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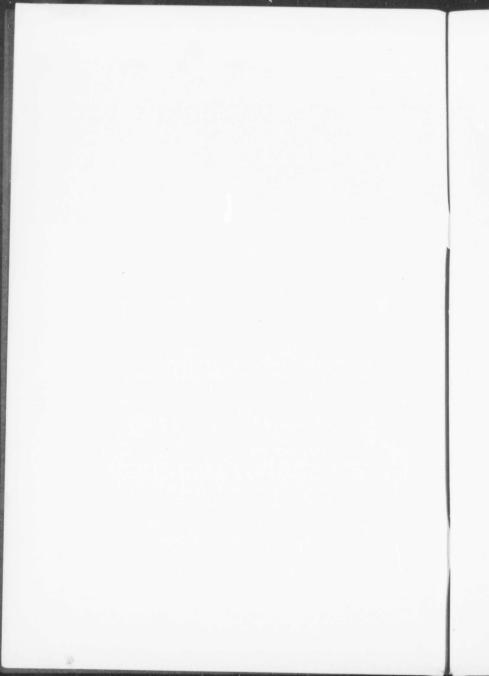
Preface

As the ordinary routine of modern army life becomes more and more familiar to those at home, and indeed the one-time extraordinary happenings come to be viewed as commonplace through constant repetition, it becomes more and more difficult to find letter material which seems to bear the imprint of outstanding general interest, and this is doubtless accountable for the falling off in the number of letters received for publication in this pamphlet. As a consequence, the dates of issue have tended to widen. We do not regret this, because we should not care to see frequent issues at the cost of a deterioration in the high quality which has been evidenced in previous letters published. On the other hand, we would ask of those who have material which might be submitted to recall that all these letters will have a wonderful historic interest in years to come and especially those which encompass the names, sayings and doings of others in addition to the writer.

Many of our absent overseas readers will be much interested in knowing that at the dinner given to the visiting Managers at the time of the last annual meeting they were not forgotten, and we have much pleasure in publishing the able response to the toast to the Navy and Army made by Col. Duncan Donald, the first colonel of the 134th Battalion (48th Highlanders), who was unfortunately precluded by ill health from accompanying that battalion overseas:— "It is eminently fitting and proper that at this gathering, though it be of civilians, this toast should find a prominent place on our programme, for both as individuals and as an institution we have a very vital interest in the forces that at this moment are engaged in the most tremendous struggle of all time. I feel highly honoured indeed at being called upon to respond to it, and, as I take it, more especially on behalf of those who have gone from amongst us to fight our battles. I realize that my humble efforts can do very inadequate justice either to it or to them.

"We have heard to-day a great deal of the services rendered by the staff to the institution which we are proud to serve, and we have the quiet sense of the gratification of those who have really accomplished. One of the outstanding features of the institution is its ability to draw from its staff a willing and enthusiastic service. But after all, gentlemen, we must admit that that service offers the incentive of reward; it may be in gain, it may be in position, it may be in achievement, but in whatever way considered, substantial. What then shall we say of those who, setting aside the result of years of striving and all hope of the future, voluntarily braved the tedium and monotony of the training camp, the hardships of the field and the rigor of a campaign such as has never been dreamed of? What was it led those men and women, too-for we are not without our representation of the gentler sex-to such acts of denial and sacrifice? Was it a sense of duty-the surging love of country that we call patriotism? Yea, these and more. As I judge it, it seems a recrudescence of that feeling out for freedom and liberty which led our forefathers to fight generation after generation, ofttimes in despair, but never daunted, until that choicest of all blessings was theirs, a freedom which suffers its own curtailment for the common good, and which we designate liberty. These struggles had hitherto been confined to communities, races and nations. Here, however, was a struggle world-wide in its scope. We might call it a battle for freedom in the abstract, a fight to the death lest the very idea of freedom be forever blotted out. To all comes this vision in more or less clear light; and, while many would disclaim any such visionary motive I am satisfied that somewhere behind the bravado which served as a cloak to their modesty that vision shone, were it ever so dim.

"So we have drunk this toast to their honour, honouring ourselves in so doing; but, while this is our public acknowledgment of our respect, we honour them, I think, yet more in the envy that steals up in each of our hearts when we read of their devotion and see them in the splendid strength of their manhood, freed from all petty considerations, at death grips over the very essentials, while we are wondering if we are doing anything really worth while. All honour to these men! It will be many a long day before we can realize what they have done and are doing for us, let alone repay. And some we cannot repay. They have fallen in the struggle, cut off in the day of their strength. We sorrow for them. No one around this table but finds in his house of dreams a vacant place. But let not our sorrow be so selfish that it mars the grandeur of their sacrifice. Rather let the quiet pride which surges up in our hearts as we think of their wonderful achievements temper our anguish and assuage our pain. They are not dead. As the Americans sang so can we say, 'Their souls go marching on', sweeping us on in their train, that by greater concentration, greater efficiency and greater sacrifice we may assure that their sacrifice has not been in vain. In the few years of manhood allotted to them they have accomplished a complete service, while we of maturer years yet plod along the dreary road to achievement."



CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION OR DIED WHILE ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Lieut. A. W. AitchisonShaunavon13th May 1916Died of wounds (Military Cross)
Pte. M. S. AldrichAyer's Cliff15th Aug. 1917Killed in action Lieut. A. M. AlexanderLondon, Eng8th Dec. 1917 do
Lieut, P. M. Alexander
Pte. G. F. Allan
Dvr. B. S. Anderson Guelph
Pte. R. Anderson Nelson 20th May 1915 do
L/Corp. R. M. ApplebySupt's. Dept.,22nd Aug. 1917 do Vancouver
Lieut, R. D. Arden New York
Pte, S. Badley
Lieut. C. T. Balderston Pandora & Cook, 26th June 1917 Died of wounds Victoria
Lieut. L. H. Barnard Prince Albert 25th Aug. 1916 Killed in action
Pte, F. F. Barnes
Pte. L. M. Bean
Pte. I. H. Beatty Nokomis
Lieut. G. A. Beck Toronto
Capt. D. H. Bell Vancouver8th Oct. 1916 do
(Military Cross) Pte. A. W. BevanNorth Winnipeg9th Aug. 1916 do
Corp. F. BlackElfros
Pte. F. P. Blacklay Delisle
Pte. H. Blackwood Cornwall 25th Feb. 1917 do
Lieut, W. M. Blott, Moosejaw 13th May 1917, Died of wounds
while a prisoner of war
Lieut. P. E. O. BoothLondon, Eng1st July 1916Killed in action Lieut. F. C. J. BrakeVancouver21st March, 1918 do
Lieut, R. D. Briscoe Strathroy
Lieut, A. E. Browne,, Dawson,
L/Corp. C. E. BuzzellWinnipeg
Pte. J. Cagney
Pte. L. E. Callaghan Claresholm 13th Oct. 1915 Killed in action Lieut. F. B. Cameron Montreal 19th Aug. 1916 Died of wounds
Lieut, D. I. M. Campbell, Medicine Hat. 12th July 1916Killed in action
Lieut. D. J. M. Campbell. Medicine Hat 12th July 1916 Killed in action Lieut. W. L. Carmichael., Watrous
SgtMajor T. A. Christie. Broderick
Lieut G. E. ClarkeWalkerton 23rd July 1916Killed in action Pte, J. CowieKamloops30th Oct. 1917 do
Gr. F. W. A. Cronhelm, Fort Frances, 8th May 1917, Died of wounds
Gr. É. W. A. Cronhelm. Fort Frances8th May 1917Died of wounds Pte. J. C. CurrieNorth Battleford9th April 1917Killed in action
Pte. F. F. B. Darley Prince Rupert 22nd Nov. 1916 Died of injuries
received in France, April 1915
Capt. C. deFallot St. John, N.B 15th July 1915 Died of wounds
Pte. R. S. DeuelSt. Johns, Que28th June 1917Died in German hospital
Pte. C. F. Dick
Corp. F. E. DodgeOutlook
Capt. H. A. DuncanHamilton9th Oct. 1916Presumed to
have died; previously reported wounded and missing
Pte. W. A. Elderkin Blaine Lake
Lieut. L. ElsleyCollingwood5th April 1917Presumed to
have died ; previously reported missing
Pte, F. L. Emmerson Moneton
Pte, E. H. Exshaw Salmon Arm16th Aug. 1917 Died of wounds
Lieut. W. H. FalknerOttawa
rte, R. F. Fane,

KILLED IN ACTION OR DIED WHILE ON ACTIVE SERVICE-contd.

Lieut. R. M. FergusonKingston
Pte. J. A. M. Forbes Humboldt 11th Sept. 1916 do Pte. W. H. Fowler
Pte.(Count)O.K.J.V.FrijsHafford15th Nov. 1915Killed in action Lieut.W.N. GalaugherChatham20th March 1915do Lieut. C. S. GardenYonge & College, 2nd June 1918Killed in aero-
Toronto plane accident Lieut, D. P. Gibson
Pte. V. A. Gillespie Monitor 1st Oct. 1917 Died of wounds Pte. F. F. Godsman Granum 21st June 1917 do Pte. A. Godwin New Westminster 21st Aug. 1917 Killed in action Lieut. C. Gordon Calgary 26th Sept. 1916 do Lieut. D. E. Gordon Saskatoon 14th July 1916 do
Pte. J. E. Gray
Lieut. C. A. HarrisLondon, Eng3rd Nov. 1916Died of wounds Corpl. C. D. HarrisonVancouver27th June 1918Died L/Sgt. F. HarrisonToronto23rd May 1915Killed in action Lieut. H. W. HarrisonNiagara Falls9th June 1917Died of wounds
Pte. W. HendersonPortage la Prairie. 12th Nov. 1917Killed in action Gunner R. S. HillaryToronto4th April 1917Died of wounds Dvr. W. E. HoadMontreal30th March 1918Killed in action Lieut. J. T. HoareBiggar24th Jan. 1915Died of pneumonia
Lieut. G. K. HollandMarket, Toronto6th Nov. 1917Killed in action Driver D. B. HopeVancouver13th Aug. 1917 do
Pte. I. H. Huehn Market, Toronto4th June 1916 do
Lieut. E. IbbotsonRevelstoke11th April 1917 do (Military Cross)
Asst. Paymr. G. M. Ingmire. London, Eng 7th Aug. 1916 Died of para-
typhoid Pte. W. Irvine Head Office3rd May 1917Killed in action
Pte. G. H. Jackson St. Catharines 27th March 1916 do
Lieut. J. R. Jessop Alexander Ave.,6th Oct. 1916 do Winnipeg
Lieut. R. E. N. JonesAlexander Ave., oth April 1916 do Winnipeg
Sgt. J. R. Keith
meningitis Corp. A. M. Kerr Regina
Lieut. A. E. KinghanToronto
Lieut. M. P. Lane Revelstoke

KILLED IN ACTION OR DIED WHILE ON ACTIVE SERVICE-contd.

Toronto Actg.-Bdr. E. G. Leitch. Kitsilano, 10th July 1917..... Killed in action Vancouver Pte. G. M. LeThicke Danforth & Broad- 23rd July 1915..... Killed in motor view, Toronto cycle accident Pte. W. S. Lindsay Peterboro 11th June 1917 Died of wounds Pte. C. W. Lipsham Vancouver 17th May 1915..... Killed in action Cade R. W. R. Litchfield New Westminster. 2nd May 1918. Killed in aeroplane accident Sgt. St.G. O. Lloyd Winnipeg 19th Feb. 1917..... Killed in action Pte. W. B. Logan Kamsack9th Oct. 1916..... Presumed to have died; previously reported missing Pte. C. A. Lynch Lloydminster 24th March 1918... do Lieut. K. H. C. Macardle.San Francisco..... 9th July 1916.....Presumed to have died; previously reported missing L/Corp. G. R. A. Maitland Gleichen 3rd May 1917..... Presumed to have died; previously reported missing Vancouver Lusitania disaster Lieut. E. C. Mee......Edmonton.....3rd Sept. 1916.....Killed in action (Military Cross) Corp. R. B. Miller Mexico 3rd Aug. 1916..... Killed in action Lieut, A. G. Morris.....Elgin10th June 1916.....Died of wounds Lieut, A. E. B. Morton...Windsor, Ont.....24th Sept. 1916.....Killed in action Lieut, R. B. McCarthy ...Winnipeg......9th April 1917..... do Lieut, J. A. B. McClure. Winnipeg.......21st Aug. 1917....Presumed to have died; previously reported missing Pte. J. W. McFarlandStrathmore.......3rd June 1916......Killed in action Pte. H. McInnes..... Brandon 30th Oct. 1917 do Gr. J. D. McNulty Edmonton 25th May 1917 do Gr. H. P. Neil..... Blake St., Winnipeg 12th Dec. 1917.... do Pte. I. L. K. Nuttall.....Strathcona3rd Oct. 1915....Accidentally killed Pte. N. T. Paterson.....Vermilion23rd Sept. 1916....Died of wounds Lieut. F. W. Paton Edmonton 16th Aug. 1917 Killed in action Pte. G. Stewart Patterson.. St. Catharines 8th March 1915 ... Died of meningitis Pie. N. E. Patton do 4th June 1916.....Killed in action Pte. J. C. Pettes......Waterloo, P.Q....19th May 1918.... do Cadet T. H. O. Phair....Fort Frances.....14th June 1918....Died of peritonitis Toronto. Pte. D. M. Pittendrigh ... Phoenix 3rd May 1916 do Mead Office Sgt. H. G. Raymond St. John, N.B...... 27th June 1916 Died of wounds Pte. S. T. Read......Saskatoon25th April 1916..... do

KILLED IN ACTION OR DIED WHILE ON ACTIVE SERVICE-contd.

Pte. C. A. RichardsRed Deer2nd June 1916Died of wounds Lieut. N. H. RickettsSpadina & College, 31st Dec. 1915 do Toronto
Lieut, J. S. Rodgerson, Strathmore13th May 1917Killed in action Corp. G. RogersCalgary6th June 1916do Pte, H. J. Rouleaudo 13th Sept. 1917Died of wounds L/Corpl. G. RuberyRainy River29th May 1918Died of
Capt. J. E. RyersonWychwood,19th Sept. 1916Killed in action Toronto
Lieut. E. RyrieSpadina & College, 17th July 1917 do Toronto
Pte. C. V. ScottRegina5th Dec. 1916Died of wounds Pte. J. R. D. ScottVancouver23rd Dec. 1915Accidentally drowned
Lieut, S. B. SimpsonMontreal1st Oct. 1916Killed in action Sgt. Major N. F. Sinclair, Edmonton22nd Sept. 1917Died of tuberculosis
Sgt. G. C. M. SkeadBridgewater17th Sept. 1916Killed in action Pte. G. F. SkeltonVermilion12th Sept. 1916Died of wounds Cadet G. F. SmallKingston12th May 1918Died of tuberculosis
Sgt. C. B. Smillie Saskatoon
Sgt. J. StewartMoosejaw27th May 1915Died of wounds while a prisoner of war
A/Sgt. S. H. StockwellRichmond15th Aug. 1917Killed in action L/Corp. A. T. StonerCrediton16th Nov. 1917 do
Pte. F. H. StrikerPrince Arthur & 4th June 1916Presumed to Park, Montreal have died; previously reported missing
Lieut. D. A. Sutherland. Montreal
Pte. G. D. TainshPincher Creek28th April 1917 do Pte. E. C. TempletonMoosejaw25th May 1917Accidentally killed Lieut. A. B. ThorneGilbert Plains8th May 1918Killed in an acroplane accident
Lieut. C. C. Tripp London, Eng 13th Nov. 1916Killed in action L/Corp. W. TuckerSt. John's, Nfld25th Oct. 1915Died of wounds
Lieut, W. J. S. TyddHardisty2nd Jan. 1917 do Pte. L. C. WardDunham5th Nov. 1917Killed in action Lieut, J. S. WatsonPeterboro5th May 1918Died of wounds Lieut, N. C. WatsonAlexander Ave.,24th April 1917Killed in action Winnipeg
Corp. P. B. WatsonBlaine Lake27th June 1916 do Sgt. F. C. WebsterTillsonburg19th July 1918Accidently drowned
Corp. R. L. WebsterCalgary18th Nov. 1916Killed in action Pte. N. A. WheadonMarket, Toronto10th April 1917Died of wounds (Military Meda)
Pte. H. Wilbraham-Taylor. Fernie.

