PREFACE

Judging from the many letters received on the subject, these letters continue to interest their readers and, indeed, they are acquiring a new if melancholy interest through the fact that some of our former contributors have since "made the great sacrifice."

It is thought that the general excellence of the letters is fairly well maintained in this issue, and this despite the fact that most of the experiences detailed have already been dealt with by other writers.

Recent additions to the casualty lists show conclusively that officers of this Bank are well to the front in the gigantic operations connected with the hearteningly successful offensive on the Somme.

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Pte. L. M. BeanWinnipeg23rd April 1915	do
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Pte. A. W. Bevan North Winnipeg9th Aug. 1916	do
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ı	Sgt. J. R. Keith
ı	Lieut. A. E. Kinghan Foronto Sept. 1916 Killed in action
ı	Lieut. M. P. Lane Revelstoke Oct. 1916 Killed in action
١	Pte. G. M. LeThicke Danforth & Broad- 23rd July 1915 Killed in motor view, Toronto cycle accident
ı	Pte. C. W. Lipsham Vancouver17th May 1915 Killed in action
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ı	Cpl. R. B. Miller Mexico
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ı	Pte. D. M. Pittendrigh Phoenix3rd May 1916 do
i	Lieut. C. W. F. RawleInspector's Dept 4/5th April 1916Killed in action Head Office in Mesopotamia
g	Sgt. H. G. Raymond St. John, N.B27th June 1916 Died of wounds
3	Pte. S. T. Read Saskatoon 25th April 1916 do
3	Pte. C. A. RichardsRed Deer4th June 1916 do
3	Lieut. N. H. RickettsSpadina & College . 31st Dec. 1915 do Toronto
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	Pte. J. R. D. ScottVancouver23rd Dec. 1915Accidentally
	Sgt. G. F. Skelton Vermilion Sept. 1916 Killed in action
	Sgt. Jas. StewartMoosejaw27th May 1915Died of wounds while a prisoner of war
	L/Cpl. W. TuckerSt. John's, Nfld25th Oct. 1915Died of wounds received at Dardanelles
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Sgt. J. A. Caw Langham Second Continge (Since recovered)	nt. Wounded in arm and badly gassed
Pte. J. A. Davin Macleod First Contingent Lieut. D. Davis; Hastings & Cambie (Since recovered) Vancouver	Sick from gas fumes Influenza
Sgt. R. T. Fowler Edmonton First Contingent (Since recovered)	Suffering from severe heart strain
Corp. S. J. HunterCrossfield (Since recovered)	
Lieut. F. H. KnightSt. John's Nfld.First Contingen	tSuffering from shell shock
Pte. J. LowtherWinnipegSecond Conting (Since recovered)	ent Suffering from shell shock
Lieut. E. Ryrie Spadina & Col- (Since recovered) lege, Toronto	Seriously ill (Appendicitis)
Pte. A. Sattin Calgary Pte. J. Somerville Nutana Lieut. E. F. P. Tydd Strathcona	Suffering from shock Appendicitis Trench fever
(Since recovered) Lieut. A. G. A. Vidler. Vancouver First Contingent (Since recovered)	Seriously ill
L/Cpl. A. Wilson Melville	Pneumonia nd.

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Pte.	W	. B.	Clendinning	Elbow		First Con	tingent
Pte.	L.	C.	Coffin	North Batt	tleford	First Con	tingent
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1175 officers of the Bank have now taken up military duty.

Second Lieut. D. E. Gordon, who was killed in action on 14th July, at Longueval, was shot by a sniper, after the position had been taken; and was then the only surviving officer of his company. Lieut. Gordon enlisted from our Saskatoon branch immediately after the outbreak of war as a private in the 9th Battalion, C.E.F., was wounded at Ypres, and on his recovery received an appointment as second lieutenant in the 12th Battalion of the Royal Scots.

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Mr. A. W. Bevan, who was killed in action on 9th August, had been recommended for a commission and was on the eve of promotion.

Lieut. A. E. Kinghan, whose name appears on the Bank's Honour Roll, enlisted with the First Canadian Contingent, and, on reaching England, received a commission in the Royal Irish Fusiliers. He was in command of a company in a wood when a counterattack was made by the Germans. The Germans were repulsed, but Lieut. Kinghan was struck by a bomb during the action and was killed. He had been twice recommended for reward for gallant conduct, and he was a general favourite with officers and men.

