enough to have an interest in the rector of St. Paul's and his family. I had a narrow escape from being separated from the 26th battalion. A few weeks ago the senior chaplain called on me at 5 o'clock on Saturday and informed me that one of the six Anglican chaplains ordered to the Dardanelles had fallen ill, and that he wanted me to go in his place. I was taken aback, but asked him, "When?" He replied, "Tonight at 8 o'clock." I answered with a smile, "Well, sir, I might get ready to go to London with three hours' notice, but not to the Dardanelles. I really cannot go."

STICKING TO THE 26TH.

The senior chaplain went himself and with him my good friend Captain Rev. G. A. Kuehling, of the 6th Mounted Rifles. I should add that Captain Kuehling had been with me on that Saturday morning, and in discussing the future said to me that he would not mind at all going to the Dardanelles. For myself, my heart is with the 26th for many reasons. I am ready to go wherever they may be ordered to go, but I do want to stay with them so long as we are spared to serve in this great adventure.

Through the Globe and their splendid work on our behalf, I have received from friends in St. John \$107 to assist me in my hospital work in providing comforts and amusements, etc., for our men in hospital. I thanked the kind donors through the Globe, and I venture to ask you to express my gratitude for the gift and my appreciation of the splendid promptness with which my requirements have been met. I do my best to serve the men in hospital. I find great pleasure in the assurance of being of real use to them, and find in it a fine chance of getting near to them and forming friendships mutually helpful and which in many instances will last always.

The training of the battalion is about ended—musketry, bomb throwing, trench work, bayonet fighting, etc. They were out for four days and nights with the whole division and engaged in field manoeuvres which were full of interest and profit to all concerned.

GRAND REVIEW BY KING AND KITCHENER.

By far the most important event in our history as a battalion in the 2nd Canadian division was the review of the troops by His Majesty the King and Lord Kitchener. This occurred on Thursday last in the beautiful Beauchamp Park, about a mile and a half east of our lines. I take it that you have had, through your regular channels, the account of this historic event. But I will offer my own impressions; as one most deeply interested spectator watching the whole scene from a vantage point not more than twenty yards or so from His Majesty.

"EVERY INCH THE KING."

This morning in addressing the brigade at the church parade service I used as a text the words of Isaiah from the record of his vision: "Mine eyes have seen the king," and tried to point a practical lesson or two from our seeing of our king in the great review on Thursday last. It was to the majority of us our first sight of the king. Many of us had seen him in Canada as the Duke of Cornwall and York. But on Thursday we saw the king. A man of small stature and slight, he sits a horse well, and looked "the king" as he sat mounted on a beautiful horse dark and glossy, with big, dark, gleaming eyes. He was dressed in a white frock coat and a pair of white breeches. Both were clad in simplest khaki service uniforms, and both were on the scene before them.

Some fifty or seventy-five paces from them and facing them, was the long line of the battalions of infantry, and the other units, together forming the 25,000 men of the Canadian 2nd division of the expeditionary force. They stretched as far as the eye could reach to right and to left with massed bands in the centre directly opposite the saluting base. The instant His Majesty arrived at the saluting base the Royal Standard was broken out from the flag staff, the bands played the National Anthem, and the whole division stood at the salute. His Majesty then rode up and down the lines accompanied by his staff and guard of honour, returning at length to the saluting base, and then the march-past began. This was done in double columns of fours, and we who were especially interested looked on with quickened pulses and proud hearts. It was magnificent, grand, the line physique of the men, the splendid swing of the march, the martial music of the bands, the king looking on and Kitchener, too. For an hour and a half this continued. At last the march-past was over.

Major-General Turner, in ringing tones called for three cheers for His Majesty the King. The effect was tremendous. We joined in the cheers, adding our voices to the thousands opposite us; it was curiously grand to hear the same great cheer coming from the more distant parts of the line.

Two things ought to gratify the people at home as they gratified us on the spot. FIRST, AS THE 26TH WENT MARCHING PAST THE KING ASKED GENERAL TURNER, WHO WAS AT HIS RIGHT:

"WHAT REGIMENT IS THAT?"

