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## EDITORIAL

### YPRES

"Exegi monumentum Aerii perennis"

Naturally at this time we mentally retrace our path, and re-examine the engraving on the mile stones by the way. The declaration of war, the rapid mobilization of the forces throughout Canada; the concentration at Valcartier Camp; the transatlantic voyage in the largest Armada the seas have ever borne on its historic surface; the months of purgatory on Salisbury Plains; the landing in France; the testing at Neuve Chapelle, Fleurbaix, Armentiers, and then Ypres, a word written with the life blood of its gallant sons on the title-page of Canada's history.

Most fittingly the first anniversary of the second battle of Ypres was observed by a special service on Easter afternoon in St. George's Church. The memory of the heroes who fell in that glorious struggle was honoured not alone by the brother forces of His Majesty's Services who happened to be in Ramsgate, and by a large number of residents. Many names come to mind, some of whom have passed to the Great Beyond, others still "carrying on" but who have all indeed "Built a monument more enduring than Bronze." Boyle and McLaren of the 10th; Hart-McHarg of the 7th; Norsworthy and Guy Drummond and McCuaig of the 13th, who for almost 24 hours held his position and was an important factor in saving the day; John Geddes leading his company in the famous charge into hell, wounded early, but gallantly pushing on, only to fall when the deed was done.

Our own hospital was especially interested not only from the number of patients who had taken part in the battle, which included Capt. Srimger, V.C., M.O., 14th Battalion, The Royal Montreal Regiment, who won his V.C., Privates Glidden and Wade, 1st Battalion, Private Bec, of the 5th, Private Dodwell, of the 16th, and Driver Whitestien, of the 1st Battery, but also from the fact that the following men of No 3 Field Ambulance are at present on the staff of this hospital: Lieut.-Col. W. L. Watt, the Officer Commanding, who also commanded there; Major F. C. Bell, Major S. A. Smith, D.S.O., Sergt. Hayes, Corporals Carr and Walsh. The first two were wounded and the last two captured by the enemy when

searching for wounded near St. Julien.

Just what the terrible struggle meant may be gauged from the fact that from the evening of the 22nd, when the first ghastly results of the gas poisoning started to come in, until the evening of the 28th, no less than 5,250 wounded were cared for and evacuated by this Ambulance alone.

It were hopeless to attempt to recall the names of all those who performed deeds of such prodigious valour on that day; one may only quote the words of Canada's Official Recorder, Sir Max Aitkin:-

"The Battle which raged for so many days in the neighbourhood of Ypres was bloody, even as men appraise battle in this callous and life-engulfing war, but as long as brave deeds retain the power to fire the blood of Anglo-Saxons, the stand made by the Canadians in these desperate days will be told by Fathers to their Sons; for in the military glory of Canada, in this defence will shine as brightly as any in the records of the British Army, the stubborn valour with which Sir James McDonnell and the Guards beat back from Hougoumont the Division of Foy, and the army corps of Reille."

The ringing cheers of the 10th Brigade, (British) and the Northumberland Brigade, as they rushed to their relief, were at once the death knell of the term "Colonial" and the Birth Greeting of a new Empire.

## \* The Canadian Army Medical Services in the Field.

### THE BATTALION MEDICAL SERVICES

By Capt. F. A. C. Srimger, V.C., C.A.M.C., M.O.  
14th Battalion Royal Montreal Regiment

The battalion medical service as it is seen to-day in the Canadian Army is an adaptation from the older regimental service. Then, the Medical Officer was an officer of the regiment with which he was serving. A certain number of men, two from each company, were trained as stretcher bearers; and were placed under his orders when there were casualties to be attended.

The Medical Officer is now supplied from the Army Medical Corps, is attached for duty with a battalion; and has as his commanding officer, the A.D.M.S. of the division in which the battalion is serving. He has under him two distinct groups of men; a medical orderly with

the rank of lance-corporal, sixteen stretcher bearers and one driver for the Maltese cart, drawn from the battalion, but permanently under his command as a separate detail; and one N.C.O. with four men, drawn from the C.A.M.C. and attached for water duties.