Sergt. G. W. A. Fraser, who was killed in action between 11th and 14th June last, was recommended to commissioned rank two days before his death. The recommendation was subsequently forwarded to his father accompanied by the following letter from Capt. S. R. Heakes:

"I am enclosing you the form of recommendation for commissioned rank which your son filled in two days before being killed in action. You will observe that the application bears the signature of the commanding officer and my own. It had been the intention to promote your son to commissioned rank immediately, and I can send you no greater testimony of the high regard in which we held him than to forward you this enclosure. I have never known your son to fail in doing his duty. I had a very strong personal regard for him, and am not only regretting the loss of so good a soldier, but of the man I was proud to call my friend."

We have been furnished with the following information regarding Lieut. D. J. M. Campbell, who was killed in action on 11th July last. He was born at Macleod, Alberta, on 14th November, 1895,

was educated at Macleod Public School and Bishops College School, Lennoxville, P.Q., and entered The Canadian Bank of Commerce in 1911. He enlisted as a private in the 31st (Alberta) Battalion, went overseas to England in 1915, and into the trenches in France on 22nd September, 1915. He was recommended for a commission on 21st January, 1916, "which he had so well earned by his excellent work in the trenches since we came to France." (Brgd. Gen. H. D. B. Ketchen). He was gazetted lieutenant in 31st Battalion, and put in charge of the scouts.

The following are extracts from letters written by his brigade commander, battalion commander and chaplain:

"He was, without doubt, one of the finest young fellows I had in my brigade, and since being promoted has more than upheld the honour of the 6th Brigade by his undaunted courage and pluck."

"On the night of July 11th, he was sent out on special patrol in front of trenches, and close up to the German lines, to take a German prisoner who was at a listening post, when he was shot through the heart. The only casualty, his end came instantly and without suffering; his men were able to carry him in, and the next day he was buried at 'Reininghelst' (five miles south of Ypres) with full military honours. All our officers attended the funeral, which went to show the great love and respect we all had for him."

"We looked on him as having established a great reputation for personal bravery and courage, and he would, without doubt, have had very strong recommendations for recognition for his work had he lived and carried on as he always did; his habitual cheerfulness under the heaviest shell fire, and in most trying circumstances, was most marked. We feel we have lost one of our very best officers. There was certainly none better amongst the young officers in my whole brigade. If he had been spared, I know he would have had a very distinguished career with us and made a name for himself." (Brgd. Gen. H. D. B. Ketchen.)

"He was loved and admired by all; he was absolutely devoid of any fear, and combined with his courage were the characteristics of a good soldier and officer: intelligence, self-reliance and discretion. His cheery disposition won the hearts of every one. No one felt his loss more deeply than our colonel, his estimation of his worth is immeasurable. We have seen a lot of fighting and many affecting scenes, but nothing has touched us so deeply as when we stood to attention and gave him the last salute as we filed past his grave." (Capt. W——, chaplain.)

"His courage, devotion to duty and cheery disposition made him invaluable as an officer, and he carried out the difficult duties of his position as scout officer with conspicuous ability. He had carried the respect and liking of all ranks to an extent which was quite exceptional for a young officer." (Col. A. H. Bell, O.C. 31st (Alberta) Battalion.)

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Capt. J. E. Ryerson, who was killed in action on 25th September, went overseas with the 58th Battalion as lieutenant. In June last he was given his captaincy and the command of a trench mortar battery. Capt. Ryerson, before enlisting, was manager of the Wychwood, Toronto, branch.

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We are advised that Pte. H. Oag, formerly of the Keremeos branch, has been promoted to corporal in the 172nd Battalion.

Mr. C. W. H. Atkinson, who left the Crossfield branch to enlist in the Army Medical Corps, is training for a commission in an Imperial regiment.

We are informed that Lieut. F. H. Knight, formerly of the St. John's, Nfld., branch, enlisted as a private in the First Newfoundland Regiment. He subsequently obtained the stripes of a lance-corporal, and immediately before leaving to take part in the Gallipoli campaign he was made second lieutenant. He went through the campaign in Gallipoli and Helles, and while on this service was promoted to full lieutenant, the rank which he now holds. Lieut. Knight was recently granted two months' leave, when he returned to Newfoundland. He has now seen active service in Gallipoli, Egypt and France.

Lieut. Viscount Ogier d'Ivry, who left the St. Catherine and City Hall, Montreal, branch, in November, 1914, to enlist as a private in the 23rd Battalion, C.E.F., was later offered and accepted a commission as second lieutenant in the 168th Royal Field Artillery, and has been almost continuously on the firing line with that Battery since the end of 1915. Lieut. d'Ivry has been recommended for promotion to first lieutenant.

We are pleased to know that Pte. J. P. Winning, formerly of the Bengough branch, who was wounded some time ago while with the 10th Battalion, C.E.F., has now returned to active service with A Section, No. 1 Canadian Field Ambulance.