WOUNDED

Lieut, F. S. J. Adams (Seriously) London, Eng Dec. 1917
(Military Cross) Lieut. W. T. Alexander Supt's Dept., Winnipeg. April 1917 *Pte. J. Andrews Head Office Office Office Lieut. W. T. Alexander Winnipeg. April 1917 *Pte. J. Andrews Head Office Office Office Lieut. W. Apperson Radisson 12th May 1916 Pte. F. M. Armitage North Battleford April 1917 Pite, C. H. Baker Lethbridge 2nd June 1916 *Lieut. H. G. Barnum. Toronto. July 1916 (Military Cross)
 *Lieut, W. T. Bartlett (Severely). London, OntMay 1917 *Sgt. J. P. BastonSouth HillMay 1915 Pte. A. M. BattisbyLanghamSept. 1917 Sgt. P. R. BeamishSwift CurrentOct. 1916 Pte. F. R. W. BelfordEast AngusJuly 1916 *Pte. F. C. BennettVancouverSept. 1917 *Gunner E. P. BlakeLondon, Eng1916andagaainin 1917 Pte. R. D. BlottDunnvilleSth April 1916 *Sgt. M. H. BleuthnerStratfordNov. 1917 Corp. T. W. BournsVancouverApril 1915 Pte. F. S. BowkerKanasckMay 1915 Pte. A. H. BucklandToronto25th Sept. 1916 Actg. Capt. C. R. Bull (Severely). East VancouverNov. 1917 *Bdr. B. V. Cameron
May 1918 *Pte. R. M. Cantlon
Pte. C. F. Chapman
Pte. W. G. Chisholm
*Pte. N. Clement
Pte. L. C. Coffin. North Battleford. 1915 Pte. J. D. Collier. Medicine Hat. 18th Dec. 1916 *Pte. F. L. Connon Claresholm Oct. 1915 Pte. W. T. Cook Grand Forks April 1917 *Pte. W. Cooper. Champion 6th Oct. 1916 *Lieut. J. W. Coultis Ingersoll .15th July 1916 Pte. W. Coultous Carmangay 8th Oct. 1916 *Bdr. E. M. Cowling. Montreal .3tst Aug. 1915 Pte. C. H. Crone Wadena .5th July 1916 *Lieut. H. Croshie Hanna May 1915
Pte. J. CrozierOct. 1917

WOONDED-township
Pte. J. D. Cruickshank
(Military Cross) *Lieut. N. D. DaltonLondon, Eng10th July 1916 (Military Cross)
*Pte, E, H, Daniel
*Lieut. W. W. Davis
*Pte. J. R. Denning
*Pte. W. D. EllisForeign Dept., Jan. 1918 Head Office
Lieut. G. M. Emerson (Seriously)Windsor, N.SOct. 1916 Sig, G. M. EmtageMansonvilleOct. 1917 *Corp. T. H. EvansLethbridge16th Aug. 1917 Lieut. I. C. FalconerSan FranciscoMarch, 1917 Lieut. I. P. FalknerElbow6th July 1916 and
*Sgt. F. Fernie (Seriously)InnisfailEarly in 1915 Pte. J. M. FindlaySwift Current16th Oct. 1916 and again in Aug. 1917
*Sgt. W. H. FindlayCalgary28th May 1915 *Capt. T. C. FloydSupt's Dept., Winnipeg.Sept. 1916, Oct. 1916 (Military Cross) and again April 1917
Corp. E. G. Foley (Severely)Melville
*Pte, C. I. Fox
*Lieut. J. A. C. Fraser
Pte. C. R. Gilmour (Severely)South PorcupineMay 1916 *Cadet A. P. GlasgowWadena27th Oct. 1916 *Lieut. A. D. GoldenPrince Rupert10th Nov. 1917
Sgt. T. Golden
*Lieut, W. F. GriffithLloydminster6th June 1916 Pte, J. K. GroverParksville25th Aug. 1917 *Lieut, E. HamiltonPrincetonMay 1915 Pte, W. T. HamiltonVermilionJuly 1917 Lieut, F. N. HardymanSault Ste, MarieApril-May 1915
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WOUNDED-continued
*Sgt. A. D. Harris
*Pte. L. C. Herne
*Corp. H. B. L. A. HillyardRivers
Pte. S. Hodge
• Pte. S. Hodge. Winnipeg Oct. 1916 Sgt. J. E. Holmes. Toronto April 1918 • Pte. W. F. Holmes. Bengough Wounded twice ;
Fie. w. F. Holmes
*Sgt. G. F. Horspool
in Dec. 1917
Lieut, S. K. E. Jolley Provost 1016
*Pte. B. R. Johnson
*Pte. C. Johnson
FIC. A. I. JOHNSTON
*Lieut, C, B, F, Jones
Lieut. H. A. Jones
*Lieut. J. C. KennedySummerland
rte, J. J. A. Sing. Edmonton Luly 1016
*Lieut, A. M. Kinnear
*Lieut. E. C. M. Knott
*Pte. D. G. Lauder
Corp. T. B. Lawrie
Lieut, N. E. W. Lawson London Eng Twice in 1015
rte, n.G. Leigh-Bennett, (Severely)Ger'd & Pape Toronto May 1015
Flight Lieut, G. E. Leishman Oueen & Rathurst Tar 13th June 1017
LICUL F. I. LIUIC. Loveminstor May 1015
*Lieut, C. D. Llwyd
Pte. J. E. Lockerby
*Lieut, L. G. Lyon
Corp. J. Macaulay
*Pte. E. M. Mackay. Vancouver April 1916
*Pte. E. M. Mackay
Pte, H. F. MacLean Cobalt March 1018
The E. I. MacMahon Watrous Oct 1916
*Lieut. A. P. MacMillan
*Major J. C. MacphersonCalgaryApril 1916 Pte. H. A. MacraeWinnipegMarch 1918
*L/Corp. F. I. Maginn Marcalin 11th Oct 1016
*L/Corp. F. J. Maginn
LtCol. G. W. Marriott Strathcona
Ple, C. Mason Head Office Aug 1016
Pte. J. H. Matkin
Pte. P. A. MathewsSt. CatharinesAug. 1916 Pte. B. G. Merriam (Severely)MiddletonNov. 1917
*Driver H. E. Miller
Pte. G. C. Milne Lougheed 4th June 1016
Sgt. T. Moore (Severely) Salmon Arm Dec. 1017
Pte. W. G. Moorhead Elbow 1917
*Major A. G. Mordy
*Lieut, H. P. Morgan Calcany Service
*Lieut. H. P. MorganCalgarySept. 1916 (Military Medal)
Actg. Capt. A. B. MorkillOak Bay Ave., Victoria. Nov. 1917
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Corp. A. E. S. Morrison. Youngstown Sept. 1915 Corp. W. M. Morrison. Vancouver April 1918 Pte. W. B. Mountain. Acton Vale Sept. 1916 *Lieut. C. R. Myers East Vancouver 1916 Corp. R. T. McCann. Yorkton 9th April 1917 *Lieut. R. K. McCarthy Inspector's Dept., 9th March 1917 *Gr. F. S. McClafferty Winnipeg July 1917
(Military Medal) *Flight Lieut, T. W. McConkeyFort Rouge, Wpg11th May 1917
*Lieut, E. D. McDonald
*Pte. W. J. McGregor Lake Saskatoon 28th Sept. 1916 Pte. D. McIntyre (Severely) Smith's Falls Nov. 1917 *Lieut. J. A. McKenzie Edmonton 21st Aug. 1917 *Sgt. A. N. McKinley Weyburn Nov. 1916 April 1917
Pte. V. E. McLeod (Seriously), Windsor, N. S Jan. 1916 Corp. J. L. McMurray
Pte. W. A. L. Nickerson Windsor, N. S. 17th March 1916 (Dangerously wounded; alowly recovering) 12th June 1916 L/Corp, J. E. Nixon Sherbrooke 12th June 1916 L/Corp, W. J. Noblett Kindersley Sept. 1917 *Lieut, J. W. Norsworthy (Seriously) New York 9th April 1917 *Lieut, B. G. Oldaker Brandon June 1915 *Sgt. G. Olive Vancouver April-May 1915 Pte. W. M. Oliver Calgary Sept. 1916 and (seriously) April 1917
*Pte. W. G. O'Neill
Lieut. A. M. Parsons Charlottetown8th Sept. 1916 and Aug. 1917
*Pte. H. D. ParsonsSherbrookeApril 1917 Lieut. G. F. PatersonSan Francisco
*Pte. V. Patman. Sutton. May 1915 *Pte. R. Paton. Biggar. 12th May 1916 *Lieut, J. K. Patterson. First St. W., Calgary . 1916 *Capt. F. R. Peirson. Wellington St., Sher- (Military Cross) brooke *Pte. E. K. Picken Calgary July 1915 Pte. A. D. Pole Vermilion. Aug. 1917
Pte. D. P. Pyke. Saskatoon
*Sgt. E. S. Rippingale Alexander Ave., WpgNov. 1916 and May 1917

*Pte. W. Ritchie
*Corp. M. V. Sadleir
 *Gunner C. G. Smith North Battleford April 1917 Pte. C. S. Smith Rockyford Structure *Pte. L. D. Smith Rockyford Structure *Pte. L. D. Smith Neepwa *Pte. R. C. Smyth (Seriously) Montreal Aug. 1917 *Sgt. A. Sohier (Seriously) Simcoe Oct. 1917 *Lieut. J. C. Sproule North Winnipeg 1st July 1916 *Corp. R. C. Sproule. Taber April 1917 *Lieut. F. Stainton London, Eng. 1916 *Orp. H. F. Stewart (Seriously) Hanna. 25th Sept. 1916 *Pte. G. Strange Innisfail 21st Sept. 1916 *Pte. G. Strange North Winnipeg Nov. 1916 *Lieut. F. K. Tandy Winnipeg Nov. 1916 *Lieut. F. I. Tanner. Briercrest. Sth Oct. 1915 *Lieut. N. V. Taylor. Hanna May 1915 *Seyt. W. J. Taylor. Science April and June 1916 *Capt. David S. Thompson Niagara Falls. Sth Sept. 1916 *Pte. J. H. Thompson Bassano. Sept. 1916 *Pte. J. H. Thompson Matter April 2017
Pte. O. F. Thompson. Amherst. May 1918 *Lieut. C. W. Thornton. Winnipeg. 22nd Sept. 1916 Sgt. H. M. Turner. Athabasca 22nd Sept. 1916 Lieut. E. F. P. Tydd (Badly) Strathcona 20tb Jan. 1917 Sgt. J. P. Vandewater Calgary April 1918 *Capt. A. G. A. Vidler (Severely). Vancouver 25th May 1915 (Military Cross) Pte. N. W. Vidler. Rivers 21st Oct. 1916 *Corp. J. G. Vining. Sherbrooke. 15th Aug. 1917 *Lieut. H. K. Vipond. London, Eng. Nov. 1916 *Lieut. F. S. Walthew. London, Eng. 1916 *Lieut. F. M. Walton North Battleford. 9th Nov. 1917 *Lieut. J. M. Walton Saskatoon 1917 Pte. W. M. Watson Bengough 1915 Lieut. F. J. Watt. Galt. 25th Dec. 1916 *Pte. J. W. O. Weir. Watrous 24th May 1915

Lieut. R. D. West	
*Lieut. W. C. West	16
Lieut, C. D. Whaley Delisle	
L/Corp. C. G. WhittakerMarket, Toronto11th Oct. 1916	
*Lieut. R. H. Whittaker	
*Major E. R. C. Wilcox Melfort	
*Capt. J. S. Williams Winnipeg Oct. 1915	
Pte. C. W. Wilson East Vancouver 5th June 1916 and	
(severely) 9th April 19	17
*Sgt. J. P. Winning Bengough	
Lieut. W. L. WrayPrince AlbertFeb. 1917	
Pte. H. Wright (Severely) Fort Frances	
*Lieut, W. D. Wynne Mount Royal, Calgary.1st July 1916 (Military Cross)	
*Since recovered	

MISSING

Lieut. E. DeWind
Pte. G. C. Lamb 24th March 1918
L/Corp. K. L. MartinNorth BattlefordMarch 1918
Major H. Morrison
Lieut. L. Playne
Flight Lieut C. C. Purdy Prince Rupert 15th Feb. 1918
Pte. A. J. Reid April 1918
Flight Lieut. L. A. SandsMoncton

PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY

Sgt. J. L. G. Annett. Campbellton. ... 27th Nov. 1916. Dülmen, Westphalia (Wounded; since recovered)

Lieut. G. C. AtkinsQueen East, 1917...... Freiburg, Baden Toronto

Lieut. N. D. Dalton London, Eng. .. 12th April 1918. Lahr, Baden (Military Cross)

Lieut, J. W. Gillespie College & Dover-Sept. 1917 court, Toronto

Lieut, G. N. GordonStratford15th June 1915. Previously at Crefeld, (Severely wounded; since recovered) Westphalia, now interned at

Scheveningen, Holland

Lieut. W. J. Gray Edmonton...... Sept. 1916..... Clausthal, Harz. Flight Lieut. P. R. Hampton Balmy Beach, 3rd May 1918...Karlsruhe

(Wounded) Toronto

(Military Cross) Lieut. J. A. C. Kennedy ... Summerland 21st Mar. 1918 . Freiburg, Baden

Pte. J. H. Leach Outlook...... June 1915.... Previously at Dülmen, now interned at Murren, Switzerland

Lieut, W. B. MacKay....St. Thomas.....27th July 1917 .Karlsruhe, Baden

Lieut. D. H. Miller London, Eng... April 1916..... Previously at Güter-

sloh, now interned in Holland

Lieut, K. R. M. Morrison, Rainy River, ..., 23rd Aug, 1917, Kazerne, Holzminden Sgt. E. S. Rippingale, ..., Alexander Ave., June 1917,, Limburg a.d. Lahn

(Wounded; since recovered) Winnipeg

Sgt. T. S. Ronaldson....Fort Frances. June 1915.... Previously at Friedrichsfeld, now repatriated Lieut D. R. M. Smith.....Gerrard & Pape, 27th May 1918.

Toronto

Lieut. E. Stainton......London, Eng...Dec. 1917...... (Wounded)

Pte. James Taylor....... Fort Frances... June 1915...... Munster Lieut. F. S. Walthew......London, Eng... Aug. 1917.....

PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY-continued

Lieut. N. L. Wells	Regina July 1916 Previously at Fried-
Pte E. J. Wray	berg, now interned at Scheveningen, Holland Edmonton June 1916 Dülmen, Westphalia
(Wounded)	Halifax2nd June 1916. Heüberg, Baden

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*Lieut. F. S. J. Adams London, EngJune 1917
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Pte. M. E. Armitage Kindersley April 1918 do
*Pte. J. M. Black Langham Aug. 1916 Neurasthenia
*Capt. P.W.Blackwell London, Eng 1916
*Corp. R. M. Bond Toronto July 1916 Trench fever
Lieut. H. L. BreakeyRevelstoke1916Chronic rheumatism
*Lieut. C. A. Brown Granby Aug. 1917 Gassed
*Lieut. W. E. BrugesLondon, Eng1916Malaria
Corp. F. E. Caswall Head Office1915
Lieut. H. R. H. Challenor Bloor & Dufferin, 1917 Gassed
Toronto Pte. R. L. Cooke Montreal 1917 Trench fever
Major M. CurrieCalgary
(Military Cross)
*Pte. J. A. Davin Macleod May 1915 Gassed
*Lieut, D. Davis
Cambie, Vancouver
Lt. F.H.de Montmorency. Watrous 1917 Trench fever and
Shell Shock
*Capt. C. G. Dowsley Herbert Oct. 1915 Trench fever and
rheumatism
Gr. C. W. Earle Belleville June 1918 Gassed *Corp. J. F. Fennell High River 1916 Diphtheria
*Sgt. W. H. Findlay Calgary April 1917
*Q. M. S., R. T. Fowler Edmonton 1915 Severe heart strain
*Q. M. S., R. T. Fowler. Edmonton
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Major A. G. Mordy (Distinguished Service	
*Major H. Morrison	WinnipegJuly 1917Gassed
*Lieut, H. G. Murray	.London, Eng July 1917Shell shock
	.Portage la April 1918Gassed
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Pte D McIntyre	.Smith's FallsDec. 1917
	Edmonton 1916 Typhoid
	. TorontoSept. 1917Gassed
	Brandon1917 Tuberculosis
	.StratfordMarch 1916Influenza
	. Lewvan
	Grand ForksNov. 1917Shell shock
	. Shaunavon 15th Aug. 1917, Gassed
	.North Hatley . Sept. 1917
*Pte. J. S. M. Robson	Nelson Jan. 1917Shell shock and Gassed
	Sault Ste. Marie. 1917 Pleurisy
	Calgary May 1915 Shell shock
	FernieJuly 1918Gassed
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	herine, Montreal
	AthabascaAug. 1917
	.Strathcona 1916
	VancouverApril 1916
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	NewWestm'st'r. 1915/1916
	HardistyApril 1917Gassed
*Lieut, J. M. Walton	Saskatoon1917Trench fever and
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	.LethbridgeSept. 1917 Bronchitis
	. Delisle Dec. 1916 Trench fever
*Capt. J. S. Williams	.WinnipegSept. 1916Trench fever and
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	.Calgary
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Nurse B. Wynne-Roberts. Toronto Lieut, R. G. V. Yarrow. Nanaimo Pte, F. W. YeatsStony Plain E. C. Youngst. Catherine & City Hall, Montreal
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Lieut. W. T. Alexander	Supt's Dept., Winnipeg
Pte. R. D. Blott	Dunnville
Corp. T. W. Bourns	Vancouver
Pte. F. S. Bowker	Kamsack
Sgt. D. Brown	Sault Ste. Marie
Pte. A. H. Buckland	Toronto
Pte. C. F. Chapman	Vermilion
Pte. W. B. Clendinning	Elbow
Pte. L. C. Coffin	North Battleford
Pte. R. L. Cooke	Montreal
Sgt. J. Creighton	Montreal
Lieut. F. H. deMontmorency	Watrous
Pte. J. R. Denning	Montreal
Lieut. I. P. Falkner	Elhow
Pte. J. M. Findlay	Swift Current
Lieut. R. J. Forbes	Medicine Hat
Pte. W. T. Hamilton	Vermilion
Pte. S. J. Hopkins	Ragina
Pte. A. Hornby	Winninger
Pte. A. I. Johnston	Karrobart
Pte. G. W. Kennedy	North Pattlefand
Pte. J. J. A. King	Edmonton
Lieut, F. H. Knight	St Labora No.4
Pte. E. G. Lawrence	St. John S, Mild.
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Pte. J. E. Lockerby J. C. Mayrs	. vancouver
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Major H. I. Millar	Wetaskiwin
Pte. W. G. Moorhead	Elbow
Pte. W. R. Mountain	Acton Vale
Pte. D. A. McQuarrie.	Kelvin St., Winnipeg
Sgt. J. Paterson	Swift Current
Pte. W. A. Paterson	Prince Rupert
Pte. G. Radclyffe	Grand Forks
Sgt. W. Reed	. Stavely
Lieut. J. D. Robinson	Portage Ave., Winnipeg
Pte. J. S. M. Robson	. Nelson
Pte. L. Sadler	Montreal
Pte. C. S. Smith	. Rockyford
Pte. M. H. Smith	, Neepawa
Sgt. G. H. Stevens	
N 10	Montreal
A/Sgt. S. W. Stuart	Vegreville
Sgt. H. M. Turner	Athabasca
Lieut. H. K. Vipond	London, Eng.
Pte. R. J. Ward	Lethbridge
Pte. W. M. Watson	Bengough
Lieut. F. J. Watt	Galt
Lieut. R. D. West	Winnipeg
L/Corp. C. G. Whittaker	Market, Toronto
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HONOURABLY DISCHARGED BEFORE REA	CHING THE FRONT
H. C. Annis	
Co. T. Descriptor	Toronto
Gr. T. Bannister	Herbert