The position of the M.O. in a battalion is in many respects peculiar; his influence on the well-being of the regiment is almost anything he cares to make it. He is nominally under the Commanding Officer; but in all things strictly pertaining to the medical service he is accountable to the A.D.M.S. of the division. He is the advisor to the officer commanding in all things affecting the health and physical welfare of the unit as a whole and of each individual in it. It not infrequently happens that he is advisor in their other matters as well. He is a member of the Headquarters' Staff, his work brings him frequently into the company messes, and he sees, sooner or later, in the course of his rounds or on sick parade a large proportion of the N.C.O.'s and men of the unit. There is hardly a section or a detail he cannot know fairly intimately without seeming to go outside of his duties. There is not an officer in the battalion who has a better opportunity of knowing the needs, wishes and feeling of the men. During the times of relative quiet he has among his duties the supervision of the water; where it is to be drawn, the cleanliness of the water-bottles, and the supply of safe water whenever possible whether the unit is in or out of the trenches. He has the supervision of the the sanitary arrangements as they are carried out in the various companies and details. He is the sieve through which all men must pass who are temporarily or permanently unfit for service. The mesh must be small; yet he must be reasonably fair and reasonably accurate in his judgement if he is to retain the respect of the men, and in consequence maintain his usefulness. On him will depend in no small degree the daily wastage in men from the army in the field. Above all he must make the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the unit feel in times of quiet, that, in times of stress, all will be done that it is possible to do, for the relief of their wounded.

In times of active fighting these duties take second place. All his energies must be turned to the enormously



difficult problem of finding and rendering first aid to wounded, collecting and evacuating them to his dressing station or to some point where they can be reached by the Field Ambulance. He must keep in contact with the Field Ambulance so that it may be used to the best advantage. He must organize search parties and stretcher parties at the earliest opportunity, and from wherever he can get the men. He must keep in touch with Battalion and Brigade Headquarters in order that he may receive reports as to where casualties are occurring. From the battalion dressing station or collecting post he hands over his wounded and sick to the next link in the chain of the arm of the medical service, the Field Ambulance, where for the moment we will leave them. F.A.C.S.

\* Being the First of a Series on the Canadian Army Medical Service in the Expeditionary Force.

### ST. GEORGE'S DAY CHURCH PARADE.

Sunday last, the 23rd April, being the Feast of St. George, the Patron Saint of England and the first anniversary of the second battle of Ypres, a Special Service was held at St. George's Church. The Service was fully choral and being Easter Sunday, the Church presented a beautiful appearance. Many Canadian Officers, Sisters, and patients were present.

Starting with the processional Hymn "At the name of Jesus" followed opening prayers and a psalm. Prayers for the blessing of Almighty God on our King, Country, and Fighting Forces of our Empire, were very impressive. These were followed by another beautiful Easter hymn "Jesus Christ is risen to-day" "The Creed" next, also further prayers for the wounded, sick prisoners and missing. The lesson was read by Rev. Hooper, Chaplain of the Granville Canadian Special Hospital. Then, "Through the night of Doubt and Sorrow" a favourite hymn of the Canadians was preceded by an eloquent address by the Vicar of Ramsgate, who sought to impress upon the Troops the following of the Cross which heralded the Peace of God, "Though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion" was brought home to many a bereaved one, and there were few in the Church who did not realize the truth of that beautiful verse "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Rev. E. L. A. Hertslet paid a warm tribute to the Canadian Troops, who so gallantly held the lines at Ypres a year ago, and his splendid address was all too short. "The Hallelujah Chorus" was rendered by the choir in a very efficient manner. The singing of the National Anthem brought the Service to a close.