Mr. W. Cockeram, who, when he enlisted, was attached to the staff of the West Toronto branch, was transferred at the beginning of the year from the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles to the 3rd Canadian Divisional Signal Co. His brother, Mr. A. Cockeram, formerly of the Brockville branch, is now training for a commission in England, after spending eight months in France with the 21st Canadian Battalion.

Lieut. W. M. Knowlson, of the R.C.H.A., has been appointed adjutant of the 4th Divisional Ammunition Column. Lieut. Knowlson was formerly attached to the staff of the Inspection Department, Head Office.

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Lieut. J. A. K. Gildea, formerly of the Wetaskiwin branch, enlisted in the P.P.C.L.I. and went to England as a lance-corporal. He then procured a commission in the 4th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and on his arrival in France, was attached to the 2nd Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Lieut. Gildea was recently reported killed in action.

Lieut. H. Morrison, formerly attached to the 6th Battalion, C.E.F., now ranks as an officer of a machine gun section of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

We are informed that Mr. James Taylor, who has been reported for some time as a prisoner of war, is at present in Rennbahn Camp, near Munster, Germany, that he is in good health and spirits, and that he receives in very good condition the parcels sent to him.

According to advices received, Lieut. H. W. Harrison of the 3rd Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment, has been recommended for the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery.

Lieut. W. H. Chawner, who enlisted with the C.E.F. in October, 1914, obtained a commission in the Royal Irish Rifles in October, 1915, and is now with the 7th Battalion of that regiment in France.

Mr. J. McQuoid, after fourteen months' campaigning with the 15th Battalion, C.E.F., in France, is taking the officers' training course at Gailes, Ayrshire, Scotland, with a view to obtaining a commission in the Royal Irish Rifles.

Capt. C. K. B. Mogg, formerly of the Seattle branch, has been transferred from the 7th Battalion to the 1st Canadian Trench Mortar Battery.

We congratulate Lieut. (acting Captain) D. H. Bell on being awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous leading during an attack. He is reported as having personally disposed of eight of the enemy, and being a very brave and efficient officer.

Pte. R. J. Ward, formerly of the P.P.C.L.I., is now attached to the 8th Brigade Machine Gun Company. Lieut. R. M. Clarke, enlisted as a private on 1st November, 1914, went to France on 26th April, 1915, and was drafted into the 16th Canadian Scottish. He was through the second battle of Ypres, the battle of Festubert and the battle of La Bassée. When in the 16th he took a machine gun course and afterwards qualified as an army signaller. He was recalled for a commission in the 19th Royal Irish Rifles, and went through a four months' course at Worcester College, Oxford.

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Lieut. H. V. Spankie enlisted in Winnipeg as a private with the 90th Winnipeg Rifles, and after reaching England was attached to the Dublin Fusiliers as second lieutenant. In August, 1915, he took a draft to the 1st Battalion of that regiment, which forms part of the renowned 29th Division, at Gallipoli. He served at both Sulva Bay and Cape Helles, and after the evacuation proceeded to Egypt and from thence to France. He was wounded in the battle of the Somme, but is progressing favourably. He was made a full lieutenant in March, 1916.

Mr. A. M. Alexander, formerly attached to the London, Eng., staff, has been granted a commission in the Royal Westminster Rifles.

Lieut. J. M. Walton, formerly of the Saskatoon branch, is now in charge of a machine gun section in the Imperial Forces. He was previously a sergeant in the 32nd Battalion, C.E.F.

Mr. R. T. E. Hicks-Lyne, formerly of the Yonge and College, Toronto, branch, has been promoted from lieutenant to captain in the 166th Battalion.

Lieut. W. L. Richards of the Royal Flying Corps, who was seriously injured during a flight a few months ago, has now returned home on extended leave, but expects to report for duty again at an early date.

Mr. R. G. Vane Yarrow, formerly of the Nanaimo branch, and who enlisted with the 88th Battalion, C.E.F., has received a commission, and is now a second lieutenant in the Third Connaught Rangers.

Mr. W. S. Duthie, formerly of the Saskatoon branch, is now second lieutenant in the 6th Reserve Gordon Highlanders. He was previously a corporal with the P.P.C.L.I. Mr. H. Fane D. Sewell, the manager of our Spadina and College, Toronto, branch, and Honorary Treasurer of the Prisoners of War Bread Fund, has received a post card from Lieut. Duncan H. Miller, late of our London, Eng., office, and now a prisoner in House B, Room 55, Offizier-Kriegsgefangenenlager, Gütersloh, Germany, as follows:

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"Very many thanks for the bread which is arriving from Switzerland in excellent condition. I much appreciate your kindness in thinking of one in captivity. I am in a very good camp and am well treated here. There are plenty of Canadians in the camp.

