

From Toronto also writes Private W. Scott: "Dear Friend: I received your gift and think it very kind of you. I shall never forget your kindness. We are having a lovely time down here and I will send one of my photos to the club soon. Private W. Scott."

Much of the success of the Ottawa Women's Canadian Club has been due to the able leadership of Mrs. Herridge, the president. Each member has en-

tered whole heartedly into the spirit of the work, and succeeded in showing how much an organization of its character can accomplish. Since the present season commenced the membership has been continually growing. At that time the membership stood at 558. To-day it has 1,148 members, and is numbered amongst the largest Canadian clubs in the Dominion. No other Canadian Club in Canada has excelled this club in labor freely given and in ultimate results.

WOMEN'S VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Organization Going On In Vancouver,
On the Model of London Force,
Which is Rendering Invaluable Service.

A VANCOUVER correspondent, reading Miss Constance Boulton's article on what women are doing at the front and for defensive purposes in the United Kingdom, sends an account of the Women's Volunteer Reserve, which has been organized in that city by Dr. Ella Scarlett Synge, whose sister, Mrs. Haverfield, inaugurated a similar force in London.

In case of a raid, with the best troops gone to the front, the Town Guard and Veterans would have to defend the city. A body of women suitably trained would be of great value in keeping open the lines of communication, seeing that the men get their food and ammunition, signalling, despatch riding, telegraphy, and such like work.

For all of these classes are being held regularly, the corps having begun with ninety workers. Mr. Ronald Adair, champion ju jitsu wrestler of Australia, his manager, Mr. Hefferman, and Mr. Mason, give instruction in ju jitsu, and Professor Fujita, master in fencing and ju jitsu, takes classes also. Mr. Haddon, graduate in gymnastic work, gives instruction in club swinging. Sergt. Major Cain is the instructor in military, physical and ambulance drill; Messrs. Gwyther and Horse instruct the Volunteer Reserve

in signalling, and the President, Dr. Synge, gives Red Cross lectures once a week. Instructors from the Vancouver Rifle Association take classes in rifle practice, and the members of the Royal Sanitary Institute lecture weekly on field oven construction, field oven baking, camp cooking, sanitation and hygiene. Classes in swimming, fencing, motor car driving and repairing are also held, and lessons in telegraphy and riding may be taken by special arrangement.

AIRCRAFT FUND OPENED.

Thousands of British subjects in all parts of His Majesty's Dominions overseas are proud of the splendid achievements of the British Royal Flying Corps, and have expressed a desire to contribute towards the purchase of an aeroplane or aeroplanes as a gift to the Mother Country.

The Over Seas Club has therefore undertaken to inaugurate an Over Seas Aircraft Fund, for the purpose of presenting to the British Government, for the use of the Royal Flying Corps, several aeroplanes; and it is hoped to present one aeroplane from India, one from Canada, one from South Africa, and so on.

If a certain section of the Empire contributes sufficient funds for an aeroplane the name of the country will be painted on the machine, which will serve as a splendid testimony to the patriotism of the peoples of Greater Britain. In view of the activity of German airmen and the official German statement that the Yarmouth Raid is only the precursor of many such exploits, every aeroplane which we can provide will be needed. The greater the response, the greater the number of aeroplanes which we shall be able to furnish.

The latest type of Vickers's Gun Biplane, complete with gun, costs \$11,250.