HE ANSWERED: "THE 26TH FROM NEW BRUNSWICK," YOUR MAJESTY.

"AN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE REGIMENT," THE KING REMARKED.

AND SO THEY ARE THE EQUAL OF THE VERY BEST IN THE

WHOLE DIVISION.

THE SECOND GRATIFYING THING WAS THAT LORD KITCHENER SAID TO MAJOR-GENERAL TURNER, COMMANDING THE DIVISION THAT THIS 2ND CANADIAN DIVISION WAS ONE OF THE

FINEST HE HAD EVER REVIEWED.

MOST STIRRING AND INSPIRING SIGHT.

I returned to camp with the feeling of having witnessed the most stirring and impressive sight of my life. I only wish that I could have more adequately described it. And now we are waiting, waiting. We were to have left for the front on Tuesday next. It is said now that it will not be for a week later. But each day is filled with duty and the work of preparation. For myself I am busy each day with my own special work, every bit of which is for the good of the men from home. I do my best. I would that I could do better.

THE NEED FOR MORE AND MORE MEN.

ONE WORD MORE. THE READING OF THE DAILY PAPERS IS MY FIRST DUTY EVERY MORNING. AND THE READING REMINDS ME OF THE GRAVITY OF PRESENT CONDITIONS, AND THE URGENT NEED FOR MORE AND MORE MEN. MY WONDER INCREASES, AS TO HOW ANY MAN OF MILITARY AGE AND PHYSICAL FITNESS CAN REMAIN AT HOME. BUSINESS, HOME TIES, LOVE—ALL HAVE TO BE SACRIFICED—THAT THE EMPIRE MAY BE PRESERVED, THAT GERMAN MILITARISM MAY BE CRUSHED, AND A RIGHT-EOUS AND LASTING PEACE RESTORED.

FOR MYSELF, OLD AS I AM, LOVING THE HAPPIEST OF HOMES WITH ALL MY HEART, DEVOTED TO MY PEOPLE AND MY PARISH, I WOULD RATHER DIE IN SERVING THE EMPIRE IN ITS NEED THAN LIVE ON IN THE ENJOYMENT OF A PEACEFUL AND HAPPY HOME WHILE OTHER MEN ARE FIGHTING FOR ME OR SERVING IN MY PLACE. ONLY THOSE WHO ARE DOING THEIR DUTY AT HOME OR AT THE FRONT CAN PRAY: GOD BLESS OUR EMPIRE, GOD SAVE THE KING.



HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V. He singled out the 26th New Brunswick Battalion for special mention at the final review at Stourbridge, September 2.

"An Officer and a Gentleman," is Tribute To Major Markham

The following biographic sketch of the late Major Markham—for it was just after his promotion that the gallant officer was killed—an account of his death has been forwarded to The Vancouver World direct from the trenches. It was written by Private J. E. Cadenhead, well-known, in Vancouver newspaper circles as a political writer and journalist, who left that city with the Seventy-second Highlanders.

(By J. F. CALDENHEAD.)

Somewhere in France, Aug. 22—How often the words of Burke come back to me at a time like this—"What shadows we are and what shadows we pursue." Life here is just one series of surprises and shocks. In the morning you commune with a man, in the evening you commit him to the dust. I am not going to attempt anything of a biography of the late Major Markham—that I dare say has been done, and done long ere now. I would rather try to record a brief impression of a gallant officer who fell in a glorious cause.

It is almost the irony of fate that he was cut off on the eve of honors. He was gazetted to the rank of major in the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders of Canada; almost simultaneously he was appointed brigade signalling officer—his transfer being made.

Thursday to me was a day full of incidents. I had to return to — and I consulted Major Markham as to safety. He said, and I remember his words: "Don't go in day light—join the staff when they come out at night."

How many I went, and the last time I spoke to him, was about two hours before the tragic end. He left brigade headquarters for the firing line about 4 in the afternoon. There was persistent shelling the whole of that day — and the road leading to battalion headquarters was in quick succession — then the Lochaber No. 3, and the Last Post.

We march away in silence, leaving behind all that was mortal in the sure and certain hope.