"Kindest regards."

This is in acknowledgment of bread which Mr. Sewell is sending through the Fund.

Mr. W. J. S. Tydd, formerly of the Hardisty branch, was in training with the 50th Battalion, C.E.F., for some months, but received a commission in the beginning of the year, and is now a lieutenant in the 4th Battalion Connaught Rangers.

Sergt. J. A. Brice, of the 55th Battalion, spent some time in England undergoing special training and is now in France attached to the P.P.C.I.,I. as a sergeant.

Mr. E. P. Charles, formerly of the Langham branch, received his discharge from the C.E.F., and is now a flight sub-lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps.

We have been furnished with the following information regarding former members of the London, Eng. branch:

Second Lieut. P. W. Blackwell has arrived in Bombay on his way to the Persian Gulf.

E. P. Blake went out to France three or four months ago, came back with a wounded finger, and is now again at the front.

Second Lieut. N. D. Dalton left for France early in June, and was back in England again in July, slightly wounded, and has not gone back yet.

Pte. L. E. Cridland is near Canterbury doing harvest work.

Second Lieut. P. S. C. Glover was sent to Salonika in July. No news has been received of Second Lieut. W. D. Hopkinson

since he went to Bombay.

P. A. Green was in a draft for France, but injured one of his toes, which prevented him from going, and is now doing harvest work near Canterbury.

W. E. Bruges is now at Salonika.

Mr. A. H. Allen, who was formerly in charge of our Smith's Falls branch, has received an appointment as captain in the 156th Battalion, C.E.F.

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- Mr. A. D. Baxter, formerly of our Bridgewater staff, has been promoted from sergeant to lieutenant in the 193rd Battalion.
- Lieut. R. S. M. Beatson, who fell in action on 2nd July last, had recently received the command of his company. A letter from another officer in his battalion states, in part, as follows:

"He was very cool and gallant under fire, and was just giving orders for the attack on a wood when he fell dead. He was much liked by all."

- Mr. H. R. H. Challenor, formerly manager of the Bloor and Dufferin (Toronto) branch, and who was a lieutenant in the 123rd Battalion, has been transferred to the 170th Battalion, and has been promoted to the rank of captain.
- Mr. R. M. Ferguson, formerly attached to the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles, has received a commission with the Gordon Highlanders.
- Mr. J. S. Rodgerson has recently received a commission in the 9th Battalion, and Mr. A. G. Armit in the 31st Battalion, C.E.F.
- Mr. H. P. Williams, formerly second lieutenant with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, has been promoted to the rank of temporary captain.

Lance-Corporal A. Wilson has been transferred from the 45th Battalion, C.E.F., to the C.C.A.C. at Shorncliffe.

We have received the following information regarding some of the officers whose names appear on our Casualty List:

- Pte. C. H. Baker was wounded on or about 2nd June, 1916, receiving shrapnel wounds above each knee, and is progressing favourably towards recovery.
- Pte. R. D. Blott was wounded by a bomb in April last, and his right arm is still useless. He is in a convalescent home as the wounds are healed, but is having massage and electric treatment. His brother, Pte. W. M. Blott, was wounded in June, but not seriously, and hopes to leave the hospital as soon as the shrapnel is extracted.
- Sergt. J. Creighton was shot through the head at Festubert, and is now employed in the officers' mess. He hopes to be able eventually to resume active service.

Lieut. V. Curran has recovered from his wounds to the extent that he is able to be about, but they are still tender and he will unlikely be fit for active service for two or three months.

Lieut. Nicholas J. Egan, of the 9th Battalion, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, B.E.F., went into the firing line on 17th December last, and was six months in the trenches without any serious mishap, although he was slightly gassed. The trench was blown in and buried him once, and he was struck on the helmet by!shrapnel. In June last, he was wounded by a piece of shrapnel when an aerial torpedo burst. We are pleased to congratulate Lieut. Egan on being awarded the Military Cross for good work and determination in a bombing expedition to the German lines.

Sergt. A. D. Harris was wounded in the battle of Ypres by a bullet, was sent to a hospital in England, and, since his recovery, has been at the Orderly Office, Headquarters, East Sandling.

Pte. H. G. Leigh-Bennett was very severely wounded in the thigh, and was in the hospital nine months. He is still slightly lame, and has been attached to the Banking Department of the Assigned Pay Office, London.

Pte. V. E. McLeod was wounded by a gun shot through the nose, and is in the Canadian Casualty Assembly Centre in Folkestone, Eng., taking the final test to see if he is fit for further service.

