

fire during that period. But telephone communication has got to be kept up for on it rests the success and co-operation of the whole attack. During our period on the X— our general was never out of communication with his commanders forward, and we were never further back than one and a half miles behind the front line. It took some doing, but it was done. However, I came through it all O.K. and am glad to say that I have been there, although one's thoughts don't just run that way while one is there. I am sorry to say, though, that the majority of my chums were not quite so lucky.

"I met a fellow from Sherbrooke the other day who had seen Paul Engelke, a German who worked with me for eighteen months in Sherbrooke. This fellow had spoken to Engelke, who was taken prisoner by the British on July 26th. I passed through the town where he was in a prison camp, but I did not know that he was there at the time. Engelke left Sherbrooke the day war was declared. I don't know how he got over to Germany, but I believe he had a hard time getting there and was only in Germany two months when he was captured."

The following extract is from a letter written in November from Le Havre, France, by CAPT. GEORGE HOLLAND, formerly of the Market (Toronto) branch.

"The men all pass through here before they go up to the lines, and it is here that the finishing touches are put on. Le Havre is a typical French town, being about the size of Toronto, I should judge, but, of course, not nearly so neat—more like the French part of Montreal. Very few of the French people speak English and it is quite funny trying to make the store-keepers understand.

"Colonel McMullen and his battalion (Oxford Own, 168th) are with us at West Sandling. They are to be attached to the 12th, I understand.

"I was in charge of about 600 men and was adjutant on the boat coming over. I got a First Class Number One Certificate at Hythe, you will be glad to hear, which was all I expected as there are only two or three 'Distinguished' each time, and it is extremely hard to get a 'D.' The marks are given as follows: 100% for a 'D,' 80% for First Class, 60% for Second Class. The latter is considered rather poor.

"The weather was rather cold at the Canadian Base all the time I was there, and being in tents is not as comfortable as the huts at West Sandling. The lights are not shaded at Le Havre as they are in England. Everybody is wearing a uniform of one kind or another, and things look very warlike indeed."

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