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W. R. Bolton Strathcona
Lieut, H. L. Breakey Revelstoke
F. H. Brown
L/Corp. C. O. BurbidgePowell St., Vancouver
M. C. Campbell
J. W. ChittickParry Sound
Gr. R. J. Cox
Pte. L. E. Cridland London, Eng.
LieutCol. Duncan Donald Head Office
Corp. J. W. DonaldSaskatoon
Capt. H. C. Duncan
Capt. H. C. Dulical
Sgt. T. A. Duthie
Lieut, A. J. FaceyBriercrest
W. S. FaichneyOttawa
Lieut. W. H. Fernie Inspector's Dept., Winnipeg
Pte. J. Ford Watrous
Pte. W. W. Gillespie Duncan
J. B. Hegan Middleton
Lieut. T. S. Jackson Supt's Dept., Winnipeg
Lieut. F. H. KettleSmith's Falls
D. C. Kiddle
R. H. Macpherson Amherst
Pte. F. J. Martin Windsor, Ont.
Pte. A. E. Metcalfe Kelvin St., Winnipeg
Cadet E. H. Mitchell,
Pte. C. J. McCarthy Dauphin
C. E. Portwood
Gr. H. W. R. Rambaut Lewvan
Corp. C. H. ReedBlaine Lake
L. RenwickNorth Winnipeg
Corp. T. RichardsonSydney
Pte. T. RossGranum
W. G. Scott
J. H. SimpsonGerrard & Pape, Toronto
Andrew SmithClaresholm
Andrew Smith
Pte. W. J. Symon
F. H. Thompson
Pte. Arthur Turner Calgary
Lieut. J. C. E. Walker New Westminster
Capt. A. Wilson West End, Sault Ste. Marie
Pte. A. R. WoodsCalgary

OFFICERS CALLED OUT ON LOCAL DEFENCE DUTY

Major F. C. Austin	Montreal
*Pte. W. A. Bain	Victoria
*Pte. P. Barr	. Toronto
*Pte. J. J. Bellew	Halifax
*Pte. M. Bieber	
*Pte. S. C. Forrest	.Quebec
*Pte. A. Gibbs	Hastings & Cambie,
	Vancouver
*Pte. P. R. Hamel	Quebec
*Pte. R. H. Laird	Montreal
*Corp. F. R. Newmarch	. Chilliwack
*L/Corp. B. E. Porritt	Victoria
*Rfn. F. E. Striker	. Montreal
*Pte. A. G. Venables	
- Fte. A. G. Vellables	, vancouver

*Since returned to duty with the Bank.

NOTES

The total number of those who have left the Bank to take up military duty is now 1,695.

It is with the deepest regret that we record that the war toll has claimed the lives of 30 of the former members of the Bank's staff since the previous issue of this booklet. We have been furnished with extracts from letters regarding some of them, and these appear in this issue.

It is gratifying to know that the services of the former members of our staff, who are now engaged in the war, continue to be recognized, the names of a number of them having appeared in recent lists of honours awarded. We regret that in a great many cases we have not the details of the deeds which led to these awards; those we have are given herein.

Lieut. A. M. Alexander (London, Eng., branch) was leading his platoon when he fell on 8th December, 1917, shot through the heart by machine gun fire. He was fighting just outside the walls of Jerusalem, and was buried at Am Karem.

The following is an extract from a letter from MAJOR W. LEGGAT, M.C., regarding Lieut. F. G. Flower (Prince Arthur and Park branch, Montreal), who was killed in action on 18th December last:

"Lieut. F. G. Flower enlisted as a gunner, played the game right through and is now a full fledged pilot in the R.F.C., and did some 'shoots' for us in the Passchendaele show."

A soldier at the front writes regarding Lieut. Flower's death as follows:

"I am cabling you to-day the news of Freddie's death, and as I know you will be anxious to hear the particulars I will get a letter off to you now.

"Freddie was up on observation work on Tuesday morning when he was attacked by four Hun planes. He was seen to manœuvre his plane very successfully for a time, but while watching three the fourth got on his tail and apparently both wounded Freddie and set his machine on fire. Even then by skilfully handling his machine he got away from them and planed down, and it was thought he had managed to extinguish the fire and would be able to make a good landing. When, however, he was about 500 feet from the ground his machine burst into flames and crashed to the ground. The observer jumped from the burning plane and was, of course, killed. Freddie was found in the wreckage very badly burnt and he had evidently been badly wounded also.

". . . His O.C. gave me the particulars I have given above. He told me Freddie was a great favourite and had been doing splendid work.

"He was always so bright and very keen on his work, and he has played the game through and through."

The lieutenant in charge of the platoon in which Pte. Hugh McInnes served writes of him as follows :

"He certainly showed excellent spirit. I have been in the line for twenty-seven months and have never seen a man show less regard for danger. When we reached the objective he had a slight wound behind the right ear, but still persisted in carrying on and giving me valuable assistance in looking after the consolidation.

"About 11 a.m. I asked for volunteers to take a message back, and he volunteered. When he returned about an hour later he was wounded, the second time, on the right temple.

"Later on in the day he went back to the regimental aid post, and I did not see him again; but the boys tell me that just outside the dressing station he and another man were hit by a shell. The other man was killed, and he severely wounded. He died later, and we have received the notification as to his grave location; it is about two miles south-west of Passchendaele."

Pte. McInnes was attached to the staff of our Brandon branch when he enlisted.

A sergeant of Pte. C. A. Lynch's battery writes:

"We never saw a lad die more bravely, facing more terrible odds, and, believe me, he faced them."

Pte. Lynch enlisted from our Lloydminster branch.

The following are extracts from letters regarding LIEUT. CYRIL K. B. MOGG, who was killed at the battle of Passchendaele on 11th November last. His colonel writes in part:

"He had most gallantly led his company forward in the attack when he was wounded. It was while he was being evacuated that he was hit by a shell and instantly killed. The same shell accounted for three other officers who were being evacuated wounded. He was an exceptionally capable and gallant officer, and he is a great loss to us."

A brother officer writes:

"He was in command of the company during operations, and had been doing excellent work. A few days before going into the line he remarked that if he was going to be killed he hoped it would be after the work was done. Our objectives were taken and the line consolidated before he met his death. He was very much liked, respected, and looked up to as a soldier by the officers and men of his company, and we all regret the loss of a true friend and a good soldier." Lieut. Mogg was attached to the staff at Seattle when he took up military duty in September, 1914. He was on local defence duty for three months and then joined the Third Canadian Contingent.

Lance-Corp. A. T. Stoner, who was killed in action on 16th November, 1917, left our Crediton branch in August, 1915, and enlisted in Montreal with the 3rd University Company. After training in England he arrived in France early in November, where he spent two full years. About ten months of this time he was on transport work and the remaining time he spent in the trenches as private, then lance-corporal.

The following are extracts from a letter from a brother officer respecting the death of Lieut. D. A. Sutherland (Montreal branch), who was killed in action on 15th October, 1917:

"Our company had just completed our trip in the front line, and had come back to support trenches (about 1,000 yards) on Sunday night, October 14th. After posting our sentries, Doug. and I curled up in our small dugout together, read a couple of letters from home by the light of a candle stuck in the wall, and then lay down under the same blanket, and close together to keep warm, hoping to have a good night's sleep.

"About 4.30 in the morning a very heavy bombardment commenced on our support trench. We both awoke about the same time, and knowing our presence was needed among the men, we hurried out and down the trench to see that the men were 'standing to.'

"I was ahead of him probably twenty feet when a 5.9 shell lit between the two of us, but nearer him, in fact only seven feet in front of him, while I had just turned the corner into another bay.

"When the smoke cleared away, I hurried back to find the trench blown in, and poor Doug. lying on his back with his left hand up to his face, and near him were two others badly wounded. I knelt over him, felt his pulse and heart—too late—not a move in either. The concussion from the shell had killed him instantly, he never knew what happened and suffered nothing.

"Being a Brother Mason, I helped prepare him for burial, and his personal effects were handed over to the Paymaster to be forwarded to you. His Masonic pin was buried with him, and he now rests peacefully in the little Canadian cemetery at Aux Reitz Corner, there to wait the final 'Roll Call' when the Great Architect of the Universe calls all good Masons to give an account of their stewardship."

A private in Lieut. Sutherland's company writes as follows:

"Your son was my company commander ever since I left Prince Edward Island. He was a splendid man, well liked by the boys under his command, and on the 15th of October he did magnificent work, encouraging us by his coolness and example of bravery under fire." Pte. J. H. Beatty (Nokomis branch) was killed in action while carrying in wounded after an engagement. He was hit on the head with shrapnel.

The following is an extract regarding the death of Pte. J. E. Gray (Weyburn branch) from a letter from the officer under whom he served:

"I had singled your son out for promotion as opportunity allowed and had given him the first stripe. He was one of the cleanest and nicest boys I have met, both in thought and action, and together with this he was a most efficient signaller. We shall all miss him very much, for he was deservedly popular, and I feel that I am voicing the feelings of the section when I send our profound sympathy to you.

"After such long and steady service it seems doubly hard to lose him."

Corp. C. D. Harrison (Vancouver branch), who died on 27th June as the result of an injury sustained in an accident, served as a despatch rider for two years and a half on the western front, during which time he suffered two casualties.

Lance-Corporal Guy R. A. Maitland (Gleichen branch), who was killed in action on 3rd May, 1917, had been recommended for a commission and would probably have had it in a few days. His officers state that he had done very well and had gained the respect of all. The exact manner of his death is unknown, but the whole of his section seems to have been killed in a charge.

In letters to Mr. and Mrs. Mee, the commander of the regiment, Colonel Doughty, and the Chaplain pay fine tributes to the memory of Lieut. J. N. Mee, who was killed in action on June 24th. Lieut. Mee left our Peace River branch in March, 1915, and enlisted in Calgary as a private, receiving his commission on the field after the second battle of Ypres. He was severely wounded on Sept. 3rd, 1916, and was for some time in a hospital in London. Advised as to a staff appointment on his discharge as convalescent, he resolutely declined to entertain the idea, his one determination being to get back again with his men as soon as possible. Further promotion for him was pending when with such gallantry and self-sacrifice he fell leading the men he admired so much and by whom he was so greatly loved in return.

His Colonel writes as follows:

"It is with a very sad heart that I am writing to tell you about the death of your son, Lieut. J. N. Mee. On the 24th of June his company raided the enemy, and your son had charge of a large party to do some special work beyond the objective. They were to locate and blow up the dug-out of a German company commander. One of two companies in front of his being held up by German bombers, your son left his party and rushed ahead to assist. He got into the fight and in the midst of it was killed. His keenness and devotion to duty were the cause of his death. He was always fearless, willing to go anywhere and do anything, and ever cheerful. He was very popular with all the officers, and the men simply loved him."

The Chaplain, Major Whittaker, writes as follows:

"We were always together in the same billets. He went over the top on a raid into the enemy lines. His objective was the most difficult one and also the farthest from our own lines. He carried the objective, secured prisoners and machine guns and was on his way home again when caught by the enemy barrage. A piece of shrapnel struck him on the left side of the neck and another in the back. He died instantaneously and with a smile on his face. His death has cast a cloud upon the whole battalion; we shall never have another quite like him. Always merry and bright, with a keen sense of Irish humour all his own, he will be sadly missed around the battalion."

Lieut. A. B. Thorne, who left our Gilbert Plains branch in September, 1914, to return to the Old Country to enlist, was killed as the result of a collision in the air when teaching formation flying at Thorlaxton Aerodrome near Grantham. Lieut. Thorne was unable to get into the First Canadian Contingent, and so returned to England where he obtained a commission in the Royal Field Artillery. He went to France in February, 1915, and, except for two months spent qualifying as a pilot, he was in France from that time until June, 1917, when he met with a flying accident. He transferred from the R.F.A. to the R.F.C. in May, 1916, and was flying as an observer in France until February, 1917, when he returned to England to get his pilot's wings. This he did very quickly and returned to France. He brought down at least one German aeroplane before an accident on 25th June, 1917, when he crashed down from 1,000 feet, fortunately behind the English lines. He had a miraculous escape with his life, but he broke his left ankle in two places and cut his face severely. He was determined from the first week after the accident occurred to get back to flying, and in February, 1918, got himself passed for home service, although he was unable to walk without crutches and a surgical boot. He was appointed to act as instructor of special flying classes, and was teaching formation flying when a collision in the air on 8th May caused his death. After his death it was learned that he had just been passed again for foreign service, to his great delight, and among the papers found on him was an application dated the same day to his commanding officer to be sent abroad on the first possible opportunity. The officers at the aerodrome report that Lieut. Thorne's physical disability in no way interfered with his capacity as a pilot and that he was considered the most skilful and plucky pilot at the aerodrome.

In addition to his love of cricket, Lieut. Thorne was also a keen golfer, and during his convalescence in the winter of 1917-18 he was a familiar figure golfing, going round the links at Hunstanton on his crutches, which he was able to do as quickly as the other players. In October, 1917, he married Miss Katharine Thursby, daughter of the Rev. H. E. and Mrs. Thursby, of Castle Rising.

The following are extracts from letters from Lieut. Thorne's commanding officers, to his father, one written after his accident in France, and one after he had lost his life:

"He was leaving the squadron on that day on his own application to join an artillery squadron, and was making a last flight on his machine. . . While writing to you I should let you know how exceptionally well he has done while he was with the squadron. He got into one or two rather tight corners and returned with his machine badly shot about but always appeared quite unperturbed and treated the whole thing as a joke. His influence in the squadron was accordingly admirable."

"I had the greatest admiration for the gallantry and perseverance of your son. He had every justification to have given up flying, and it was his great pluck that kept him at it."

Lieut. J. S Watson, R.N.R., died in a hospital at Glasgow, Scotland, of wounds received in the recent offensive against the British army in Flanders. Lieut. Watson was accountant at our Peterboro branch when he was called out as a naval reservist. During the earlier part of the war he was with a torpedo boat squadron, but in August, 1916, he enlisted with the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders and for the past year or so he had been at the front with a machine gun company.

We learned some time ago that Lieut. A. W. Aitchison (Shaunavon branch), who died of wounds on 13th May, 1916, had been awarded the Military Cross, and have now read with interest the official advice of the award, which was for "conspicuous gallantry in leading forward a party of bombers and rifles through the enemy's barrage in order to occupy an important point. His gallant act removed a great danger." We only recently learned that Sapper W. Cockeram (West Toronto branch) had won the Military Medal in 1916. Sapper Cockeram has been in France for nearly three years.

The following is a paragraph from the Official Gazette regarding the reasons for conferring the Military Cross on Major Martin Currie (Calgary branch), who has been returned to Canada, wounded:

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He gallantly led his troops to a railway embankment which was the final objective and personally engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with the enemy, and, although wounded, continued to carry on. He brought back three prisoners single-handed, having displayed great coolness and gallantry throughout the engagement."

Capt. M. Dunsford (Peterboro branch) has not yet regained the use of his right arm, and has been returned to Canada for further treatment. We were pleased to learn that he had been mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatches.

Lieut. A. J. E. Gibson (Red Deer branch) was awarded the Military Cross for good work done at the battle of Messines in June, 1917.

Lieut. J. E. Jarvis, who enlisted in the First Canadian Contingent (from the Moose Jaw branch) and later received a commission in the Northamptonshires, was awarded the Military Cross about a year ago. It is officially advised that "during a raid on the enemy trenches he led his platoon in a most gallant manner, killing twenty-eight of the enemy and capturing twenty prisoners. He has at all times set a splendid example." Lieut. Jarvis was reported killed in action last March, but we are very glad to learn that he has since been reported a prisoner.

Lieut. A. M. Kinnear, R.A.F. (Sherbrooke branch), who won the Military Cross by conspicuous bravery, has since been recommended for a bar to the Cross.

Major O. R. Lobley, who was assistant accountant of the Winnipeg branch when he joined the First Canadian Contingent in August, 1914, has been appointed Assistant Deputy Paymaster General, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Lieut.-Col. Lobley was recently honoured in being made a Member of the Order of the British Empire. Lieut. T. P. Mackenzie, formerly of the Inspector's Department, Head Office, "rendered invaluable services as brigade signal officer under the most trying conditions, showing complete disregard for his personal safety." For this he received the Military Cross.

Lieut. S. R. Say (Vancouver branch) has been awarded the Military Cross for services rendered in June, 1917, at Lens. He was wounded, a machine gun bullet entering both shoulders, but he has now recovered.

Capt. H. P. Williams, who left our Grouard branch to return to the Old Country to enlist, was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatches of 7th November last for devotion to duty. Since then he has been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry on the field at Cambrai on 20th November, and also presented with two parchment certificates for the part he had taken at Ypres, Arras and Cambrai, signed by the General commanding the division to which his regiment belongs.

Lieut. W. D. Wynne (Mount Royal, Calgary, branch) won the Military Cross on 2nd February, 1917. In the following July he was invalided home suffering from appendicitis, and has been in hospital ever since. He was previously wounded on 1st July, 1916, at the battle of the Somme, and went out again in September.