Pte. W. A. L. Nickerson was dangerously wounded on 17th March last, his central nerve being injured by a bullet. He was deprived of articulate speech, and both hands and arms left almost useless. However, reports of him are encouraging, and he is able to write a little but cannot talk except a word occasionally. He is now convalescent, and the doctor has every hope he will recover power of speech.

Lance-Corpl. J. E. Nixon is in Fort Pitte Military Hospital, England, suffering from wounds caused by pieces of shell. Letters recently received state that he is progressing satisfactorily.

Pte. J. K. Simpson, who was wounded, is now at the front again with his regiment.

Mr. F. S. Walthew, formerly of the London, Eng., branch, has been in hospital two months. He has recently gone over to France.

Sergt. J. P. Baston was wounded at Ypres—a scalp wound—but was able to return to his regiment in six weeks. He was afterwards

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transferred to the Ordnance Supply Department. A recent letter from him states he is in splendid health and has been promoted to sergeant.

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- Sergt. F. Fernie was wounded in the left leg and made a good recovery. After rejoining his regiment, he was put into one of the Canadian Government offices in London, where he is at present.
- Pte. J. M. Apperson was wounded on 12th May by a shrapnel bullet, but has since recovered sufficiently to assume temporary light duty at the Canadian Base Postal Depot, prior to returning to the trench mortar battery to which he was attached when wounded.
- Lieut. E. H. Daniel was wounded on 6th April at St. Eloi, but has recovered and has been passed again for active service.
- Pte. J. Lowther, who was suffering from shell shock, has recovered, and was sent out to the trenches again in June last.
- Pte. G. C. Milne was wounded on 4th June by shrapnel in the right arm rather severely, but his wound is healing well.
- Lieut. F. E. Tanner was wounded on 5th October, 1915, and was in Hospital in France and England until the end of January, when he was invalided home to Canada, and was on the sick list until May. His wounds resulted from high explosive shells. He is now advanced to the rank of major and has taken over the command of a company of the 193rd Nova Scotia Highlanders, and will go overseas with them if he is physically fit.
- Pte. J. Williamson was wounded in April last, but is quite fit again, and was able to return to his old regiment in France in July.
- Corpl. A. E. S. Morrison served with the 10th Battalion until September, 1915, when he was pretty badly wounded. When he had almost recovered he was given a position as clerk in the Pay Office in London, Eng.

It is with extreme regret that we learn that Pte. C. P. Gilmour, who was wounded in France in May, has had his right leg amputated. He will, of course, be unfit for further military service.

Major J. C. Macpherson (recently promoted from captain) was wounded by shrapnel last April, and spent a month in the hospital. He is now with the 9th Reserve Battalion, C.E.F., at Shorncliffe, suffering no inconvenience at all from the wound, although the piece of shrapnel has not been removed.

Lieut. R. D. West was wounded on 3rd February last while putting up barbed wire, a bullet passing through his upper left arm. This rendered the first three fingers and thumb useless through a subsequent paralysis, and the hand is recovering slowly. He is at present engaged in the Pay and Record Office in London, awaiting the time when he can return to the front.

Pte. W. D. Deans has completely recovered from his wounds, and is able to take service again with his regiment.

Lieut. H. B. deMontmorency enlisted as a private in the 16th Canadian Cameron Highlanders. Shortly before this regiment left for France, he obtained a temporary commission in the 6th Border Regiment, with which regiment he went to the Dardanelles, serving at the landing at Suvla Bay. While acting as liaison officer between the 6th Border and 6th Lincolns, he received three machine gun bullets in the thigh and, after lying in a ditch all night, reached the hospital at Cairo after four days. After convalescing, he returned to Suvla, served through the hurricane there and through the splendid evacuation. From there he went to the Suez Canal, and also served some ten miles inland in the desert. He is now in France.

Lieut. N. E. W. Lawson was wounded twice last year, but recovered and returned home on being given a commission in the Middlesex Regiment. He was sent out to France again in May last.

Pte. R. Paton was wounded on 12th May last, at Ypres, by a German trench mortar. He expects to be able to rejoin his regiment, the Princess Patricia's, in the near future.

Lieut. A. G. A. Vidler, while serving as a private in Lord Strathcona's Horse, was rather severely wounded in the back of the head by shrapnel, at Festubert, in May, 1915, and was discharged from the hospital and sent to the cavalry depot at Shorncliffe in September. From there he was transferred as second lieutenant to the 11th Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment, with whom he again went to France, but, after six or seven weeks in the trenches, trouble from his old wound necessitated a second trepanning operation. When last heard from he was expecting to rejoin the 14th Royal Sussex soon.