Of the 844 men, women and children who met death in the Eastland disaster in Chicago 66 comprised 33 entire families that were wiped out, leaving no relatives or heirs to claim damages.

She—A clock is different from a man. He—"In what respect?" She—"When it strikes it keeps on working."

Born in New Brunswick, the late Captain Markham saw active service in South Africa. He was one of the original Seaforths who left Vancouver just over a year ago—one of the few officers who came out of Ypres unscathed. The nature of my work brought me often into contact with Major Markham and I came to know him as a man of great character and of one word—loving-kindness.

There was nothing of false pride about him, he was never over-conscious of his stripes. No one ever approached him and was sent empty away. To the meanest private he was considerate and attentive and among some of us at least whenever we wanted a special favor it was a common saying, "Oh, let us go to Markham."

His was a large charity, but although he would often stretch a point when another officer would not, he was always stern and unbending on those who in any way shirked their work. Among his own men—the Signal Section—he was beloved and that after all is the true test of an officer.

Assiduous as to their comfort, always giving encouragement, never relaxing unless merited, he went about his work "both hands full of gifts," quietly and unostentatiously.

Of the esteem he was held in by his brother officers, I am not in a position to speak—perhaps the crowd of officers around that open grave is the best testimony.

The body was conveyed on the Friday to the transport lines and there it lay all night. With the best material at their hands the pioneers prepared a coffin and this covered with the Union Jack rested in a motor ambulance. On Saturday, the 21st of August, at 10 o'clock, a start was made for the military cemetery, at Armentières, a distance of about five miles.

Headed by the band, we walked in solemn procession the pipes playing "The Flowers of the Forest." The morning was cloudy and promised rain. It began with a drizzle, but developed into a regular downpour. When close to the cemetery the clouds lifted, however, and the last rites were said with just a small glimmer of sunshine.

At the side of the grave stood General Alderson and Brigadier-General Leckie, his chief. Major Peck took the place of Colonel J. Leckie, who was ill, and gathered around stood staff officers, non-commissioned officers and men each and all paying tribute and respect to a fallen comrade.

Although less than a year old this

military cemetery is already much peopled. This, it seems to say, is the price you must pay for liberty. Endless rows upon rows of graves—so and so, aged 25—so and so, aged 28—the flower of France and Britain cut off in the days of strength.

A spirit of rebellion seems to get hold of you until you convince yourself that there must be an immortality as against the Spartan heroes of Thermopylae.

If I knew Major Markham right, I think perhaps he would have preferred to rest in some isolated spot among the boys of the Canadian Scottish, who, like him, gave their all.

The burial service was conducted by Canon Scott, with reverence and dignity; he read the lessons as only a lover of poetry can read them, and there were few who had not a lump in their throat as he read the words of the great message to the Corinthians—that message of hope in perplexity—that message of assurance of something beyond—"Then is brought to pass the saying, Death is swallowed up in victory."

Then comes the Benediction. Over the grave three valleys were read. Between each valley came the word, "Amen." The service was held in a hall on Monday afternoon of this week. Very favorable reports were read by the secretary and treasurer and it was found the funds on hand amounted to \$279. A donation of \$10 by Fred S. Henderson, of Truro, was acknowledged by the president, as well as a donation of \$8 from two members of the Roger Miller Co., Point du Chene, Magazines are now being prepared for overseas shipment, the society also at present having a large hospital consignment nearing completion. Two consignments of goods to Toronto and one to St. John were quite recently shipped and acknowledged.

FIVE ENLIST AT BIG RECRUITING RALLY IN ALBERT

Hopewell Hill, Sept. 17—The big auditorium at Oulton hall, Albert, was packed to the doors this evening, when Rev. Captain W. F. Parker and Lieut. J. S. Henry, with several well-known local speakers, addressed the people on the paramount public issue of the day—the great war question—and especially in regard to the need of a response to the call to arms, that was now ringing loud and clear throughout the country. It was another of the many enthusiastic recruiting meetings that have been held during the present campaign in Albert county, and at the close of the meeting, five young men walked up to the platform, amidst deafening applause, and signed the roll of honor. The men were Winncy Calhoun, Melvin Bannister, Wm. Bannister, O. Marshman, Charles Geldart.