We have received the following information regarding former members of our London, Eng., staff :

- Second Lieut. E. Stainton: Was wounded in the face and taken prisoner at Cambrai. He was confined at first at Heidelberg, but is now at Saarlonis. He represents conditions as being quite tolerable and as free as may be from irritating restrictions. Part of his time is being occupied with the study of French and German.
- Lieut. G. Legh-Jones: Has been instructed to proceed to Washington to join the British Mission there to continue his work in connection with the Oil Section, which he was engaged upon at the Admiralty in London. He has received the 1914 Ribbon and also hopes to get his captaincy. Lieut. Legh-Jones has been decorated as a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

- Capt. P. W. Blackwell: Has recently been appointed A.D.C. to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Capt. Blackwell is also a recipient of the 1914 Ribbon.
- Capt. F. R. Hutson: We regret to record that Capt. Hutson was severely wounded last December. He lost his right arm and all four fingers of his left hand, besides other wounds.
- Lieut. N. D. Dalton: Was taken prisoner about the 12th of April, and is now at Lahr, Baden. We are pleased to learn that he was awarded the Military Cross for "conspicuous gallantry in action" in the rearguard fighting. A letter from his mother states that he "must have had a very bad time from 21st March for twelve days. They hoped for a rest when he wrote on the 4th April and instead of a rest they must have had to hurry up north where he was evidently taken."

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- Lieut. W. W. Legh-Jones, R. A. F.: Had a narrow escape during his final course in observing for artillery. His machine nosedived from a height of about 70 feet, and, being unable to extricate himself, he was in very serious danger through risk of the machine catching fire. Fortunately, however, some officers in the neighborhood came to his assistance and he escaped with slight bruises, from which he recovered in a week or two. He then appeared before a Medical Board, who decided that his nerves were shattered and recommended him for light duty for two months.
- Lieut. P. S. C. Glover: Recently called upon our London, Eng., Manager on his return from Salonika after twenty-one months' service on the Struma front. He contracted malaria, and, having had fifteen different attacks of it since last June, he was invalided to England. He has been given a month's sick furlough, and anticipates being sent to France as soon as he is passed fit for service again.
- Lieut. D. H. Miller: We are pleased to learn that Lieut. Miller has been released from Germany, and has arrived in Holland for internment.

The Fort Frances Manager advises us that he has received a letter from Sgt. T. S. Ronaldson, who was formerly on the staff of that branch, containing the welcome news that he is now out of Germany. He was interned in Holland and was later sent to London. We regret to learn that he is suffering from a tubercular affection of the backbone which his physicians tell him will entail two years or more of hospital treatment. Sgt. Ronaldson states that he had heard that Pte. James Taylor, who was also of the Fort Frances staff, was acting as interpreter on a working party attached to Munster, Camp 2.

Corp. W. Percy Adams (Lennoxville branch), who was gassed several months ago in one of the actions about Lens, has been discharged from hospital and assigned to one of the Canadian reserve battalions at Bramshott. Corp. Adams joined the 117th Eastern Townships Battalion early in 1916 and went overseas in August of that year. Early in 1917 he went to France with a reinforcing draft and went through the Vimy Ridge action as well as a great deal of fighting around Lens. When in charge of a machine gun section near the latter place, he was in a heavy attack and was put out of action by a poison gas shell. For his good work on this occasion he was awarded the Military Medal. After spending many weeks in English hospitals, he was discharged early in December. On Christmas Day he was married to Miss Kitty Harbage of Leamington, England.

Lieut. G. H. Armstrong, who left the Peace River branch in October, 1914, to return to the Old Country to enlist, is now attached to the Nigerian Regiment, West African Frontier Force.

Q.M.S. Edson A. Bailey (Gilbert Plains branch) enlisted as a gunner in No. 9 Siege Battery, and was with the battery only two months when he was promoted to paymaster sergeant for the battery depot. He reverted to the ranks in order to go overseas, when he joined his present unit, the 12th Canadian Siege Battery. He was recently posted to the rank of acting quartermaster sergeant and expects to go to France in that capacity.

Lieut. C. A. Brown (Granby Branch), after recovering from the effects of being gassed some months ago, qualified for a commission in the infantry and subsequently joined the Royal Air Force.

Capt. C. R. Bull, who enlisted from our Vancouver branch in October, 1914, had the misfortune to be run over by a railway engine while on leave from France in February, 1916, as a result of which he lost his left arm. However, he was able to carry on later as bombing instructor at Godstone Bombing School, and as battalion bombing officer of the 5th Royal Fusiliers, Dover. Since last November he has been acting brigade bombing officer to the 1st Dover Special Reserve Brigade, and holds the rank of acting captain.

Flight Lieut. E. P. Charles (Langham branch) was engaged upon observation work on the western front from October, 1916, until the autumn of 1917, miraculously escaping serious injuries, notwithstanding the destruction of his machines and the deaths of his observers. Last autumn he was given a rest in England, and then appointed to the inspection and testing of aircraft at the Acceptance Park, Coventry. After testing the machines he has been delivering them in France, and we are informed that he recently had a bad smash-up but escaped without serious injury.

We desire to correct a note in "Letters from the Front" No. 9 to the effect that Lieut. T. G. Chisholm had been awarded the Military Cross. The report referred to another officer of the same name.

The following are extracts from a letter received from Pte. W. G. Chisholm regarding former members of the Saskatoon staff:

"Lobley was visiting me the other day. He is now taking a pilot's course in the Royal Flying Corps, and hopes to qualify for his wings soon. By the way, he was married last week.

"Orr was able to get leave to spend Christmas at home in Ireland. I expect to see him one of these days. He is now a full-fledged pilot in the Royal Flying Corps and expects to be going to France soon.

"Bain is still going strong and hopes to have leave this month."

Lieut. Allan Cockeram, D.S.O. (Brockville branch), is now at the Canadian Headquarters at Shorncliffe, acting G.S.O. 3. He has been back with the Canadians for over a year now, was through Vimy Ridge, and was later wounded at Hill 70. We are pleased to learn that he has since recovered from his wounds.

Gunner E. M. Cowling (Montreal Branch) has recovered from the wounds received in July, 1917. He has since been promoted to the rank of bombardier and has been engaged in training recruits in England. He has been recommended for a commission a number of times by his battery and brigade commanders.

We are pleased to learn that Lieut. J. B. Crompton (Queen and Bathurst branch, Toronto) has been promoted and is now Flight Commander with the rank of Captain. Capt. V. Curran, formerly assistant accountant at the Winnipeg branch, is now adjutant of the 27th City of Winnipeg Battalion overseas.

Pte. J. Crozier (Kincaid branch) was severely wounded at Passchendaele in October last, as a result of which he has been passed unfit for further active military service, but has not yet been returned to Canada.

Capt. H. B. de Montmorency, who joined the First Canadian Contingent from the Winnipeg branch and subsequently obtained a commission in the Imperial Army, has been passed fit again after being wounded for the second time last October. He has been transferred to the Royal Air Force and has been doing very good work training cadets, but as yet has done no flying himself. His promotion to captain dates from July, 1917, and he holds that rank in the R.A.F. At present he commands No. 2 Squadron in England.

Pte. M. C. Dimock (Olds branch) was wounded by a piece of shell which burst a few feet from him; the ground being soft saved his life. He has now fully recovered.

Capt. G. H. S. Dinsmore, R.A.F., (Inspector's Department, Head Office) was promoted to his present rank in July, 1917. After having spent seven months flying in France he was instructing in aviation in England, and has now returned to Canada to continue in instruction work.

Lieut. W. S. Duthie has been discharged from the army as unfit for further military service, as a result of wounds received in action on 16th May, 1917. Lieut. Duthie enlisted from our Saskatoon branch in July, 1915, in the P.P.C.L.I. reinforcements, and received his commission in the Gordon Highlanders early in 1916.

Pte. G. N. Emtage (Masonville branch) was wounded in the foot last October by a shell fragment, and has been returned to Canada for medical treatment.

Pte. J. K. Grover (Parksville branch) has also been returned to Canada. The wounds which he sustained in August last necessitated a very serious operation and it is probable that he will have to go into hospital again. We are advised that Mr. W. F. Griffith (Lloydminster branch) is now a lieutenant and paymaster of the 5th Canadian Battalion.

Flight Lieut. P. R. Hampton (Balmy Beach, Toronto, branch) was reported missing on 3rd May last, but we are pleased to learn that news has since been obtained regarding him. It is now reported that he is wounded and a prisoner. Flight Lieut. Hampton brought down two German aeroplanes in one day; it is not known whether or not he added to this number on the day he was captured.

Mr. J. L. Henderson (Queen East, Toronto, branch) has been promoted to captain in the same battalion, the 124th Canadians.

Pte. A. I. Johnston (Kerrobert branch), who was wounded at Passchendaele last November, is well on the way to recovery and expects to be invalided to Canada shortly.

Lieut. J. M. Kent, who enlisted in the Third Canadian Contingent from Regina, writes that he has lately obtained a commission and spent a very jolly three months at the Canadian Training School at Bexhill, taking a cadet course. He has been posted to the Canadian Machine Gun Corps Reserve for a short while before going back to the front.

Mr. E. C. M. Knott, who joined the First Canadian Contingent from the Shaunavon branch, is now a temporary lieutenant. Mr. Knott was wounded on 24th May, 1915, and after four months in hospital he was pronounced temporarily unfit and sent to the Canadian Pay Office, London, for duty. From there he was attached to the Department of the General Auditor. In that department he steadily advanced until he finally became 1st Class Warrant Officer and Superintending Clerk of a branch of the department. He then applied for a commission and was sent to Bexhill for training, and when last heard from he expected to be sent to the front again shortly.

Lieut. F. J. Little (Lloydminster branch) was for some time in Egypt with the Egyptian Expeditionary Forces, but he is now back again in France.

Lieut. C. D. Llwyd, M.C. (Halifax branch), who was wounded in August last, has recovered and has been passed as physically fit in every way. He has since been engaged in training troops and studying several branches of military service in the 20th Reserve Battalion, Bramshott, and anticipated returning to the front by this time, where he hoped to rejoin his old battalion.

Mr. L. G. Lyon, who enlisted as a private in the First Canadian Contingent from the Kitscoty branch, has been given a commission in his old regiment, the Royal Canadian Regiment.

Lieut. J. M. Marshall (Edam branch) has been gazetted to the Imperial Army, and is attached to the Royal Field Artillery.

Pte. B. G. Merriam (Middleton branch) was severely wounded last October and has been in hospital ever since. In a recent letter he stated that he hoped to be sent home shortly for treatment.

Sgt. T. Moore (Salmon Arm branch) was seriously wounded by shell fire last autumn in France, and sustained severe shell shock. We are pleased to learn that he is gradually recovering and will probably be all right again in another month. He expects to receive his discharge from the army.

We are informed that it will be some months before Acting Captain A. B. Morkill (formerly acting manager at the Oak Bay Ave. branch, Victoria) regains the full use of his arm. When last heard from he was still undergoing treatment in England. Capt. Morkill was wounded last November.

Lieut. K. R. M. Morrison, who enlisted in the Third Canadian Contingent from the Rainy River branch, was taken prisoner on 23rd August last, and is now at Kazerne, Holzminden, Germany. His people hear from him quite regularly, and according to his letters he is in very good health now and being fairly well treated. The following is a copy of a letter written to Lieut. Morrison's mother by his colonel last September:

"Your wire and letter received yesterday regarding your son, Lieut. K. R. M. Morrison, reported missing.

"The facts are these. During an attack, recently, your son was in charge of one of the leading platoons which gained a footing on a large mine crassier. After heavy fighing during the earlier part of the day the company on the crassier was cut off from the rest of the battalion and a number of our men taken prisoners by the enemy. As far as we are able to judge, Lieut. Morrison is now a prisoner, as circumstances point to the fact that he was not wounded in the fighting. "I regret very much to be unable to give you more definite news, but feel sure you will be glad to know that your son acted with very great gallantry and devotion to duty at all times. His loss to the battalion is a very serious one."

Flight Lieut. T. W. McConkey (Fort Rouge, Winnipeg, branch) was wounded on 11th May, 1917, being attacked by an enemy machine while in the air and receiving several wounds from machine gun bullets. After about four months in hospital he was quite able to return to duty in France, and has since been appointed instructor in the 92nd Squadron, R.F.C., in England.

Lieut. Eric D. McDonald (Moosejaw branch) has quite recovered from the wound sustained in November, 1916, and has been promoted to lieutenant. Our latest advices are that he was in command of a platoon in the Young Soldiers' Battalion, and hoped to return to the front at an early date.

Mr. A. R. McFarlan, who enlisted with the Second Canadian Contingent from the Edmonton branch, has recovered from the wounds received in the early part of the war and has now been promoted to a second lieutenancy in the Royal Air Force. He advises us that Lieut. J. A. Caw, C.E.F., (Langham branch) and Lieut. A. Sattin, C.E.F., (Calgary branch) are now attached to the Royal Air Force also. Lieut. Sattin has been flying in France for some time.

Lieut. J. A. McKenzie, who enlisted in the Second Canadian Contingent from the Edmonton branch, is now with the British Military Mission in Washington.

Mr. G. G. McKeough (Chatham branch), who formerly held a commission in the infantry, is now a sub-lieutenant in the navy, and is on a motor launch.

Lieut. B. G. Oldaker, who left our Brandon branch in August, 1914, to join the First Canadian Contingent, was invalided back to Canada in September, 1917, suffering from tuberculosis, but we are glad to learn that he is much better.

Pte. M. A. Pearson (London, Ont.) left the Canadian Engineers last July and has been with the 20th Battery, C.F.A., ever since. He says that the work with the battery is much more interesting.

Mr. H. E. Petipas (Moncton branch), after returning from

France to England to train for a commission in the Royal Air Force, is now in Egypt with the R.A.F. Mr. Petipas enlisted with the infantry and later transferred to the Canadian Forestry Corps.

Lieut. H. L. E. Priestman (Vernon branch) was promoted from sergeant to his present rank in April, 1917.

Lieut. James R. Purdy, who joined the First Canadian Contingent from the Winnipeg branch, was recently appointed captain in the 21st Canadian Battalion.

Gunner H. Ross (Strathroy branch) has given up his position as pay sergeant of the C.A.M.C. at London, Ont., and has transferred as a gunner to the Canadian Siege Artillery. He is at present in England and expects to go shortly to the school of gunnery at Witley Camp.

Lieut. D. Scully, who enlisted in the First Canadian Contingent from the North Winnipeg branch, has left the Canadians and has obtained a commission in the Imperial Army.

Lieut. G. T. Shaw (Youngstown branch) returned to Canada in March, after having been wounded last November. He has since been passed for light duty and expects to be retained in Canada.

Sgt. A. Sohier (Simcoe branch) had a narrow escape when he was seriously wounded by a bullet half an inch above the right eye. We are advised that the steel helmet which he was wearing no doubt saved his life,—the helmet was pierced. He has now recovered and has returned to duty.

We regret very much to learn that Pte. C. F. Sweetlove (Retlaw branch) has lost his left eye as a result of a bullet wound received at Bellevue spur in the early stages of the battle at Passchendaele.

Major F. I. Tanner (Briercrest branch) has recovered from the wounds sustained in October, 1915, and is now with the Royal Air Force. He was in training in Scotland as a pilot during the greater part of last year, and in January, 1918, he went to France with his squadron.

Sgt. W. J. Taylor (Golden branch) was wounded twice, and more seriously some two years ago, when he was sent to the Ontario General Hospital at Orpington, Kent. From there he went to Convalescent Camp at Bromley, and after several changes was transferred to the Canadian Machine Gun Corps and went to Crowboro for a course. The Depot moved to Seaford in July, 1917, and he got a job instructing on the gun. In order to get to the front again he reverted, and went back to France at the beginning of the year. He is now instructing on the machine gun again with the rank of sergeant. Extracts from a letter from him appear in this issue.

Mr. Miles H. Thursby (Herbert branch), after serving for more than a year in France with the Canadians, has now been sent to England to train for a commission

Lieut. F. H. Walton, who enlisted in the First Canadian Contingent from the North Battleford branch, was wounded at Passchendaele last November, but we are pleased to learn that his wounds have healed. He is still taking treatment, however, to restore the use of his right hand, and expects to be returned to Canada soon for further treatment.

Lieut. Wilfred C. West (First St. West, Calgary branch), was recently appointed to his present rank in the 31st Battalion Canadians.

Lieut. W. T. Bartlett (London, Ont. branch), has practically recovered from the wounds sustained in May, 1917, and is now in command of a company in the Ontario Garrison Regiment of London, Ont.

Capt. G. S. Bowerbank, M.C., who was accountant at our Sarnia branch when he joined the Second Canadian Contingent, has been promoted to Major. He is still with his old battalion, the 21st Canadians.

We are advised that Mr. I. B. Corey (Bedford branch) has obtained a commission in the Royal Air Force, and in a recent letter he stated that he had made one flight over the enemy's lines. Mr. Corey previously enlisted with an infantry battalion, and saw a good deal of service in France.

We give below extracts from a letter received from Mrs. Dalton regarding her son, Lieut. N. D. Dalton, who was attached to our London, Eng., staff when he took up military duty at the outbreak of war, and who was recently taken prisoner:

"I have had two long letters heavily censored by the Germans, but still written very freely, and one can judge a good deal what has been obliterated. Evidently there are few men to be seen about and the high price of everything except matches, which are plentiful and cheap.

"He is at Lahr, Baden, and there are 175 officers, a new camp, and they are very well treated and not made to feel they are prisoners more than can be helped, but he says "we cannot forget the fact". Food, he says, is the chief problem, and evidently a very serious one, for until their parcels begin to arrive, from what I gather, they have practically little but coffee and soup from the Germans and can buy very little in the food or tobacco line. He says there is a Colonel Barrington with them who has started French and German classes for them, both of which my boy is taking, and he is also starting Pelmanism, the papers having been sent out to him. They have roll calls at odd times constantly and are all counted after they are in bed. They are allowed out on parole in charge of German guides, march in fours through villages or towns, but disperse as they like in the woods, which he says are lovely. In the evening they have lectures given by some of the prisoner officers who have come from all parts of the world and belong to all sorts of professions, so, when they get proper food, things will not be so bad."