Pte. C. W. Wilson was wounded on 5th June, was discharged from the hospital at Boulogne at the end of June, and returned to his regiment for duty the following month.

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Pte. W. F. Holmes was wounded in the upper part of the left arm, and anticipated being discharged from the Canadian Convalescent Hospital at Woodcote Park, Epsom, in August. This is the second time he has been wounded.

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Pte. W. F. Griffith was wounded on 6th June last in the third battle of Ypres. His wound, which is on the upper part of his left arm, is reported to have healed nicely.

Pte. C. Johnson has been attached for some time to the Canadian Record Office in London, Eng. He suffered from shrapnel wounds in the leg and arm; his leg is quite recovered and his arm is convalescing.

Sergt. A. R. McFarlan had a narrow escape, having been buried at Hooge, but he escaped with a bad knee, and is reported to be getting along nicely. This is the second time he has been wounded.

Pte. C. S. Smith was wounded by shrapnel, sustaining a broken arm, a wound through the shoulder and a knee wound. It was expected that it would take some time for the wounds to heal.

We are pleased to learn that Lieut. C. R. Myers, previously reported missing, has been heard from. He was wounded on 19th April last, and in his latest letter, received at the East Vancouver branch, stated he had almost entirely recovered and would soon be ready for duty at the front again.

Pte. J. H. Matkin was wounded on the 13th May last by an explosive bullet from a sniper, and sustained a fracture of the right shoulder. He was reported to have been making satisfactory progress.

Trooper E. K. Picken was wounded some time ago, and was on sick leave for two months. However, he was able to rejoin his regiment last February.

Pte. I. B. Savage was wounded in the right shoulder and right fore-arm, was discharged from the hospital in November last and resumed his military duties, but is not yet considered fit for active service.

Pte. J. W. O. Weir was wounded in the thigh at Festubert on 24th May, 1915, and was able to resume light duty at Shorncliffe last summer. He has recovered and is employed at Folkestone in the Canadian Casualty Assembly Centre, but has not yet been pronounced fit to return to the front.

Pte. N. Clement is quite well and is on duty with his company. He was wounded on 26th April, and suffered from shell shock and bruises. He was in the hospital about a month and was then considered fit to rejoin his regiment. Since then he has been in most of the heavy fighting, but has escaped further injury.

Pte. F. B. Darley was wounded in April, 1915, was discharged as medically unfit for further military service last May, and is still on pension. He is reported to have made a wonderful recovery, though for many months he was in a very critical state, having been badly wounded in the head.

Lieut. J. R. Jessop was badly wounded in the right shoulder last May, but is now quite well and has gone back again to military service.

Pte. J. A. C. Kennedy, who was wounded in France over a year ago, is quite strong again.

Lieut. J. N. Mee was only slightly wounded. He has recovered and has gone back to his unit.

Pte. V. Patman was wounded in May, 1915, and after passing through various hospitals, was, in December, 1915, put on permanent base duty for six months, and is stationed at the Canadian Record Office in London. He expects to return to the front if the Medical Board report him fit.

Pte. J. Shaw was wounded by a shell in May, 1915, but is now quite well, and is at present in London in the Pay and Record Office of the Canadians.

Pte. E. J. Wray was wounded and taken prisoner during the first week of June last. He is at Dulmen, Westphalia, Germany, and writes that he is quite well.

Lieut. E. Hamilton recovered some time ago from his wound and an attack of measles following convalescence. After serving at the front with the Canadian Expeditionary Force he returned to England to join the Somerset Light Infantry, in which regiment he had received a commission as lieutenant.

Second Lieut. J. C. Orr, of the Royal Irish Rifles (Ulster Division), was wounded on 3rd July when leading his platoon into the third line of German trenches. A machine gun bullet entered his chest and passed out close to the spine. He lay nine hours on the battlefield before he could be got in. He was sent to the

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Whitworth St. Hospital, Manchester, and was reported to be doing splendidly, his wound healing rapidly. He first saw military service at Saskatoon, where he joined the Canadian Militia. At Victoria he got a senior sergeant's certificate as the result of attending a course of lectures and passing an examination. He went to England with the First Canadian Contingent. At Neuve Chapelle, while serving as an artillery sergeant, he was badly injured, and was operated on in the famous Netley Hospital. Subsequently he was offered and accepted a commission as second lieutenant in the Ulster Division, in which his elder brother, C. H. H. Orr, formerly of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, also is a second lieutenant.

Pte. W. J. Taylor's wound was a slight one, and he expected to return to France in the fall.