## Contributions and Acknowledgments

### THE KAISER

Thou Demon! thine unquenched thirst for power  
Hath vanquished and destroyed thy very soul:  
And Nature as if wishing to impress  
The imperfections of thy spirit life  
Hath laid a mark upon thee all may see.  
The blood of babes and mothers wanton shed;  
The cry of those abandoned to the sea;  
Of those giv'n o'er to worse than many deaths  
Do cry aloud for vengeance: Now the hour  
Of doom draws near. The mills of fate grind slow,  
Yet do they grind exceeding fine. Thus thou  
Art doomed to outer darkness, and thy fall  
Shall greater be, and to a lower depth  
For that thy Kingship was but lent to thee--  
A steward's trust-- to use for good or ill,  
And thou forgetting God, and all His laws,  
Didst think to grasp the kingdoms of the earth--  
O Fool --and grasping, didst but lose thy soul!  
W. F. C.--523511 C.A.M.C.

### THINGS SEEN AND HEARD

About three weeks ago the Surgeon put me to sleep, in order to limber up by force some of my stiff joints. He cracked almost all my joints I guess! for both knees and feet were then swathed in guncotton, enclosed in bomb-proof splints, and bandaged up with about three kilometres of red tape. My feet also, are impressive looking now. I have to let them down gently for fear they'll explode. Sunday being a fine day, I decided to take a turn on the front, so I borrowed a cap and a "Blue Label" coat, jumped into my private motor-less, and hied me away to the prom. I was there but a few moments when my feet caused me pain. Two fair ladies came along, and spied those feet. As they passed, one was heard to remark "If that chap could only stand on his feet, he would never fall down"--How the truth hurts!!

Strolling along in front of me was a mother and her son of about ten summers.

Out on the bosom of the briny, a torpedo-boat was plowing her way northward "Is that a warship mother?" "No dear, that's a torpedo boat" "What is a torpedo boat mother? Oh! a torpedo boat is-is-is a torpedo boat of course! The boy gazed into his mother's face.--the mother gazed out to sea-- O blind faith!

Upon reaching the far end of the prom., I rested.

On a bench on the green, a sailorman his good wife and their daughter was

seated. The mother was evidently reading a bible story to her child. It finished like this "And when night came, they all lay down peacefully to sleep." When she had finished, the little girl exclaimed, "There was'nt any Zepps then mamma, was there?" I left.

Home? again. No; dont get nasty now, the Catch-my-Pal man never even FELT my pockets when I came in.

Laugh and the world laughs with you,  
Grouse and you grouse alone,  
So spin your troubles to somebody else,  
I've a couple of "feet" of my own.

—BILLY BREEZE.

### "MY KNEE"

With apologies to Jubilee in my old Kentucky Town  
I've got a tingling feeling in my knee  
It wants to make me wiggle 'round,  
For the love of Mike, they're keeping me  
In bed till it's thoroughly sound;  
The crippled leg's up in the air,  
All splint---ed and cramped for fair,  
The Doc's and Nurses, near my curses,  
Unless they-- pull it round with care;  
Yes, there's just one song, that's "Oh Can-  
a-da for me"  
Go you can bet that when my knee gets set  
I'll be fit for any spree.  
(Composed and written---but not sung---  
by one who knows!)

### Home News.

WINNIPEG—The University Batt. Committee has received a cable from Capt. John McQueen, accepting the command of the University Field Ambulance Corps, No 11. He will return to Winnipeg at once to take charge of the Corps. Capt. Fortin, lately returned from the Front is second-in-command.

Capt. McQueen, who is a well-known Winnipeg physician, is at present on active service in France, where he has been for the last few months.

Manitoba is making history these days. "Tis' a bit dry question"

BRANDON—Ploughing and Seeding are in full swing around Brandon.

REGINA—All Saskatchewan Soldiers, who happen to be residing in the Dominion at the time of the next Provincial Election, will be given the opportunity of exercising their Franchise.

CHARLOTTETOWN P.E.I.—The Dalton Sanatorium at Northwiltshire, just completed at a cost of 45,000 dollars, has been accepted by the Militia Department as a convalescent hospital for soldiers, including tubercular patients.

