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HOME AGAIN!

In a few weeks, at the outside, the remaining Canadian troops in England and France will be on their way home, and Reconstruction will begin in earnest. To build again the waste and broken places, to pick up the tangled threads of civil life, is a task which calls for the best of heart and head which Canadians can give. To exchange the panoply of war for the pursuits of peace will be particularly agreeable to those citizen soldiers who made up the brilliant overseas Military Forces of Canada. The Canadians did not enter the conflict because they delighted to go to war, but because they could not sit still and see injustice done. Having completed the ruddy business, they are as keen to get out of it as they were to come in when the vaunting Giant of Militarism, as Sir Arthur Currie puts it, "Flung his mailed gauntlet in the face of an astonished world." The way to reconstruction, however, is not the Bolshevik way. That way madness lies. Constant and hard training, submission to strict discipline, ready response to orders, continual self-sacrifice—these things made victory possible. The same qualities are now required to conserve the fruits of victory—to make the world safe for democracy and democracy safe for the world. Canada is a "swell" country, but there is nothing that would take the "swell" out of her so quickly as mob rule, anarchy and disorder. The men who comprised the magnificent forces of the Dominion and who understand the value of well ordered effort are not likely to be led astray by the specious promises or hot-air oratory of alien agitators who have lost—or perhaps it should be written ought to lose—their heads. Canadian soldiers are not irresponsible tourists who have been in Flanders for the good of their health. They fought for an ideal—not a party—and they will not lose sight of that ideal now that the grim business is over. The national spirit of the Dominions has, General Currie thinks, been matured by the war, while the ties that bind the Empire have in no way been weakened. Canada's fair name has been unsullied during the war. Her returned soldiers will see that it is not dishonoured in Peace.

DEEDS OF DARING.

Private John Young, 87th Battalion, Quebec Regiment, was awarded the V.C. for conspicuous bravery, when at Dury (Arras sector) on September 2nd, 1918, acting as a stretcher-bearer. Private Young, in spite of complete absence of cover, went out and in the open fire-swept ground dressed the wounded. On more than one occasion he returned under intense fire for a further supply of dressings. His courageous conduct saved the lives of many of his comrades.



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Capt. Thain Wendell MacDowell, D.S.O., Canadian Infantry Battalion, was awarded the Victoria Cross for most conspicuous bravery and indomitable resolution in face of heavy machine gun and shell fire. By his initiative and courage this officer, with the assistance of two runners, was enabled, in the face of great difficulties, to capture two machine guns, besides two officers and seventy-five men. Although wounded in the hand, he continued for five days to hold the position gained, in spite of heavy shell fire.

Lieut. Frederick Maurice Watson Harvey, Canadian Force, was awarded the V.C. for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty. During an attack by his regiment on a village a party of the enemy ran forward to a wired trench just in front of the village, and opened rapid rifle and machine gun fire at a very close range, causing heavy casualties in the leading troop. At this critical moment, Lieut. Harvey, who was in command of the leading troop, ran forward well ahead of his men and dashed at the trench, still fully manned, jumped the wire, shot the machine gunner and captured the gun.

Among those who came over from Canada boys and who will go back men—in many instances famous men—is included Lieut. A. H. Finlay, who has the M.C. and Bar. Lieut. Finlay was 18 years of age when he enlisted in Vancouver, B.C., and was a Clerk beginning his career. He has put pretty good top stone on it already. Lieut. Finlay was decorated by the King in September, 1918.



Lieut. A. H. Finlay, M.C.