Pte. B. R. Johnson, who was slightly wounded last June, has now fully recovered.

Sergt. R. T. Fowler recovered some time ago from his illness, and has been employed since last January in the Canadian Army Medical Offices in London, Eng. His brother, J. G. Fowler, has been employed in the Canadian Record Office, London, during the past few months.

Lieut. N. J. Egan was very badly wounded, but is getting better.

Lieut. E. R. C. Wilcox, machine gun officer of the 52nd Battalion, was wounded in June last, but has recovered, and has again reported for duty.

We are pleased to learn that Gunner H. J. Stewart of the 3rd Canadian Division Ammunition Column, whose name appeared in the casualty list in "Letters from the Front," No. 5, is quite well and unhurt, the casualty report having referred to another man of the same name.

Pte. W. G. Chisholm was wounded by shrapnel on 2nd June last, sustaining seven wounds. He was successfully operated on, and it is hoped that he will now progress favourably towards recovery.

We regret to learn that Corpl. E. G. Foley of the 29th Battalion, C.E.F., was wounded on 26th June last, and lost his left leg from just above the knee.

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Sergt. G. Olive was wounded in the head and shoulders at Ypres, but has now sufficiently recovered to resume his military duties in France, after being for some time with the Department of Supply and Transport (Canadian) in England.

Mr. J. H. Lovett was wounded in April last, but was able to return to duty in July. On the 21st of that month he suffered a slight wound, and on the 6th of September he was again invalided to England with more serious wounds, but is progressing favourably. While with the 13th Battalion he was given command of a company, and was shortly after gazetted major.

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LETTERS FROM BANK OFFICERS AT THE FRONT

The following is a letter from PTE. J. P. BASTON, formerly attached to the South Hill branch, written from Belgium, dated January 20th, 1916:

"We left England on February 11th, 1915, and after a four days' stormy voyage landed at St. Nazaire (Loire Inférieure) on the Bay of Biscay. We then had two days' and two nights' train travel, forty men in a box-car. If you stop to consider it, you will not be surprised when I say that we were glad to reach our destination, Hazebrouck, and these French box-cars are not as big as the C.P.R. type.

"During daytime the railway trip through Southern Brittany and Normandy was very enjoyable, but at night, O Lord! it was the limit There was not room for us to sit down, let alone stretch out and sleep. If ever I get to a fancy dress ball again, I shall certainly go as a sardine. I ought to be able to play the part, after having had that journey under sardine conditions.

"From Hazebrouck we marched a few kilometres to Caestre, where we billeted for a few days. This was a nice little place and the inhabitants took kindly to us because we were Canadians (and, I strongly suspect, because we spent our money freely), and also because we were the first kilted troops to be billeted there.

"Then we undertook a twenty mile march over these ever-to-beaccursed pavé (cobble-stoned) roads of France, to the outskirts of Armentières. Here we billeted again, and from these billets went for our first spell in the trenches. A wonderful experience that was—then.

"This was our first trip 'in' and it was only for twenty-four hours, with a British regular regiment, the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. In the darkness going in, we passed through the destroyed village of Bois Grenier, and I never saw a more thorough piece of destruction; hardly one stone was left upon another. From the village we struck through the fields to the front line, in our 'greenness' hardly daring to breathe as we plugged in single file through the mud. A stray bullet zipped overhead and we ducked with a gasp, while the 'regular' who was guiding us no doubt grinned in the darkness. Again we ducked and crouched into the mud (guide as well this time), as an 'Allemand' star-shell whizzed up and burst into a brilliant light and then fell to the ground to splutter out.

"But after what had seemed an almost endless trip through the mud, we reached the front-line trenches.

"That night we were initiated into the mysteries of 'Listening Post' and trench sentry, and worked filling sandbags and repairing the parapet.

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"At daybreak we were told to 'stand to our arms.' I almost danced with excitement at the anticipation of an attack. And so we stood with bayonets fixed until what some Johnny called 'the cold, grey dawn' grew into broad daylight. I was really disappointed that no attack came off.

"I enquired and found that 'stand to' every morning and dusk was part of the daily routine of trench life. The grey light is very favourable to attacks.

"Since then I have seen many 'cold, grey dawns,' some of them merely cold, and some of them damned cold.

"Nothing eventful happened during the day, and when night fell we made our way back to billets and got to bed about two a.m., glowing with satisfaction at having, without a tremor, done a day in the trenches. But now we are veterans, and trudge to the trenches in much the same manner as I picture Shakespeare's schoolboy 'creeping like a snail unwillingly to school."