We learn with pleasure that Lieut. Glen N. Gordon, who was taken prisoner on 15th June, 1915, was sent to Holland on 9th April last. Since then he has been at Scheveningen but was hoping to be able to go out on a farm for the summer months.

Lieut. J. McQuoid (Phoenix branch) was wounded, for the second time, on 16th August, 1917. His wounds were serious, as a result of which he spent about six months in hospital. He was passed for home service and has been doing light duty with his reserve battalion ever since.

Lieut. S. Quinton (Superintendent's Department, Winnipeg) has been awarded the Military Cross. It is advised that he "volunteered to reconnoitre, under heavy fire, and when the battalion carrying party had suffered heavy casualties and both its officers had been wounded, he reorganized them and worked unceasingly in carrying ammunitions".

Lieut. N. Rothwell, who left the West Side, Saskatoon, branch to join the First Canadian Contingent, has recovered from the wound sustained last October and is now with a reserve battalion at Seaford. This is his fourth wound, but he has only three wound stripes as on one occasion he did not have to go to hospital.

Lieut. N. L. Wells (Regina branch) is now out of Germany and is Assistant Adjutant to the Senior British Interned Officer at Scheveningen, Holland.

Lieut. A. H. Waterman, R.A.F., who enlisted in the Second Canadian Contingent from the Hastings and Cambie, Vancouver, branch, and later joined the Royal Flying Corps, has just received an appointment from the Air Ministry to proceed to Canada as an aerial gunnery expert. He expects to be able to return to the Bank shortly.

Pte. M. Whyte, who enlisted in the First Canadian Contingent from our Youngstown branch, is now a corporal.

Pte. J. P. Winning, who was attached to our Bengough staff when he enlisted in the Second Canadian Contingent, is now a sergeant.

We are advised that Mr. D. Woodcock, who enlisted with the First Canadian Contingent from the Wetaskiwin branch, is now a captain and adjutant of the 1st Battalion Westmoreland Volunteer Regiment.

It is interesting to note that three members of our present messenger staff at Winnipeg are entitled to wear the Mons ribbon, having taken part in that engagement. They were attached to the following regiments: Pte. A. Hornby, Coldstream Guards; Q.M.S. J. Thompson, Scots Guards; Corp. J. Rockliff, Royal Horse Guards (Blues). At the beginning of the war Pte. Hornby left his duties with the Bank to rejoin his regiment in the Old Country, and has since been discharged as unfit. Thompson and Rockliff were not previously in our service.

We greatly regret that nothing further has yet been learned regarding Flight-Lieut. C. C. Purdy, Lance-Corp. K. L. Martin, Flight-Lieut. L. A. Sands, R. N., Pte. A. J. Reid, Lieut. L. Playne, Lieut. E. DeWind, Major H. Morrison and Pte. G. C. Lamb, who have been reported missing during the past few months, but we are hopeful that news will be had of them ere long.

Lieut. DeWind was in the front line when the German offen-

sive started on 21st March. Two of his brother officers write that a private soldier has reported that he saw him struck with shrapnel but beyond this no information is as yet available. Lieut. DeWind, who joined the Second Canadian Contingent from the Edmonton branch, served eighteen months with the Canadians, and then received a commission in the Imperial Army.

The following is a copy of a letter from the colonel commanding the battalion in which Major Haslett Morrison was serving at the time he was reported missing:

"I regret to inform you that your son, Major H. Morrison, is missing and it is feared he is wounded. He missed his way by night when with another officer and ran into a German post. They then both doubled back, being heavily fired on, the other officer escaping. Nothing has since been heard of your son, though I sent out three patrols. Personally I think he is a prisoner and wounded, as otherwise he would have got back to our line. I regret his loss—after two years under my command—as he was a personal friend of mine, and I had only the day before promoted him to major. You will, I am sure, in a few weeks hear from him, and I would take it as a great favour if you would then communicate with me."

Major Morrison left the Winnipeg branch to join the First Canadian Contingent, and for the past three years has been serving with the Imperial Army. We are advised that the last time he was home (about five or six weeks before he was reported missing) he was asked by the War Office to deliver a course of lectures on the machine gun at Headquarters, Grantham. Major Morrison's name was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's recent despatch, among those deserving of special mention.

Second Lieut. Leslie Playne, R.A.F., has been reported missing since 27th March. He returned to France for the third time on 23rd March, after a fortnight's leave, and when last seen was attacking German infantry with bombs and machine gun, and failed to return. Lieut. Playne left our Sarnia branch at the outbreak of war to enlist in the First Canadian Contingent.

The following is an extract from a letter from Capt. W. G. Litchfield, Chaplain in the Royal Navy, to the mother of Flight-Lieut. C. C. Purdy, who was accountant at our Prince Rupert branch when he enlisted:

"Your son was out with three others-an officer and two men-on Friday, February 15th, in one of our flying boats-there were two boats in company-when they were attacked by many German seaplanes. Our two boats got separated and the one in which your son was flying has not returned. The Germans report that she was shot down. On one or two occasions previously our boats have failed to return, but in the course of the following week reports have come that the crews were either interned in Holland or prisoners of war, or picked up by some passing ship. I am afraid that in this case there is no room for such hope and we are all very grieved about it.

"Your son will be much missed by his brother officers and by the friends he has made here."

Flight-Lieut Purdy's brother was able to gain a few more particulars recently, which are given in his letter as follows:

"A Lieut. Fallon was giving a lecture here and mentioned the base he was at—Felixstowe. I asked him afterwards if he knew Claude. He said he did, that he had flown with him often, and that he was there the day Claude started off, etc.

"Claude was up with Ensign Sturtevant, of Washington, who, it seems, was an ensign from U.S. learning the ropes, Claude being first pilot, in charge and navigating the boat.

"The German who 'got' Claude was Proven Commander Christiansen, who is the German ace of the North Sea and in charge of all German air forces in the North Sea. The Germans mentioned this in their official dispatches (that it was Christiansen). They do not mention prisoners taken or not, as a rule.

"In fighting, the large boat comes down to about fifty feet above water. Lieut. Fallon says the machine was not shot down in flames, and says such a report no doubt emanated from a mechanic. Lieut. Fallon also knew Fox, in the other machine, and Fox reports Claude's machine being last seen fighting six German planes and putting up a wonderful fight.

"All the British Naval Air men have been out to 'get' this boy Christiansen for some time, and Lieut. Fallon has had fights with him, one lasting ten minutes."

Flight Lieut. L. A. Sands, R. N., who has been reported missing since 22nd March, left our Moncton branch in October, 1915, to enlist. After two years of service he spent last Christmas at home on furlough, returning to France on 18th January. The following are extracts from an interesting letter from the commander of the squadron in which Flight Lieut. Sands served:

"From the time when Lloyd returned to this squadron from leave to Canada, we were kept more or less busy on the coast. Then we moved down to work with the army, as you probably knew, and work was on all day long. All through this heavy work Lloyd carried on, doing very excellent work. We were all very proud of him and he earned such a good name that, whenever a job was ordered for our squadron to do, he was usually the one selected to carry it out. Twice he was congratulated by the general commanding our army for work well done. "Every one was happy, for we were all Canadians together and everyone liked the other fellow, and I was ever so glad to have assembled such a splendid bunch of lads. Then the great enemy offensive commenced all along the line and immediately all our flyers were called to go and attack the advancing enemy hordes, from a very low altitude, with bombs and machine gun fire. This is extremely dangerous work and resulted in a great number of our good fellows being missing over the enemy lines.

"On March 22nd, about 3 p.m., Lloyd went off with his flight, and they had a great fight with some enemy scouts in the vicinity of St. Quentin. Lloyd was observed to have shot down an enemy scout during the general engagement, but when they assembled again after the combat, Lloyd and another boy, F. S. L. W. Moyle, from Paris, Ont., were both missing. Nothing is definitely known of how they were missing and nothing has been heard of them since. I am making every effort to get some information and as soon as 1 hear anything 1 will surely let you know.

"I am sure you have every reason to be proud of Lloyd, for no other officer ever did his work more thoroughly and well. He had accounted for six Huns before they got him, and I only wish he had been spared to carry on with the good work against the common enemy. It would be fine if some more boys of his type would join us. There was never a cleaner, more gentlemanly boy in France, I am sure, and I am hoping you may have good news of him before this reaches you."

"This is to certify that Mr. Lloyd Allison Sands has served as Flight Lieutenant under my command from the 23rd day of January, 1918, to the 22nd day of March, 1918, during which period he has conducted himself in a conspicuously keen and conscientious manner. During the two years I have known this officer on active service, his great bravery has always been very much admired by every pilot. During the Somme battle in March this officer attacked enemy troops in the open many times in a very gallant manner."

Second Lieut. D. R. M. Smith (Market, Toronto, branch) was in France about two months and in the trenches ten days when he was reported wounded and missing. In England he was attached to a Manchester Regiment and was later transferred to the Worcestershires. We are very pleased to learn that it has since been ascertained that he is a prisoner in Germany.

We regret that in our last issue the note relative to Mr. F. S. Walthew, on page 31, was, through a printer's error in the final proof, somewhat distorted, and some of his friends may be wondering what kind of staff job he has found in "German France." The note should have ended with the words "a prisoner in Germany."

Through the kindness of Lieut.-Colonel A. L. Hamilton, A.A.G. (formerly Manager of the Quebec branch), we are in receipt of the Christmas number of a most interesting magazine known as "La Vie Canadienne," and published by the Canadian Section, G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon. The publication is altogether the work of men at the front and the literary contributions are full of humour and pathos. On one of its pages appear the following beautiful verses written by Ernest G. Black at the Somme as the trenches were approached:

THE SOLDIER'S PRAYER

God of Battles! Now the time has come, Which in the pregnant months in camp has been The goal of everything—my hope, my fear, The peril of the thing as yet unseen.

That fear and wounds and death may pass me by Is not the boon, O Lord, for which I pray, For having put the rim within my lips, I do not ask to put the cup away.

But grant the heart that Thou hast given me May in the hour of peril never fail, And that my will to do and serve my part May ever o'er my will to live prevail.

Thou knowest, Lord, my soul doth not fear death, Although my body craves to live its span. Help me to grapple with my body's fear, And grant, O Lord, that I may play the man.

LETTERS FROM BANK OFFICERS AT THE FRONT

We quote below an extract from a letter received from MAJOR A. G. MORDY, formerly of our Winnipeg branch, dated November, 1917. Major Mordy has since been awarded the D.S.O.

"It is three years now since I joined the army, and in one way it seems yesterday and in another like a thousand years.

"The last summer has been a pretty busy one for us and I have had few idle moments. As Adjutant I am more or less on the go all the time, but I like the post very much and it affords very good experience. After our big show last April we had a bit of a rest and were reviewed by about every general from the Brigadier to Sir Douglas Haig. Having been out of the game for several months and suddenly finding myself in a position where I was supposed to know an awful lot more than I really did, reminded me of my old Winnipeg experiences and I tried to profit by them. We held the line for a bit after our rest and then did the show on the 15th of August, which was a nice clean-cut piece of work. Everything went as it seems to with us, according to plan, and we thought that would about round up the summer for us. However, having a reputation, the corps had to live up to it, and the end of October found us once more in the Flanders mud.

"This last show was about the hardest, owing to the weather conditions, etc., that we ever engaged in, and nothing but the indomitable pluck and grit of every one in it got us through. This may sound like blowing our own horn a bit but it is the least that can be said of those chaps whom we left behind there. Conditions were such that the dead could not be buried immediately, and if the number of Huns I saw lying about was any criterion of his losses, we certainly must have staggered him. None of us will ever forget the Ypres salient.

"We have a couple of old Commerce men in our Battalion—Floyd and C. B. F. Jones. Floyd told me that on our way up north last month he saw Harvie when we were passing through a town where his division was, and I was sorry to miss him. Veysie Curran was over to see me a couple of months ago and was looking very fit.

"Leave to England being very scarce, a couple of officers and I took our leave to Paris and Rome last month. We stayed three days in Paris and then went on to Rome by way of Turin. We stayed two days in Rome and did the Vatican, St. Peter's, Coliseum, Forum, etc., and it was a great education to us. We returned via Geneva and stopped at Nice on the French Riviera for a few days. While there we motored to Monte Carlo by the mountain road, and with the Mediterranean always in view, it was the most delightful trip I ever had. The Italian and French Riviera are well worth the trip. We are able to get leave to France about every three months. "The Hun is on his last lap now and, as has often been said before, another year should see the finish of it."

The following are extracts from letters dated 15th November and 1st December, 1917, written by MR. H. G. WYLDE, formerly of the Halifax staff, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany since early in June, 1916:—

"Here I am the only Englishman among five French and seven Russians, my friend having been ordered back to camp. I guess I shall be here alone until next spring. However, I don't mind so much as I can parle francais fairly well by now."

"I suppose everyone is doing his Christmas shopping now, and here am I stuck away in a little corner of the earth where the people still wear the costumes their great-grandmothers wore. Strange in this age of modernity and fashions!

"The Russians are singing at present; sometimes it sounds all right, but at others like many cats wailing. Received a parcel of books lately, which helps to pass the time now that I am alone. The lumbering progresses. Ara fairly good at it now, and, by the time the winter is over, I shall be an expert in the art. One of the Russians has just brought in word that the war is over! We live on rumours here, and it is very exciting."

The following is an extract from a letter dated 5th December, 1917, written from France by GUNNER F. S. MCCLAFFERTY, who was formerly on the staff of our Winnipeg branch:—

"The arrangements have all been completed over here for registering the vote of the soldiers for the coming elections and we are to have the opportunity of voting this week. I can't see that a vote as regards the soldiers is at all necessary as I feel it will be unanimous as regards the conscription question, and I think all are agreed that it is the only question that really counts while the war continues.

"Since my last letter I have enjoyed a ten-days' leave in Blighty and had the most enjoyable time of my life. While over there I met several of the old Commerce boys, among them being Lobley, Jimmy Lovett, Cruickshank and Bill Ross, all from Winnipeg. Lovett looked very well after the rough handling which he must have received during such a long share of the affair, and in fact was looking forward to his being able to get back to France shortly. I also saw all the boys who came over with Con. Riley's Battery, among them being Bailey, McLellan, McCallum, Hewat and Moorman. In fact, I have met so many of the old boys that I'm quite sure the Bank must be nearly all manned by girls, if you'll allow me to use the expression.

"Also since writing you I have had a transfer from my old battery to the 7th Canadian Siege battery in which my brother is, and we are now occupying a dugout together, which is not a bad arrangement at all, if for no other reason but to be able to assure Mother how well the other is, and all the other little tales that help to cut down the worries at home." Extract from a letter received from Sergt. J. A. BRICE, formerly of our St. John, N. B., branch, dated 18th December, 1917:—

"I have just received the parcel that you have been kind enough to pack and send to me. You can't imagine how glad it makes a fellow feel to think he hasn't been altogether forgotten by those with whom he used to work out the daily grind. Apart from the fact that a parce! from anywhere is always appreciated to the limit, to get them so often from those one only knew in a business way, and that over three years ago, means quite a lot to a chap who is surveying for the ten thousandth time the same dreary waste of shell-torn earth and mud, and villages razed to the ground. I don't suppose there is any place on earth in quite such a mess as the surface of the earth surrounding Ypres. For over six miles in depth the land is nothing but a sea of shellcraters, the majority of which are full of water. Live in this for a few days and you begin to argue, 'If this is what we are fighting for, for heaven's sake let us give it to Fritz and at the same time apologize for it being in such a mess.' But along comes a parcel and with it the remembrance that it's for the sake of a principle that the war continues. So you see I value the parcels you send far more for what they mean than for what they contain. They would be a sorry bunch of Canucks out here if they were to think that the folks at home were not with them in spirit. I think the result of the elections out here will pretty well show what that spirit is. None of us are saints, and there are few statesmen, if any, amongst us, but I guess most of us realize what would happen to Canada if the Allies threw up the sponge.

"I'm afraid you will be thinking me a bit of a gas-bag and a bit doleful. I plead guilty to the first, but as for being doleful, that we never seem to be. It is really remakable that the better we are treated, and the more grub we get, the greater the growling and cussing. Put us up to our waists in water, let it rain and be miscrable, six on a loaf, and only bully-beef for dinner, and the troops will sing and make merry. It takes a bit of swallowing but such is the case.

"I received a parcel from the Parliament Street branch for A. T. Stoner and C. F. Dick at the same time yours came. I suppose you will have heard by this time that both these poor fellows have paid the price of victory. Dick died of wounds on 30th of October. I did not see him after we left the jumping-off trench. The worst of it was we were waiting to be relieved and he only got it about an hour before we went out.

"Stoner was a splendid chap and everyone liked him. He and I were usually together, being in the same platoon (No. 1), but on this particular trip I had been shot into No. 2 Company, where I still am. I gave the parcel to a chap called Baker, who is in our orderly room. Baker came from the West. I think he and I are the only two Westerners in the ranks of this regiment. Mr. Macrorie and Mr. Grant (officers) are still with us.

"Please remember me to all my old Toronto office friends, and best wishes for 1918."

We append extracts from letters received from GUNNER C. E. WIGLE who enlisted from our Windsor, Ont., branch. He wrote on the 29th of December, just after spending his first Christmas in France:—

"Of course, all our time in England our training was more or less just a refreshing course on what we had already learned in Canada. We spent six weeks there on a gunnery course, each day being just about the same as the day before except for the evenings, which we spent any place where we could find some amusement. Our whole Windsor crowd stuck together all the way through; in fact, our own gun-crew was made up of Windsor boys.