Geo. D. Prescott, M.P.P., presided at the meeting, and on the platform were Hon. A. R. McClellan, ex-lieutenant governor; Dr. S. C. Murray, Rev. H. E. DeWolfe, Rev. Father Lockyer, Rev. Capt. Parker and Lieut. Henry, of the 64th battalion. Rev. Mr. DeWolfe was the first speaker and delivered a forceful address that was listened to with great attention.

Rev. Capt. Parker, who followed, spoke deeply and of considerable length on the war question.

Rev. Father Lockyer was given a fine hearing, as he delivered a crisp and eloquent discourse on the war question and the need of all doing their part in the great struggle.

Ex-Governor McClellan, whose presence in spite of his advanced years, was greatly appreciated, spoke briefly, congratulating the people on the fine meeting which was another proof of the evident loyalty of the residents of Albert county, which had done much in the way of men and money and must still do more.

Lieut. Henry was the last speaker and made a forceful and earnest appeal to the young men, telling them to not only sign, but ask "We'll never let the old flag fall."

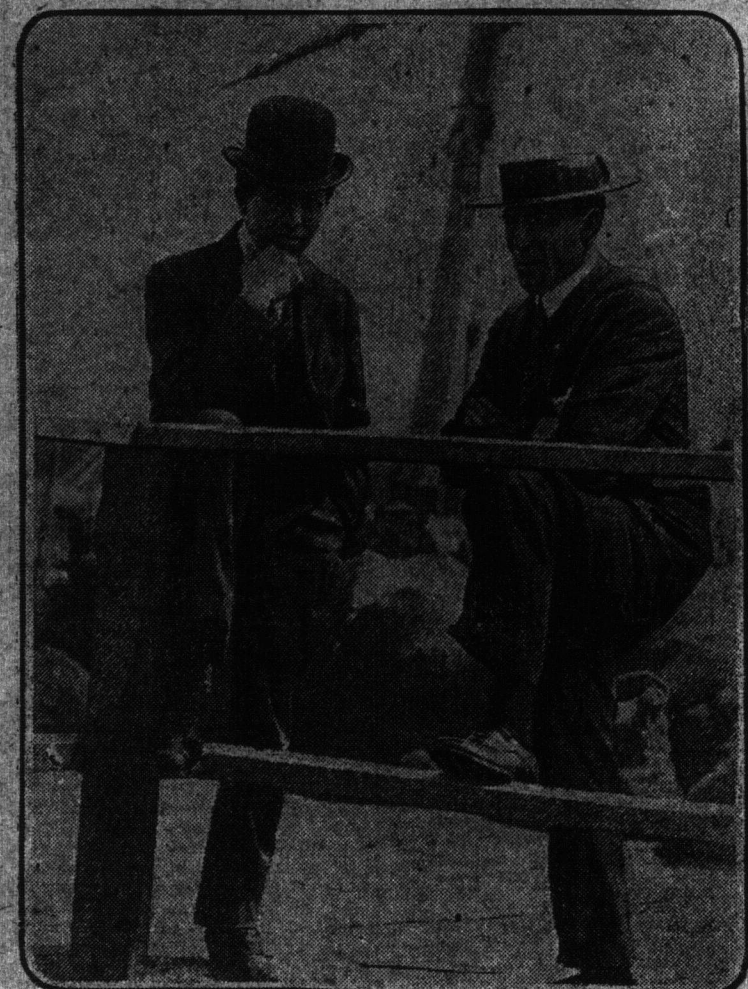
At the conclusion of his appeal, Winncy Calhoun, of the S. and A. railway, son of W. E. Calhoun, of Cape Station, a prominent young man, promptly marched to the platform amid great applause, and was quickly followed by the others. Other young men are likely to sign on during tomorrow.

The attractiveness of the meeting tonight was added by the rendering of vocal selections by Misses Mildred Murray and Susie and Kathleen Prescott. The hall was very prettily decorated with patriotic emblems.