NIAGARA FALLS—The Canadian power stations in this district, are to be protected by wire entanglements and searchlights.

QUEBEC—The Provincial Legislature has been dissolved and elections have been fixed for May 22nd.

SACKVILLE N.B.—A new branch of the fur industry has been taken up in Sackville, for the raising of Black Siberian Hares.



**The Hospitals**

**THE GRANVILLE**

On Easter Sunday a very full parade attended the services held in the beautiful Chapel at Chatham House, which had been specially decorated with flowers.

Special mention must be made of the decorations of Ward 2, Granville. No less than five of those who had taken part in the Ypres fight were in the hospital, three of them in this ward; Corporal Bremner and Pte. Dodwell seem to have been the moving spirits, but all contributed to making this ward a strikingly beautiful picture, the two large fire places decorated with flowers and ferns, and in the centre a large Union Jack, with "Lest we Forget" and YPRES cleverly cut out of white paper on a purple ground. Many pictures were taken of it, and the patients are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

A Rest Home for Canadian Nursing Sisters, has been opened at King's Cliff, Margate.

**Coming Events**

- Sunday—Sacred Song Service, 8 p.m.
- Monday—"Little Britishers," Margate.
- Tuesday—Pictures.
- Wednesday—Mr. Millars Party.
- Thursday—3 p.m. Granville Minstrel Troupe at Palace Theatre. 7 p.m., Mrs. Stock's Party.
- Friday—Pictures.
- Saturday—London Concert Party.

**Acknowledgement of Gifts**

We acknowledge the undermentioned gifts, and express our sincere thanks to the donors.—

- Consignment of apples from the Ontario Government.
- Spinal Chair, and Eggs, from Mrs. Hora, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.
- Magazines, Papers and two Clarionette from Canadian Red Cross Society.
- A prize for the Sports from Miss Ivy Lampah.

**The Passing Hour**

An English teacher asks—when you see ten or a dozen Canadian cars proceeding together along the road (as you often find them), would you refer to them collectively as a string, a bunch, a school, a flock, a convoy, a swarm, a troop, or a squadron?

Why is the O.C.'s car such a RATTING (?) good car. Because the holes in the clutch are loose! (at least, so one expert driver reports!)

**SPORTS**

**FOOTBALL**

**MAPLE LEAFS—VS.—RAMSGATE**

Favoured with lovely weather a match between the above teams took place Monday afternoon, at Chatham House Grounds, which resulted in a victory for the Maple Leafs by 7 to 0. From the outset it was soon seen that the Ramsgate team was hopelessly out-classed—despite the tenacity of several good players—notably: March, Day, Bennett, Daisy and Andrews. Doubtless owing to want of practice there was little or no combination or team work. The game however was clean and well contested. For the Maple Leafs Sergt. Towler, Pringle, G. McCrae and Willis played the correct game. It was far and away the best game yet witnessed here.

**SHOOTING**

The Granville Rifle Team beat a team from the Ramsgate Miniature Rifle Club by 70 points, on Tuesday evening. The shoot took place at the Granville Rifle Range. There were 10 men to a side.

**HOCKEY**

The Granville Roller Hockey Team defeated Herne Bay by 2-0 on Tuesday evening.

**A FAIR SAMPLE.**

The Surgeon had at last arrived at Pat's bedside, and after the usual preliminaries, he prodded poor Pat in the region of his wound. "Does that hurt you?" he asked. Pat leaned forward a moment in his cot, and landing the Surgeon a stunning blow on the nose, he shouted: "Shure, an' do that hurt you?"

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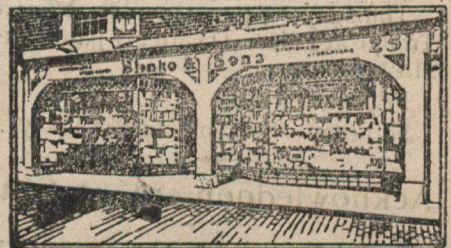
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