"After landing in France, we spent our first day in a small rest camp, then went on to the base for a couple of days. From there we started out about forty strong in one of those tramp's pullman cars and, after travelling all day at a snail's pace, we were put up in billets (better known in Canada as hay-lofts) for the night. The next morning saw the separation of our Windsor bunch which had stuck together for some time, Walker, Whitesides and I going to this battery, and the rest to some other unit of which we have been unable to find out the number so far.

"Christmas Eve we spent again with strangers, but at the same time comrades, in a hay-loft which we were mighty glad to see after a six hours' march. Christmas Day we also spent on the road, enjoying our Christmas dinner of bully beef and crackers on the roadside just 'Somewhere in France'."

"As you have often said, the Bank is certainly like a large fraternity. Every place one goes, one meets Bank of Commerce men who are willing to do anything to help out fellow Commerce men. The O. C. of our draft used to be in the auditing department out West, and he did absolutely everything he could for us. While we were in Halifax the boys opened up their rooms to us, which were very nice to go down to in the evening and have a bath, then sit around and read."

SECOND LIEUT. T. G. BLACKWELL, R.F.C., formerly of the London, Eng., staff, who was sent to Egypt for his training, writes as follows:—

"I am now flying, or rather about to fly, B. E.'s, having passed out on Maurice Farman's and Avro's. They are a very nice machine and should prove considerably easier to fly than Avro's, which require one's concentration the whole time. My Avro instructor has specially recommended me for Scout, which I am pleased to hear, as a scrap with the Huns should prove more exciting than sending down artillery corrections or bomb dropping, etc.

"I forget whether I wrote you after the S.M.A. course was completed or not. It was rather a difficult course, but I managed to pull off 75% marks.

"Egypt is a country which soon becomes exceedingly boring. The natives are very dirty and mostly all rogues."

The following is an extract from a subsequent letter from MR. BLACKWELL:—

"I am now attached to the infantry for a time as I have lost my nerve, but hope to fly again soon if my nerves get better. I have just been discharged from hospital and am now feeling much more sprightly.

"It is now getting very hot out here, which makes me wish to return to England, where it is so much cooler."

The following extract from a letter received from LIEUT. I. F. MACTAVISH, who left our Vancouver branch in August, 1914, to join the First Contingent, tells of conditions on the most remote Eastern Front of all:—

"I have been out here for the last eighteen months and one gets out of touch with civilization away in Mesopotamia. We were up the....... last Winter till April of this year, but now we are in the line away north of Bagdad on the...... a tributary of the....... I haven't seen anything in the way of fighting out here except a little sniping by Arabs, and so I can't compare fighting in Mesopotamia with my experiences in France, but conditions out here are worse, I think. The cold and mud of Flanders were bad enough, but for sheer discomfort give me any day in the hot weather with a pukka dust storm blowing and the thermometer 120 degrees in the shade and ten miles to go before reaching camp. We tried to march from Amara to Bagdad, but had to quit on account of casualties from heat stroke after five days of it. We were taken on by boat, and I was sorry in a way as it would have been an experience to have done a march of about 300 miles in the hot season. We have had quite a good Christmas as there is nothing doing in this part of the line."

The following extracts from a letter received from CAPT. J. S. WILLIAMS, formerly of the staff of our Winnipeg branch, contain some interesting sidelights on present conditions in England:—

"Life here is not very interesting and has developed into a monotonous routine consequently I have not anything interesting to write to you about. I was passed as fit for General Service in November. It took quite a while to really shake off the effect of the trench fever. As I remarked, it kept hanging about one like a rate collector.

"Censorship precludes one from discussing war news, but I expect you have just the same news as we have over here. I am very glad, as everybody is over here, that Canada turned up trumps with conscription, which must be quite an eye-opener to Australia. I do not yet know whether I shall go over again in my present job or not. My name at present with others is before the London military authorities as eligible for appointment as Instructor to the American Army. We were all supposed to have sailed last November, but it has been left in abevance for some reason or other. "Christmastide I spent in North Wales at my home. We had an excellent time, although travelling expenses caused me to wake one or two nights with a scream! Travelling in this country is discouraged as much as possible by reducing the train service and by a 50% increase in the fares, the rolling stock being required for war purposes on active service.

"The women in this country have responded magnificently and girls in uniform are quite common. In the country towns, girls in breeches and leggings are not at all uncommon—farming, I expect. The Banks are full of girls. Another sight one occasionally meets in London is the girl with a yellow face, the munitioneer, although they do not all get like that.

"The khaki university down here in this camp is a most excellent thing and is attaining remarkable success. It started in quite a small way, but it was so well supported that a proper organization was necessary.

"William LeQuex, the author, gave a most interesting lecture on the German spy system here in a Y.M.C.A. hut on Tuesday. His talents as an author far exceed his oratorical abilities.

"I think they will soon be adopting the ration system. It was so long delayed, I think, by the number of officials it would require, and by the fact that when it was introduced in Germany it caused so much forging of the tickets. However, some people will not be patriotic and everybody has to suffer. It was a startler to find names like Marie Corelli among the foodhoarders."

The following extracts from a letter received from G. G. RENNISON, formerly of our Lethbridge branch, break into entirely new ground and cover some points of great interest to the Bank staff:—

"None of your correspondents, so far as I remember, have said much about the French money, and that fact is rather curious as it would be something that would naturally occur to a banking man. Briefly, the system is somewhat as follows:-The Bank of France issues notes of five francs and multiples of five francs, just as the Canadian banks issue five dollar notes and multiples of them. No gold is in circulation at present. I have seen silver coins to the value of five francs, but they do not seem common. There is also a two-franc piece, and a one-franc in silver, and also a half-franc of the same metal. There is a quarter-franc in circulation (value slightly less than five cents) made of a composition similar to a U.S. five-cent piece. It is very similar to a silver franc, and easily mistaken for one. But the outstanding feature of French money is the paper money of smaller denominations. It is issued by the towns, I believe, for one sees stuff bearing the names of very small places. The denominations vary from two francs down to 25 centimes (a quarter franc). This 'money' is printed on the very poorest quality of paper, and as everyone insists on folding it up it soon falls to pieces. Then comes the job of mending it. You can see this money pasted up with everything imaginable, including bits from the 'Daily Mail' and 'whizz-bangs' (Field Service post-cards). The stuff becomes filthy in a very short time, and quite a lot of it is lost owing to the way it falls to pieces. There is another pleasant thing about this 'town' or 'district' money,-no one will take it outside the district. So, if a fellow leaves one district, he has to see that he gets rid of all his 'town' money first, or he will have it as a souvenir!

"This is 'some' country for souvenirs. One sees all sorts, and some of them are very ingenious too. I met one orderly room clerk who had a tobacco jar made out of two of Fritz's shell cases. He had punched out the primer and inserted a chunk of a shell as a handle. Some of our fellows have made a number of rings from various pieces of metal they have picked up. Considering that they have practically no tools to speak of, the boys have turned out some remarkably good work."

"At present I am orderly room clerk, and after the training one gets in the Bank, the work can hardly be said to present any wonderful difficulty. The chief trouble is the incessant moving. One has to keep stationery, files, etc., down to the minimum. One thing that strikes one very forcibly is the absence of the absolute completeness of system that distinguishes the Bank. There is no book of H.O. Instructions to refer to, nor does any substitute for the Pro Forma Book exist. In consequence, when a new return of some description is demanded one is in the dark to a great extent as to how it should be done. In this connection I had one rather amusing experience. At one time I had a certain book to keep in connection with rationing. The form to be filled up was not exactly enlightening. I enquired from various people. No one could give any information as to the correct method of procedure. I then enquired from the Auditors, but was informed by them that they could give no definite ruling on the matter, and they had never met anyone who could.

"One sees some humorous things happen at times, and the following is a good example and illustrates the spirit of the men out here. Fritz was shelling a battery about half a mile from where I was. The bombardment could hardly be classed as a success—about two out of every three shells were 'duds'. Where the gunners were I don't know, but after each dud lit a cheer floated across."

LIEUT. R. J. HOLMES, formerly Manager at Milestone, writes under date of 13th January, 1918, as follows:---

"I know you haven't much time for lengthy private correspondence, but I think you will feel amply repaid when I tell you how much such letters are appreciated, for outside the excitement of our existence there is little else to command one's attention; and when you are out for a few days' rest the reaction is considerable and demands a little something different, and it is then that we look to our mail. Unfortunately for us we heard that 80,000 bags of Canadian mail had been lost in that terrible Halifax disaster, so we imagine that we have lost all sorts of letters, but then the system of handling our mail must be a wonderful one to ensure any degree of accuracy with the tremendous quantities of parcels, letters, etc., forwarded.

"I am writing this in an old Hienie dugout well below the surface and fairly comfortable in comparison with some we have been in, and I can't help but smile when I think of the comfortable Bank rooms we used to have and then these dugouts and cellars of ruined houses, cold and clammy. Just try prowling around shell-holes when on a patrol, plastered with mud, wet through and these same shell holes look pretty good when Fritz sends over a few flares, and you are ever so content to crouch down until all is dark again and up you get and stumble on, tripping over old wire. Then a machine gun opens up and sends a few bursts over just for luck to see if they can't catch somebody. We all swear if we ever return to be the most satisfied of mortals no matter where our lots will be cast. We won't do much complaining.

"The following verses after the style of Omar Khayyam are, I think, very good:

No place is this for epicure or glutton, With skelly tea and butter sometimes rotten, Where only change from bread and bully beef Is merely one to bread and bully mutton.

I went myself patrolling No Man's Land, To learn of Fritz' movements at first hand, But all the knowledge that I gleaned was how The bottom of a big shell hole was planned.

A bag of bombs, a Lewis gun, my brow Bedewed with anxious sweat amid the row; I crouch in muddy holes with one clear thought— That I were back again behind the plough.

Beware, for Heinie, in the bowl of night, Has cast the flare that makes the darkness light And lo! the L. G. in the east breaks loose Sweeping the parapet from left to right.

I sometimes think that never was a shell One half so big as that which by me fell, And every bomb that's hurled by Fritz' hand Is like the pitchers throw from "Base"—in hell.

Come fill the Stokes, and in the nest of Fritz Drop sundry bombs and give the blighter fits, For see his T.M.B. is close, and know 'Twere better he, than we, were blown to bits.

"A few days ago I had the closest shave that I probably ever will have, when a shell hit right in the trench about five feet away from my sergeant and myself. There was an awful explosion and then a shower of dirt, frozen mud, shrapnel, etc. We had a second's warning, no more, before it struck and we both dropped and I thought both of us had escaped, but when the racket had died away I spoke to him but he didn't answer. A piece of shrapnel went right through his head, poor fellow. He never knew what hit him. My helmet had a bash in it, my jerkin was cut open in two places, also my tunic, but there wasn't a scratch on my body. Wasn't that close enough for anybody? "It was certainly very pleasing to us to know that the Union Government had been elected by such a handsome majority, and we now hope that the tribunals will do their duty as regards claimants for exemption. I have heard of several fellows who have been exempted and it makes me sore that so many are obtaining it so easily.

"The frank speech of Lloyd George followed by the equally brilliant one of President Wilson should show Germany how futile her struggle has been and will be. I really think that if we could get under the tremendous influence of the Prussian military party, the German nation as a whole would warmly welcome the statement of our aims and this awful catastrophe would be brought to a speedy conclusion, but doubtless the Junkers are not willing to see their finish so easily, and so will keep on fighting as long as possible. It will be great when the Americans arrive in force and take an active part in the war.

"It is indeed gratifying to know that Canada stands so high in the estimation of her neighbors to the south, and I guess the boys who have come over have done their part. It is difficult for people who haven't seen it to realize the hardships the fellows suffer in the trenches, standing to at their posts in the severe weather we have had. It wasn't so bad for the officers as they could keep warm visiting the posts but I was surely sorry for the boys. The old rum ration helps a lot then, believe me."

GUNNER J. A. C. HENDERSON, formerly of the London, Eng., branch, writes as follows in February, 1918, regarding still another area of warfare:—

"As you can see from my address I am now fighting on a different theatre of war.

"Italy, at least the part in which we are situated, is certainly the most antediluvian place I have yet visited. The majority of the inhabitants are small farmers, and during the spring months they can be seen busily engaged trimming the vine trees and sowing maize corn. In the winter time their only ambition seems to be to sit by a log fire sipping wine and eating maize bread. There are no places of entertainment. Gray's poem would be very appropriate if applied to them, especially this verse:—

> 'Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife Their sober wishes never learned to stray, Along the cool, sequestered vale of life They kept the noiseless tenor of their way.'

"In almost every respect they are at least a century behind us in England.

"The Austrians have not been very active on the portion of the Italian line held by the British, and, as a result of that, we are having rather a good time.

"We are having glorious weather out here, just like Blighty in summer time."

The following is a copy of a letter from FLIGHT LIEUT. P. R. HAMPTON, formerly of the Head Office staff, written in France 11th February, 1918. Lieut. Hampton has since been captured by the Germans and is now a prisoner of war:—

"As you can see I have managed to reach France and am settling down in my new surroundings. The whole squadron flew out, at least they all started, but there are three still in England. They crashed on their way and now they are being held up by the weather. I enjoyed the trip over the channel very much; it was a clear afternoon so we got up fairly high and had an excellent view of the English coast and then the French coast too. We could see Dover plainly, and the whole way over there were dozens of boats in sight the whole time, so even if my engine had cut out I think I would have been saved, although I am not anxious for the experience.

"We have managed to make ourselves fairly comfortable by making some additions of our own to our huts. There are five of us in a Nisson hut, which is just a nice number. We have put up a partition at one end, and this part we use as a washroom, bathroom, ante room and hall. We have put up a lot of shelves and some pictures and photos on the walls. We have a couple of home-made tables, some chairs and a long seat we made and upholstered with straw and empty sand bags; some mats for the floor and a gramaphone complete our outfit. This is not so bad considering we are in France, but all the huts are not so comfortable as ours. I hope we don't get orders to move in a few weeks' time because we would have to leave most of our stuff behind. I forgot to mention we had a stove, too, but I might tell you that everything we have we had to pinch. There are a couple of other squadrons here and that is where most of the stuff came from.

"We went over the lines about a week ago to see what it was like and we both saw and heard. The Hun let us get properly over when he opened up on us with some Archie (anti-aircraft) batteries. He sent up a terrific barrage and his shooting was good, too; if it had been any better it would have been too uncomfortable altogether. One cannot hear them come, but if they burst anywhere close one can hear the explosion. Of course with the noise of the engine, the explosion is very much deadened. Each shell leaves a small puff of black smoke, so that we could see the amount of stuff he was chucking up at us. We could also see the flashes of the guns down below quite plainly. When we landed two out of the four machines had been hit, but nothing serious. I am sure I don't know how mine escaped. I suppose we provided a lot of amusement for the Tommies in the trenches, but I didn't enjoy it at all, although I thought it a huge joke after I landed again. The observers sit behind singing 'Where did that one go to, Archie, where did that one go' (from 'Chap'). I think it is rather hard on the observer, because he has nothing else to think of, while the pilot has to fly the machine and keep his place in the formation.

"For the past five or six days the weather has been too dull to fly so we have had nothing else to do except amuse ourselves. I took this opportunity to have some improvements and new 'gadgets' added to my bus. We are

all always having something done, and once one man gets out something useful we all have to get it, so that now all the buses are about as perfect as they can be."

The following are extracts from a further letter from LIEUT. P. R. HAMPTON, dated 19th March:—

"This squadron has done the hardest four days' fighting ever known to any squadron and we have been complimented by the G.O.C. personally. The first day we got six Huns, the second day six, the third day five and the fourth day eight. In each case we were fighting the famous German circus organized by Baron Von Richtofen (or 'Writem off' as we call him). They are all crack pilots with splendid machines and every time we were hopelessly outnumbered; the last day it was five to one, and all the fighting takes place from fifteen to twenty miles over Hunland. The day we got five Huns I accounted for two of them in this way. I was leading our very top formation of three machines and it was my business to prevent Huns getting above our fellows fighting below and then diving on them; two of them did get above and dived, so I dived after them with my engine on and opened fire. I fired two hundred into the first one before he went down and a hundred into the second one; I shot both down within a minute of each other, but of course it was a very easy target. Diving on another machine which is also diving is much the same as shooting at a stationary target. It is a great sight to watch one's tracers go into the other machine. The Hun pilots can see them too. I saw both pilots look round at me a couple of times, we were quite close together.

"I had a ride in a tank a couple of weeks ago and enjoyed it. They are marvellous things and very easily manoeuvred considering they weigh forty tons. I then took the tank officer up with me and stunted him a little and he didn't enjoy it; he was a little sick and very nervous.

"One reads a lot these days about the expected Hun offensive on the Western front and every officer I speak to from the other corps asks me if I ever noticed signs of it when over the lines. I am too high and too busy to notice anything like that; all we do is fight and from eighteen thousand feet one can't distinguish much even if one tried. I had my face and nose frozen a few days ago; it is terribly cold at times up at that height. We all take up flaske of rum which helps in a small way, but our hands, feet and faces get cold no matter what we do."

The subsequent annihilation of 'Richtofen's circus' and the death of their leader by the British airmen will be recalled.

