

OUR DECORATIONS WON.

How Lieut. Alexander Watson Gregory (Public Works, Ottawa) won his Military Cross is told in the following extract from Orders:

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As transport officer he was in charge of convoys bringing up water and rations to the forward area. The routes of approach were being heavily shelled, but this officer, by his coolness and judgment, brought his party through without a casualty. At all times, under the most trying conditions, he has set a splendid example to the men under him.

Private Richard J. Seed, formerly well known in Ottawa as a Dominion Police constable, and who went overseas with the 207th Battalion, transferring to the 21st, has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He is now in hospital, still suffering from serious wounds in the right hand and in the leg, sustained some time ago. The Order awarding his decoration says:

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in a raid on the enemy's trenches. Though attacked with hand grenades, he rushed the enemy, and accounted for five of them. Observing a party attacking his company commander, he bombed them, killing or wounding the entire party, and thus saved his officer's life. He showed splendid courage and determination, which contributed materially to the success of the operation.

A Military Cross has been conferred upon Lieut. Jos. Dakers, a Victoria, B.C., customs officer who started in the war as a sergeant in the Machine Gun Section of the 67th "Western Scots." At the Somme he did conspicuous service and was given a commission and transferred to the 102nd Battalion. With that unit he "carried on" so well that the coveted "M.C." is now his. Further details are not received.

Three distinguished Civil Service soldiers were honored by the King on the occasion of his birthday. They are Lieut.-Col. Earchman, Lieut.-Col. C. E. Bent and Lieut.-Col. E. T. B. Gillmore.

Lieut.-Col. Archibald Earchman belongs to the staff of the Hudson Bay Railway.

He commanded the 228th Battalion and was at one time connected with the 21st Battalion. He now receives the D.S.O.

Lieut. Col. Charles Edward Bent is sub-collector of customs at Pugwash, N.S., and was an officer of the 17th Battalion. He has won promotion, two Mentions in Despatches and the D.S.O., and now the honor of the C.M.G. is added to the recognitions of his services.

Lieut.-Col. E. T. B. Gillmore belongs to the Topographical Surveys, Ottawa, and is a widely known artillery officer. Overseas since the first year of the war, he has won promotion and Mention in Despatches. Now he gets the D.S.O.

WAR PERSONALS.

Writing from France, where he is serving in the C.A.M.C., Alex. S. Ogilvie, of the Customs, says: "I saw our Asst. Acct. (Lieut.-Col. H. V. Rorke) a few weeks ago. He had just returned from a month in Southern France. I caught sight of Leon Jackson on the road one day, but had not an opportunity to speak to him. The sub-collector from Estevan—M. Roach—is one of the originals of our unit (12th F.A.)"

A Port Arthur correspondent writes of some of the Customs men of that place now in the C.E.F. He says: "Capt. W. T. Danison has renounced his rank and is at the front doing his bit as a volunteer. Pte. A. E. Chase is also back again to the front after being wounded twice." Earl McKee, of the same staff, has voluntarily joined the Strathconas. "We wish these boys good luck, stout hearts and a safe return when the job is done," concludes the writer. Percy Hesson, who died of wounds overseas, is deeply regretted at the customs house.

Civil servants returned from overseas include Major A. W. Gray and Corp. Beardley, both of the Dominion Parks Branch.

Lieuts. J. MacCormac and W. A. Glassmaher, who were the officers of the "Civil Service Siege Battery," are now both "up the line" with "the Heavies."