SHEDDING RED CROSS WORK

Shediac, N. B., Sept. 16—A most satisfactory business meeting of the Red Cross Society was held in a temporary hall on Monday afternoon of this week. Very favorable reports were read by the secretary and treasurer and it was found the funds on hand amounted to \$279. A donation of \$10 by Fred S. Henderson, of Truro, was acknowledged by the president, as well as a donation of \$8 from two members of the Roger Miller Co., Point du Chene, Magazines are now being prepared for overseas shipment, the society also at present having a large hospital consignment nearing completion. Two consignments of goods to Toronto and one to St. John were quite recently shipped and acknowledged.

FAMOUS EXPLORER SAFE AFTER BEING GIVEN UP AS LOST



V. Steffanson (on the left) and his captain, "Bob" Bartlett, from a photo taken on the deck of the Kahuk just before their departure.

Nome, Alaska, Sept. 17—Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Canadian explorer, who was believed to be lost in the Arctic not only is alive and well but has discovered a new land in the north and accompanied yesterday from Herschel Island.

NEW CANADIAN BRIGADE MAKES ONE OF MOST SPLENDID RECORDS IN BRITISH HISTORY

Stirring Words of Sir John French to Dismounted Command—First Division in No Hard Fighting During September—Promotions for Officers.

London, Sept. 18—Field Marshal Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British in the field, recently visited a Canadian brigade and delivered a speech to the men, in which he said:

"I wish to express appreciation for the splendid manner in which, early in the year, when a Canadian infantry division suffered great losses, you volunteered to leave your homes and come out here. At the commencement you took the most prominent part in the battle of Festubert, where we not only gained a considerable amount of ground, but inflicted great losses on the enemy and captured a large quantity of material. Afterwards at Ginchy you kept up the same fighting record, and since that, till a few days ago, you have been doing very hard work in the trenches.

"Your record will go down in British history as one of the most splendid of British history."

Canadians in Bombing Exploit.

Ottawa, Sept. 19—The following was received today by Gen. Sir Sam Hughes from Sir Max Aitken, Canadian eyewitness:

"During the period of the 7th to 18th September the situation along the front of the First Canadian Division has remained unchanged. The enemy's aeroplanes have been slightly more active than usual; the enemy artillery has also been active, particularly on the left section. There has been little rise fire beyond the ordinary sniping. Our patrols report the enemy still busy strengthening his defences with wire entanglements.

"On the evening of the 9th inst. a successful bombing expedition was carried out under the direction of Lieut. Bellamy, Fifth Battalion. The bombs thrown apparently all fell within the enemy's parapet, causing considerable loss and damage and the party retired without casualties.

"Under cover of prearranged artillery fire large working parties have been employed continuously in strengthening and improving various parts of our defences.

"A party of six Canadian journalists visited the First Canadian Division on the 12th and 13th inst., spending considerable time in the trenches. On the 18th inst. they saw a fast model German aeroplane which had been brought down in the early morning by a young English airman in the vicinity of the Canadian lines after a long pursuit and machine gun fight in mid-air. The party also visited Ypres and the general hospitals, commanded by Colonels Murray MacLaren and Birkett.

Headquarters Appointments.

"Appointments to Canadian headquarters are as follows: "General staff officers, second grade: Lieut.-Col. C. H. Mitchell and Major R. F. Haytor, D. S. O.; general staff officer, third: Captain R. F. Clarke; administrative staff assistant provost marshal, Major A. MacMillan; chief engineer, Lieut.-Col. C. J. Armstrong, with temporary rank of brigadier-general. Brigadier-General A. W. Currie, C. B. G., to command Second Infantry Brigade with temporary rank of brigadier-general; Captain A. B. I. Webber, Royal Irish Fusiliers, to be brigadier-general. Other appointments include Lieut.-Col. A. E. Ross, to be assistant director medical services First Canadian Division; Lieut.-Col. L. J. Lipscomb, C. M. G., to command Second Infantry Brigade with temporary rank of brigadier-general; Captain A. B. I. Webber, Royal Irish Fusiliers, to be brigadier-general. Other appointments include Lieut.-Col. A. E. Ross, to be assistant director medical services First Canadian Division; Lieut.-Col. L. J. 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