The following is a copy of a letter received from LIEUT. W. S. DUTHIE, formerly a member of the staff of the Saskatoon branch, dated 23rd February, 1918:—

"I left the Princess Pats early in 1916 to get commissioned in the Gordon Highlanders. It was glorious getting into the kilt again and feeling at one with our kilted lads in the great adventure. I went to France in the summer of 1916, and was in time for some of the keenest scrapping on the Somme. We left the Somme in January, 1917, when we came down to the Arras front. Our division was the 51st-all Scottish Territorial Kilties. We held the line at the right tail of the Vimy Ridge for the six weeks preceeding the Arras battle, we being given pride of place on the right of the Canadians. The 9th of April-the day of the great advance-was a glorious experience. The Canadians on our left were magnificent and our North countrymen were irresistible. Of course nothing human could have stood up to the artillery fire of our massed batteries. It was absolute Hell-a much more malignant Hell than ever I have heard declaimed by the most rabid evangelist. We held the new line for four days, then went to the Hindenburg line on the Scarpe to take over from the almost annihilated South African Brigade. Here we made a local attack on the 23rd of April on the chemical works at Roeux. We got a bit of a slating in casualties but took our objectives, and after this show we went out of the line for three weeks, to be rushed back to Arras to again take over this most lively bit of line. On 16th of May before dawn the Bosche attacked the chemical works in mass formation. He succeeded in taking the works. Our battalion-the 5th Gordons-had the job of driving him out. We had been lying about two miles back ready to move at a moment's notice. We got through the barrage he was putting down on the supports, and after suffering heavy casualties we again had the chemical works, Fritz not waiting for the bayonet. We then tried to push the Hun from the position he had started his attack from, but on this stunt we were almost cut to pieces. I got mine about half way toward the Hun line. I remember the officer on my right going up in bits-the shell fire being terrific, then a complete blank until I awoke to consciousness in the Duchess of Westminster Hospital at Le Toquet. I had lain out between the lines for two days, in the meantime being reported killed. I had been hit in the head, bits of my steel helmet were taken out in my operation. The extent of the damage was compound fracture of the base of the skull besides part of the top of my skull being blown away. I am now at a convalescent depot here more or less a physical wreck. It was worth it all though."

The following are extracts from a letter received from LIEUT. A. M. KINNEAR, Royal Flying Corps, formerly a member of the staff of the Upper Town, Que., branch. The letter was written apparently some time in March:—

"The air is very bloodstained on our front, but we have been knocking h— out of the Huns. I have two of them to my credit, and I had the time of my life fighting them.

"They never attack us unless they are about four to one, so you can see that it is hard work. On one occasion seven got after me, wounded my observer and shot my controls away. How I got away I do not know, but I was lucky—the machine had over sixty holes in it.

"On another occasion I had 110 holes in the bus and one in my head. All the petrol tanks were shot through, but fortunately I got over our lines instead of crashing in Hunland. These fights come off about 15,000 feet up, and are practically a daily occurrence, so you see we get all the excitement we want. A couple of weeks ago my machine caught fire and I had to side slip 4,000 feet. It was a terrible experience, but my nerves are standing the racket very well, and if they hold out I do not care about the rest."

"Perhaps you would be interested to know how I was wounded. Well, my observer and I had a job to do over in Hunland, and a rotten job it was. too. I had to come down low to ascertain certain things, and 'Umpteen' machine guns started to shoot the bus to pieces. I was hit on the head and faded away, and when I came to my observer was pushing a flask down my throat and the bus was diving for the earth. I had enough sense to pull her up and managed to steer west. When I crossed our lines the engine died, so I planted her in a field and once more passed away. When I came to I was in a house, facing a whisky bottle-which was full, thank God-and a bandage was tied around my head. They shipped me to a hospital where I was given more whisky and put to bed. When I woke up the next morning, feeling like nothing on earth, the nurse took pity on me, sat on my bed and did me much good. When one hasn't seen an English girl for a long time their very presence does one good. My clothes were saturated with petrol and I smelled like a garage, but in a couple of days I buzzed back to the squadron. So far I have had five machines shot to pieces-but what of it-the Government pays for them.

"My quarters consist of a hut, but it is very comfortable. I have an open fireplace which is very cheerful—when it burns. Flying is very cold these days, and we have to slobber whale-oil on our faces to prevent frostbite. After doing four hours at 15,000 feet we are numb when we get back, but a square meal and the rum ration help a lot.

"I suppose you heard I was awarded the Military Cross. I have since been recommended for a bar to it. What next? D—d funny world, isn't it? But these ribbons are hot stuff with the girls."

Since the above was written another letter has been received stating that Mr. Kinnear was blown through the roof by a bomb which exploded under his bed, but he was fortunately not seriously hurt.

The following are extracts from a letter written from France by CAPT. RAYMOND HUTSON, formerly of the London, Eng., branch, whom we regret to say has since been again severely wounded:—

"I am glad to say that I have completely recovered from my wound and that once again I am going as strong as ever. Of course I had exceptional luck as at the time I was hit we were lying down when the bullet entered the centre of my tin hat and then, instead of going into my head, took a slideslip, came out at one side, exploded and entered my left shoulder and neck taking with it some pieces of the helmet. Altogether, I had about twentyfive bits of metal in me, but luckily they were all on the small side. After a lot of persuasion, I got the doctors to allow me to return to the battalion instead of going home to England, and here I have been ever since. "You will, I hope, be glad to hear that I was made a full lieutenant on the 1st of July and that I got my temporary captaincy on the 1st of September.

"The weather out here is bitterly cold; in fact it has been freezing incessantly since the first week in January. Naturally, we all feel it pretty severely as all the villages in the area we now occupy have been completely razed to the ground and, in consequence, when we are out of the trenches or rather shell-holes, we have to live in tin huts through the cracks in which the wind whistles in every direction.

"In spite of these minor drawbacks, I must say that the spirit and enduring power of our men is simply splendid, more especially, I suppose, on account of the fact that everybody thinks that active operations will be over by midsummer at the very latest."

Copy of a letter dated 31st March, 1918, from CAPT. C. D. NEVILL, formerly Manager of our Cayuga branch:—

"It was with great pleasure that I to-day received your card of good wishes sent out from Head Office after the Bank's Annual Meeting in January last. Will you please accept my thanks, Sir, in return for the kindly thoughts, the knowledge of which are as water to a thirsty land, to us fellows out here. I have also just received pamphlet No. 9 of 'Letters from the Front', the first since being out here and I went through it from beginning to end. I would like to receive it regularly.

"It may perhaps be of some little interest to you to know that I have been nearly fifteen months in the forward areas on the Western front and have seen a good deal of what has been going on. We put in the summer of 1917 in The Salient engaged in railway construction work, often under most adverse and trying circumstances, the Boche taking particular pleasure in shelling and bombing our camps at night. During the daytime the unit worked well forward and at night we would often have to scatter from our dugouts and sleep in some ditch or other out of the line of fire. Since then the unit has been up and down the line wherever needed, and I believe I could find my way from Bethune to the North Sea coast on any dark night. One thing we regret is that we have seen so few Canadians, being always attached to the Imperial armies, and I have yet to see a Canadian Division or a Commerce man. Some day we hope to get to our own people.

"I am writing this on Easter Sunday and some of us attended a Protestant service this morning held in a little Church Army hut erected near camp during the week. This has been our first opportunity to attend church this year, and we may not get another soon, as from present indications we have a hurried move dead ahead."

We quote extracts from a letter received from LIEUT. A. D. GOLDEN, who left from our Prince Rupert branch to join the Third Canadian Contingent. The letter is dated 19th April, 1918:—

"Head Office Instructions, if I remember aright, states that communications with Head Office direct are not permissable and lays down some other laws on the subject. However, I am going to break rules and will lay the blame on the 'exigencies of the service'.

"The Bank is certainly well represented out here, and it is impossible to go far without meeting one of the boys. Let me give an instance:—A little while ago while firing a few over to Fritz, I discovered the following— I was in charge of the shoot, giving my orders to a Commerce sergeant-major, through a telephone operated by a Commerce man. The sergeant-major passed his orders on to our six guns, two of which had each a Commerce man in charge.

"Unfortunately a number of the boys have given their all in the war, one of the recent ones being C. C. Purdy, of Prince Rupert, who was making a splendid name for himself in the R.N.A.S.

"Warfare and banking, alas, are very different, and we will all be mighty glad to return to the gentle art of finance when we get through, but none of us, rest assured, are coming back until the books are balanced here, unless we go down among the 'C 3's' and so forth."

The following extracts are from a letter dated 25th May, 1918, from SERGEANT W. J. TAYLOR who left our Golden branch to enlist in February, 1915. Sergt. Taylor has been twice wounded and is now an instructor behind the lines:—

"Life here isn't so bad, we are some little distance behind the lines and are billeted in the village. Fritz hasn't strafed us yet, but there is a fair sized nining town a few kilos from here that he lobs one into occasionally. We have had very hot weather recently, and the nights being clear his planes come over every night bombing. It looks pretty to see the searchlights on one, but much better to see one come down. He seems to be getting vicious and even giving hospitals a share. I notice in to-night's paper, really yesterday's, that he did a lot of damage at one place. One flight commander was brought down and I reckon he should be court-martialled and shot for what he said. In fact, the court-martial might be dispensed with. I reckon if things keep on going as they are this is liable to develop into a war of extermination.

"The Bosche shells places where he knows there isn't a soldier, just out of cussedness. A short time ago I was in a village that earlier in the war was the scene of some heavy fighting. There was quite a pretty church there, but of course it was partially wrecked by shell fire, and all the statues, practically, had the heads smashed, most likely by rille fire. Some people may want to blame the German officers for everything that has happened but the common soldier isn't any better. It isn't likely that an officer is going to use the statuary of a church for rille practice.

"It seems a long time since I pulled out of Golden, but I can't say I have found the time hanging on my hands. The days pass quickly here, about as quickly as in the lines. I suppose it is really because we can settle down to anything here.

"I have been thinking of the prospects we have after the war. I had

to sign some papers to say if we were going to take advantage of the Government's offer of land when we go back. Also the amount of money we expected to have, and a lot more questions that it would require a palmist to put us wise to. One chap said \$25,000, and had to see his Company Officer as a result. He was quite right because he had just come into some property and money from an uncle a short time before. I notice he hasn't been sent out of the Depot yet. But I suppose it isn't worth while worrying about after the war until that time comes. I have only about seventeen odd years to go before I ought to come in for a pension for long service and every little bit helps.

"I think there is something doing up the line just now. The guns are keeping up a steady roar which keeps this hut on the wobble. Perhaps Heinie has a few more men than he has rations for and wants to get rid of them. In any case someone is hugging the parapet right now.

"I could of course, write a lot more, but the censor might think I was encroaching on the privileges of a war correspondent and my work get a little marking in pencil to make it look better. Please remember me to anybody I know still living in Golden."

We quote extracts from two letters recently received from MR. G. AYRE, who enlisted from the London, Eng., branch, in March, 1917:—

"Many thanks for parcels received today, the contents of which are very much appr-ciated. It could not have reached me at a more opportune moment as we came down from the Lines yesterday and I was simply dying for a decent smoke.

You will note from above address we are now Gunners; we lost our horses several months ago. As you can well imagine it is a bit of a change for us all, more especially for those who have been cavalry for years and were in the retreat from Mons.

We are very comfortable in our present bivvies in a big wood, well dug in, and I can assure you Jerry would have to send over a lot of shells to upset us much—so we get down to it at night pretty confident of a good night's sleep. Some weeks ago we were down in a camp quite near those hospitals which caught it so badly, and we were most fortunate in getting out of it, so you can bet we very much appreciate our present home."

"Many thanks for parcel of 11th instant, it reached me safely up the Lines and have had no opportunity of conveying my thanks before.

We came back yesterday to our billets in a respectable little French village, and as you can well imagine we make the most of our comparatively comfortable quarters.

I was unfortunate in losing a quantity of those delicious biscuits enclosed; the rats stole them and some cheese from my coat pocket whilst I was asleep in my dug-out up the line. I was fortunate inasmuch as they did not run off with my steel helmet—as the boys say it is quite a common sight to see them fitting on your gas mask. We were fortunate in losing but one man and with ordinary luck we should have had our own back with compound interest we used to give them a good rattle up with our machine guns from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. on most nights."

The following is an extract from a further letter from FLIGHT LIEUT. P. R. HAMPTON, dated 19th May, 1918, written from a German hospital:—

"I am still in hospital, in fact I expect to be here for a week or so yet. I am getting better but a little slower than I first expected. I have now recovered from the shock but the burns are not healed yet. My nose, which was knocked almost flat between my eyes and a little to one side, is now back in its normal position. It is very painful but that is the only pain I have. The doctor is fixing it very well, probably it will be better looking than before. I had a very narrow escape with my right eye, and have a nasty cut between the eyeball and eyebrow but that is nearly alright. My burns are not serious, the big toe of the right and ankle of the left are slightly burnt and also my right thumb and arm, but nothing to worry about.

I think Lane, my observer, will be better before me. I am not in the same ward but I hear he is getting on well. It has now been ascertained that I was brought down by Archie fire, a thing I never expected or even contemplated. I don't know how it set me on fire; of course, the front petrol tank was burst but I don't know what lighted the petrol. I believe my machine was burnt to nothing after I hit the ground, so I am lucky to have undone my belt."

The following are extracts from a letter dated June 30th, 1918, from NURSING SISTER H. V. PETRIE, who was formerly on the staff of Department of the Superintendent of Central Western Branches. MISS PETRIE wrote from England where she is recuperating from some very nerve-wracking experience in hospital work just behind the lines:—

"I met General Currie in Brighton, and a few nights after we got here Sir Robert Borden came and he asked for a private interview with me so I had to give the whole story again to him, Sir Edward Kemp and about ten others.

However, this is far from the air raid district. Imagine, we were only twelve miles from the firing line. I've been just as close as I want to be, thank you, and yet I adored it and if only I'd been well would be there yet. There wasn't a particle of use my staying when I could barely hold up my head, and of course we only got a couple of hours sleep. Fritz was over all night and every night from March 26th, and the long range guns were dropping shells into the town all day. I used to go up to the tennis courts and watch the observation balloons, and one night we saw one brought down. At night it was wonderful, a continual flash-flash-flash all night long. The noise got on my nerves and everyones', so that I always had more or less of a headache.

In the first days of the push it was terrible-that was for three weeks before anyone got his breath. You could hear Amiens being bombed and the continual noise of lorries and guns being taken up the Amiens road and see the sky flaming from fires. It never ceased day or night. Fritz was over at 8 p.m., again at 11 or 12, and then just as it was getting dawn. Then all day he was over making 'movies' or photographing and the 'antis' were barking. All day there was continual noise of the guns and thousands of wounded pouring in and the ambulances lined up the Amiens road for miles, one line on one side coming in, and the other returning, and the 'walkers' some of whom had walked 12 and 14 miles from the field ambulance. They slept, until we could get them out, on the grass, anywhere, as all the wards were crowded and there were stretchers in between the beds on the floors. For three weeks I was in a place called 'Isolation', quite seven minutes walk from the main hospital and I had as many as 233 cases and only a youngster, a convalescent, to help me. Everyone else in the main part of the building never even knew of the place with the exception of one or two of the M.O.'s. The C.O. and Matron came about nine o'clock at night, and then I was all alone with from 5 to 18 Huns, more or less, sitting over the hospital all night. They used to come to our hospital to get their bearings. It was no joke, I can tell you. Then I was put in the O.R. and, as I told you, we three girls had 291 operations in ten nights so that gives you a fair idea of a week's work. It was wonderful, though, and the experience of a lifetime and I'm so glad I was where I was so that I did not miss it. All our baggage was taken from us and sent to Boulogne as it was thought we might have to retreat so we lived in one uniform for ten weeks.

Some of the C.C.S.'s were bombed and shelled out and down they came to us and stayed long enough to get their breath and then went on to open up further back. It was exciting and our poor little town of I guess wondered what had happened. It was crowded to overflowing, with thousands and thousands of troops being rushed up day and night, cavalry riding past—such a commotion you never saw!"

The following are extracts from a letter received from LIEUT. N. L. WELLS who left our Regina branch in July, 1915. LIEUT. WELLS was taken prisoner in July, 1916, and has recently been sent to Scheveningen, the internment camp near the Hague, Holland:—

"I do not suppose that the people of Canada realize what the life of a prisoner of war in Germany really is, and when one remembers that Germans as a rule treat officers with exaggerated respect, it may serve to convey a slight idea of what our men are suffering. The condition of some of our men is appalling (it depends largely where they are imprisoned) and since our arrival in Holland a little of the truth has leaked out. Men are deliberately murdered, apart from the terrible treatment they receive and the number who have 'died' in Germany must be very great. Two officers, whom I knew personally, were murdered only last month; of course we have no proof but we know what happened just as well as if we had seen the whole affair.

I have now been in Holland more than two months and I feel like an old resident. I am Assistant Adjutant to the Senior British Interned Officer and have to work fairly hard. My duties consist of dealing with the pay of 4,000 N.C.O.'s and men and 800 officers, and the whole of the work passes through my hands. The men are actually paid by their Group Officers, but all applications, questions, indents, etc., come to me. The pay of the officers is a most troublesome affair owing to the system of living out which affects 300 of them. Unfortunately I have to rely on other people for most of the necessary information and as this information is never correct I have the unfortunate experience of unravelling the many tangles.

I am very lucky in getting a job as they are very much sought after and as I am one of the late comers I am exceptionally fortunate. I thought you might like to know that, though prisoners of war, Commerce men are not altogether in the background.

The country is quite flat but pretty. It is very pleasant to see the light green trees after the never-ending firs of Germany, and we often cycle into one of the neighboring villages. The whole country is intersected with canals; even in the towns it is impossible to go for more than a few yards without meeting one.

The expense of the Hague is the greatest drawback. Prices are extortionate and it is almost impossible for a subaltern to live. Before the war the Hague was regarded as the second most expensive place in Europe, Monte Carlo ranking first, so the present prices can be imagined. Fortunately Canadian subalterns are in a better position than the English ones, but it is quite bad enough.

It seems a long time since I left Regina in 1915 and I should be happy enough to get back there now if the war were over. If we were so fortunate as to be repatriated I should stay in England until the end of the war on the slight chance of having a second smack at the Huns.

The weather is very changeable and high winds are frequent; there has been very little rain but it is often quite cold and very different from the Harz Mountains where they really have glorious summers—the only good feature of the place."

We give below in its entirety the "schweinerei" or citation of the experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany of CAPT. N. L. WELLS, the writer of the above letter. By its dispassionate tone and simple relation of fact this document impresses on the reader the horrors and insults to which prisoners of war in Germany are constantly subjected:— "After being brought back from the front, where we were quite well treated, I was sent to the hospital at Cologne. The hospital was full of Russian soldiers, suffering from various things, and a few English men and officers. The treatment here was quite good, though it was perfectly obvious that a badly wounded man would never recover. The Russians used to die every day and all of them were quite apathetic. There were two classes of food: first and second. The first was quite good in comparison with the second which was served in a way which made it unfit to eat; all the stuff for the second class was put into a kind of bucket and then stirred round until it looked like a pig's trough. The bread was awful stuff, very dark brown, and sour and hard; it is difficult to eat the best kriegsbrod (war bread) as the effect on a person unaccustomed to it is always bad. The food (first class) we had was quite eatable, though I expect our hospitals would have shuddered at it.

I left Cologne at the end of July and had my first real experience of travelling in Germany. British officers in Germany travel third class (that is to say, in cushionless carriages) and sometimes fourth. The carriages are the most uncomfortable things I have ever met and only compare with the almost obsolete carriages on some of our local lines. In addition to this, I have known British officers stand for hours in one of these awful things, because the train was full, women had crowded in, and in Germany it seems to be an almost unknown thing for men to get up and allow women to sit down.

I left Cologne at 11 a.m. and practically the whole journey to Mainz was by the Rhine. The scenery is splendid with wooded hills on one side and principally vines on the other, while castles are perched on the tops of rocks and every few hundred yards. However, the scenery in Germany never seems to vary, and I don't think any P. of W. wishes to see a fir tree again. I reached Mainz at six p.m. and was put in a quarantine room for the night. As I had had nothing but some soup since early morning, I was very hungry and ate the whole of the food they brought me, which consisted of potato soup and my day's ration of bread and cheese. As a consequence I did not get to sleep until 6 o'clock the next morning. The bed was made of iron with wooden slats, on top of which was a straw bag called a mattress, and which was full of holes. Of course there were sheets and blankets, but by morning I was simply smothered in straw.

Mainz is a large fortress camp for French, Belgian and Russian officers so I only stayed there a couple of days when I went on to Friedberg (in Hesse, not Freiburg where there are so many bombing raids). I was lucky enough to be travelling with an officer as escort so I travelled second class. Friedberg was a mixed camp of French, Russian and English. It was built as a training school for German N.C.O.'s so there was a parade ground, which we turned into a small football field, shower baths, and a gymnasium without apparatus. It was a very dirty place, and like all German prison camps the sanitary arrangements were very bad. We built two tennis courts, and the remainder of the ground was allotted to various people as gardens. We were extremely lucky in German officers there. The captain of our building was very fond of the English officers; his father or grandfather was English and his wife was Russian, and though he was an old man and not very capable,

yet he did his best for us. We were similarly lucky in some of the other officers, one of whom was of one of the highest families in Germany; his mother was English, he had been educated at Eton and spent all his life on his mother's English estate. There was a well managed canteen where we could buy most things at a reasonable rate. The food was awful and quite uncatable, even two thirds of the potatoes were bad. We had our own cooking stoves which we purchased at the canteen, and though there was usually a shortage of coal, we managed to get along all right with the assistance of a rustling orderly. Parcels were very rarely lost and we used to live very well as regards food. Rooms were crowded of course, but were absolutely palatial in comparison with our later experience. The messing was an absolute swindle. According to the Hague Convention, I believe, an enemy country is not entitled to make any profit out of a prisoner of war; goods at the canteen are to be sold at the same price as in the town and any extra profits are to go to the P. of W. Well, we had an allied messing committee of which one of our majors was president, and every month five or six thousand marks disappeared; he made a big fuss and was told eventually that if he continued his enquiries he would be sent to the local "jug". We had two walks a week, as many theatrical shows as we wished, and though we were searched occasionally after a fashion, yet we were left alone. Apart from the fact that the rooms were disgraceful for officers and the whole place was filthy, as the Germans would not allow us sufficient orderlies, we had not a great deal to complain of. The fact that we were getting our parcels and we were able to cook our own food was quite enough to make us contented.

When the winter came we flooded part of the football ground and made a small skating rink which caused a lot of fun. It was just after this that the trouble started and we had orders to leave for Clausthal on the 20th March, 1917.

We were sorry to leave Friedberg though we had not the slightest idea that we were leaving the best camp in Germany; while we were there we were always grousing and usually with very good cause, but the 1914 officers thought that the improvement of this camp over others was owing to the fact that the Germans had at last realized their mistake in treating prisoners badly.

The 1914 officers were mistaken.

We left Friedberg at 7 o'clock on the evening of the 20th of March with the assurance that the journey was one of twelve or thirteen hours. We were actually in the train for about twenty-seven hours in unheated carriages. The carriages were the usual cushionless third class, and every mile we went the cold got worse. Two of our senior captains skipped off the train and managed to reach Holland. This occurred soon after we started. Before we reached the end of our journey it was snowing hard and I suppose the temperature was a little below zero, or between thirty and forty degrees of frost. During the whole of the journey we received no food or drink from the German authorities, excepting one luke-warm cup of acorn coffee each for which we paid one mark per cup (without milk or sugar). Fortunately we had brought a certain amount of food with us. When we reached Clausthal, the snow was about a foot deep and it was still snowing. We were in awfully bad condition by this time, half frozen, so stiff that we could scarcely move at first, and tired out, yet the first news we got was that we had to carry our own suit-cases through the snow to the camp about two miles away. There were several men with us who were lame or ill but no conveyance was provided. A lot of us dumped our bags down on the platform and refused to carry them so they came up next day.

We reached the camp finally and were ushered into a large dining-room, where we were treated to an astounding speech by the commandant, in the best Prussian manner. This consisted of yelling at the top of one's voice in the most insulting way imaginable. We were then stripped and searched and were not allowed to go to bed until three o'clock the following morning; we received no food during this time and were unable to obtain water. Then most of us were sent down to the huts which were icy cold and we went to bed with all our clothes on.

We had our first view of the camp next day. It consisted of a wooden hotel, built in the shoddlest German fashion and three wooden huts divided into rooms. In the hotel the dining-room was heated but all the other rooms were unheated. The winter lasted about six months in the year and we sometimes had forty degrees of frost. The huts were supposed to get two buckets of coal every three days per room; the buckets were half the size of an ordinary bucket. The consequence was that 250 officers had to spend all their time in a dirty dining-room which was much too small even for its avowed object. We used to bribe the German soldiers and get coal by this means, but even then we could rarely get enough. For the winter of 1917-18 no coal was allowed.

The grounds of the camp were extremely small, and part had an additional wire fence to separate it from the rest of the camp; this wired off piece, which was shaped like a leg of mutton, held two tennis courts and a piece of ground which in area was equal perhaps to three tennis courts and which we turned into a miniature golf course. The rest consisted of a tiny plot of grass where a few bushes grew and where we occasionally sat out in summer. Inside the camp were little bits of garden and grass all surrounded by barbed wire, as also were the huts. Their idea apparently was to save the grass and trees from being injured and the sentries had orders to shoot any officer who went through this wire to get anything. I hope I have made it plain that this had nothing to do with escaping. Of course, things were dropping out of the windows of the huts continually and balls would go in the forbidden areas, yet if any officer fetched them he was liable to lose his life. One officer was actually shot at, but the sentry missed him and his effort was greeted with howls of laughter. It would not have been at all surprising if he had loosed his rifle off at us for laughing; if he had killed anyone he would have got the Iron Cross undoubtedly.

In addition to the two tennis courts, we built two squash courts, so we got a certain amount of exercise though our arrangements did not go far amongst over 250 men.

To return to our arrival at Clausthal. After we had been there a week, the issue of tins was stopped for eight days and that of parcels for two weeks. This was a pure schweinerei and we were given no reason for it. It was particularly annoying in the case of bread which we knew was being ruined. apart from the fact that the camp was swarming with rats and mice, which always went through every parcel which was not opened immediately.

We had no walk for four months; as a matter of fact we had one, but some days after this had taken place, three officers escaped, and the Germans said that they would probably be charged with breaking their parole, as they must have used their eyes during the walk and seen the surrounding country. We all handed in our parole cards the following day.

The "jug" was next door to the pigsty and had been condemned even by the German Inspectors, nevertheless one man was kept there for months. Eventually a hut was built containing sixteen cells and those were always kept full during the summer months. It was impossible to avoid jug. Major-General Ravenshaw was given eight days for saying at a conference with the German Commandant that he considered collective punishment for individual offences was "unfair". I was very lucky and only collected three days during my stay in Hunland. I was never caught in the usual things such as swiping parcels which contained contraband or cigarettes and getting out tims by means of false keys, etc., but I was exceptionately fortunate.

For a long time our cigarettes were stopped, the reason given being that the French had poison for the crops sent in theirs.

We used to find that the Huns had been in our rooms during our absence and of course we missed a lot of things. We even caught a German officer feeling in the pockets of a coat when he thought no one was in the room.

Men were continually stripped and searched. Any contraband such as a map, compasses, etc., resulted in eight days. As a matter of fact I was found with a map but for some reason or other my name was overlooked so I escaped.

The beds were of iron, wooden slats and 2" thick mattresses and two blankets (with the thermometer below zero) in addition to which the two together did not make one decent English blanket. One cupboard (assigned to one German soldier in ordinary times) was only allowed to two officers and no box that would not go under the bed was allowed in the rooms. Sitting or lying on the bed in daytime was not allowed and any clothes found on the bed or chairs were thrown on the floor. As you can imagine we had no room for anything. A German officer used to spend all day going round the rooms and putting clothing on the floor, etc., but after a few months of this, when the Germans found that we paid no attention to orders of this description, they gave up trying to enforce many of the rules which we tacitly refused to obey.

The rooms in the huts were disgusting places and not fit for officers at any time. The overcrowding was scandalous, and at least twice as many men as there should be were in each room. No curtains were allowed; one or two rooms purchased them and they were torn down (not taken down).

For a long time we were not allowed to have the windows open at night even in the hot summer months, but eventually the Dutch Ambassador made a fuss and we were allowed to keep them open on condition that we paid for wire screens to go over the window.

Just before I left Clausthal a few weeks ago, three officers attempted to escape and were captured. The commandant rushed up to the guard room and commenced bullying in his usual manner. He told one man to go down on his knees to him and when he refused to, he ordered the guard to force him to his knees, which they did.

Remember this occurred at the end of March, 1918, and not 1914.

One officer (also this year) who had appealed against a sentence of two months by courtmartial for some alleged offence, was successful and the sentence was dismissed. He came to the camp highly elated, the first man to win an appeal in Germany and, I imagine, the only one. However, the same week he received a sentence of eight days imprisonment from General von Havish, the Commander of the Xth Army Corps, for the same offence, despite the fact that the courtmartial had dismissed the case. The jug was stated to be for disciplinary purposes.

According to the Prisoners' Agreement drawn up in July, 1917, no officer was to be kept in jug awaiting a courtmartial or sentence, but this does not matter to the Huns. In October was had a big search and everyone was ordered outside in the "appel" ground. One officer was ill and had been ordered to stay in bed by the German doctor; he explained this, but was made to go outside, and the next day was charged with assulting one of the German soldiers. Of course it was a lie as he had not touched a man, but despite the fact that he had a number of witnesses, he was put into jug and kept there for ten weeks awaiting trial. This only happened about two months after the agreement had been signed.

According to the same agreement, all prisoners undergoing confinement for anything except escaping, were to be released on the 31st July. Strangely enough the Huns kept this part of the agreement but the following week every cell was full again, so they broke the spirit of the agreement within a few days.

Imprisonment for escaping was limited to 14 days, but in the Xth Army Corps, an officer never does less than a month, usually much more. The way they work it is like this:—14 days for escaping, 8 days for having a civilian coat, etc., 8 days for having a map (16 days for two maps), 8 days for a ruck-sack, 8 days for tins, etc. You will no doubt gather the absurdity of making any agreement with people like this.

After every attempted escape our "playground" was closed for at least a week and sometimes two, while we would have "appels" at 4 o'clock in the morning whenever the wire was discovered to be cut.

Searches were an absolute schwein. A regular army would come down, composed of civil detectives, policemen in gorgeous uniforms, and soldiers, and were always greeted with howls of laughter much to their annoyance. The rooms would be taken three at a time and no officer was allowed in his room until it was his turn to be searched. The waiting officers were locked in the dining hall and on one occasion they had to stay there all night. Nothing was ever found in these searches. Occasionally an odd map or compass would be discovered, but we had so many that it did not matter. In addition copies of maps could be made any time and home-made compasses were turned out by dozens, so all their work was unnecessary and nothing but a schweinerei (I hope you understand what this word means. It is a very expressive German word which has been adopted by Prisoners of War.)

Every room was turned upside down and special rooms were selected

for severe treatment. Some of the rooms had been made to look quite decent with the aid of brown paper and wall paper, photographs, pictures, etc., and one of these rooms was invariably selected by the Huns. The whole of the paper was torn off the walls, pictures taken to pieces or smashed and everything piled up in the centre of the room. On one occasion when the officer in charge of the search was drunk (a very common habit with the German officers on duty), he drew his sword, cut down some curtains he saw and commenced hacking at things on the wall. Searches of this description took place twice a year and were altogether unproductive.

Everything in our parcels was cut to bits; shaving soap often into three pieces, washing soap smashed up, bread (from the Dutch and Swiss Red Cross) cut into four and sometimes six pieces and as far as possible everything ruined. Our parcels were stolen systematically—I was a very bad sufferer—and our tins also. Occasionally verboten articles were discovered, but if we had received advice letters beforehand we usually got the stuff if it was properly packed. There was no object in all this business as the Germans know as well as we do, that we can get anything we want in the escape line in other ways.

The Commandant, yclept Neimeyer, who has a twin brother in charge at Holzmindenhager, was one of the biggest blackguards it is possible to meet. He spoke excellent English with an astonishing accent; he had lived for some years in America, hence his knowledge of our language. A large part of his time he was half drunk and even at his best he was insane. It is very difficult to give a description of his actions. He was the biggest liar we met in a nation of liars, he was a thief, and in short, what the Germans call a "schweinhund"—the English translation being "pig-dog. He was hated by his own people quite as much as by us, because he used to make them do as much unnecessary work.

He used to spend his day walking round the camp making annoying or insulting remarks to officers, and certain officers he hated he put in jug continually for no reason at all. He was continually devising petty schweinereis to annoy us; one of his choicest amusements was to have officers stripped and searched, not because he suspected them of concealing articles, but because he enjoyed it. I can't describe him properly, it is an impossible task, but, if he ever leaves Germany after the war, he will be killed.

As regards escaping, we were extremely unfortunate. No one has ever escaped from Friedberg or Clausthal. Quite a lot of men have got out of the camp, but the distance is so great that they have always been caught. Some camps are ridiculously easy to escape from, as they are within a comparatively short distance from Holland, but so far Clausthal has proved quite impossible. We started a tunnel at Clausthal under one of the huts; the huts were raised two or three feet above the ground and we cut through the floors of various rooms and got below the hut. We actually started another tunnel under another hut, but we had to give it up owing to trouble with water. The big tunnel we started in the second week of May, and we worked daily from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. without any stops. Towards the end, owing to the winter coming on, the "appels" were altered and we were only able to work during the last few weeks from ten to four. At one time there were eighty of us in it, but we did not finish the show until the 3rd of Novem-

ber, or six months' hard work. We were divided into gangs with regular time-tables. The tunnel was only 71 feet long, but for a long time we had to work through solid rock, and it took us two months to dig a 10 foot shaft. Eventually the work became a little easier, but it was always hard as the ground further on consisted of shale. Some days we could not work owing to rain and towards the end we had to bail every morning. The stuff we took out was distributed over the ground so that the same level was maintained and though the Huns and dogs were often under the hut at night, they never found anything. The opening was nearly two feet below the level of the ground and every night we put the lid on and covered the hole up carefully, replacing stones, etc., until it was impossible to find. We had an "intelligence" working in various places above ground, to give warning of any danger. We worked by electric light and had an excellent air pump, while the stuff we took out was dragged on a sleigh running on boards, from the end of the tunnel to the shaft. The show was given away on the day before we were going out. At this time only twenty-five were left as it was quite cold and some did not think it worth while continuing, while others expected to be changed to Holland. We know how it was given away and there will be trouble for a certain Sinn Feiner (an orderly) after the war.

It was awfully bad luck to lose the result of six months' extremely hard work.

The Germans only found the boards cut in two rooms so they charged three officers with the show. Some of them were innocent, but it was decided by the committee that for anyone to take their places would be a confession of guilt, so I, much to my annoyance missed the fun of the legal proceedings. Seven months was given, against which an appeal had been lodged.

I have not told you about the dogs yet. Three or four dogs, trained to attack everyone they see excepting one man who has charge of them, are turned loose inside the wire every night. That this is against the Hague Convention does not matter of course.

The dogs are also taken in the house and huts on a short leash, but as the passages are very narrow it is quite dangerous enough. One officer going into his room one night a few weeks ago, was jumped at by one of these brutes and bitten. He was immediately charged with inciting the dog though he has everyone in his room to swear that it is a lie. I expect he will be courtmartialed and jugged.

I will not give you any information about the treatment of our men as evidence is being taken here by Court of Enquiry, and I expect the result will be published. As you know, dozens of our soldiers have been and are being, deliberately murdered, apart altogether from the vindictively cruel treatment they receive in many parts of Germany.

It is impossible to talk of peace with Germany, and it is inconceivable to Prisoners of War that anyone can dream of the Germans keeping any kind of treaty or agreement.

A German has not the slightest sense of honour; he never speaks the truth if he can lie; he is treacherous in every possible way, and he has the manners, customs and ideas of a pig.