"But there are no, shining morning faces." Our khaki is dirty and stained, and our packs are heavy; but our rifles are clean and well-oiled as we plod along the road to our 'spell in." Our faces are red, as the rain drips from our bonnets and runs down our cheeks or drops from our noses. We don't look like a bunch of 'bleedin' 'eroes,' but we are not at all down-hearted, and I grin as I reflect that I have really found a place where it rains more than in Nakusp.

"After our initial trip into the trenches, we moved south and relieved the Seventh Division. We found ourselves on the north of Neuve Chapelle and facing the village of Fromelles behind the German lines. We held these trenches for a month, and then went out for a rest to Estaires. We spent Easter (1915) in that town, and had a visit from a Taube, which dropped a couple of bombs, but did no damage. Also had an Easter service there by the Bishop of London. Talking about parsons makes me remember. You very probably know the chaplain of the Sixteenth, Capt. Pringle. He used to be a parson in the Yukon—a great fellow to spin yarns. I omitted to say that while we were in the trenches before Fromelles the battle of Neure Chapelle was fought. We were not in action there, much to our disappointment.

"We had quite a few casualties that spell in, and were glad when the Fifteenth Battalion relieved us. We were dog-tired as we marched the road to Ypres, through St. Julien and Wieltje, both behind the German line now.

"And no matter which way we turned our heads, we could see the German star-shells, but on our left, in the direction of Hill 60 (the action had been on about two days then), they were going up in scores at a time, and we could also see the red burst of the shrappel shells.

"We got to our billets, had some bread and the inevitable Ticklers' jam (our staple diet), rolled up in a blanket, and slept as soundly as tired schoolboys.

"Next day I had a look round the town, but you don't need any tales about Ypres.

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"On the afternoon of the following day the Germans made their first big gas attack. What happened has been fully chronicled in the Canadian press, together with many things that never happened.

"We counter-attacked at St. Julien about midnight, and about two o'clock I passed through Ypres in a nice motor ambulance. For me that was the finish of Ypres, and I don't think I was ever so happy in my life.

"When I rejoined the battalion I found them at Festubert, resting after their exploit of taking the orchard at La Quinque Rue. They were only about a couple of hundred strong.

"We next took over trenches at Givenchy on La Bassée canal, and remained in the neighbourhood for about a month, during which the First Canadian Brigade attacked, but without permanent success, and suffered heavy losses. We supported in reserve, which only means we stayed in billets, standing to.

"While in this neighbourhood I visited Béthune several times. It is probably the best town for shops, etc., in close proximity to the firing line.

"About the end of June we moved northwards in two night marches to the locality of Steenwerck and billeted for ten days.

"We had a fine celebration on Dominion Day—races and sports and a concert. It was here that I was one of the minstrel show.

"After this enjoyable rest we took up trenches near 'Plug Street."
(Ploegsteert is the correct name, but to the Tommies it is, and always will be 'Plug Street.")

"We found ourselves in a rotten machine gun position, and our officer gave orders to build a new position. This we did during the night. The enemy were just under a hundred yards away, but we pulled down our parapet and built a ripping position with good head cover against shrapnel. We had just finished and were feeling jolly pleased with ourselves, when the M.G. officer (Lieut. S. W. G. Chambers, of Vancouver) came along, praised our work, and then said he would like a look at the traverse from the outside of the parapet. So over he hopped with our corporal (since killed). He had not been over a minute when there was a shot and a grunt, and down went Chambers with a bullet in his stomach. It took four of us to get him back over the parapet—he was a six-footer. The bullet entered below his hip and travelled up into his stomach. We carried him down to the Norfolks' dressing station, but he died that night. This cast quite a gloom over us, and it was the first night only of a sixteen-day spell in.

"Next night the Norfolks made a sham attack. They adjoined our gun on the right, in front of 'Plug Street' Wood. They hadn't passed along the word of this. The corporal and I (I was No. 1 on the gun) were sizing up an alternate position for the M.G., when the rapid fire racket started. We thought it was the real thing, and we tore back to our gun ready to give Fritz ruddy hell if he was starting to come over. But no luck! We learned, after waiting half an hour for Fritz, that it was only the Norfolks getting Fritz's wind up.

"I'd love to kill a few hundred Germans, but during a year in the trenches I have never had the pleasure of seeing the Allemands advance against us; I only had to advance against them.

"That trip (sixteen days at a stretch) was the worst spell I ever put in for nerves. The enemy had our trench ruined, and our engineers were busy countermining to destroy the enemy saps. The men were taken out of the ruined trench, but the M.G. had to stay there in case of attack. It was a rotten experience. We waited two days expecting to 'go up.' However, our miners got their countermine off first, the explosion, of course, blowing in Fritz's saps and rendering his mine useless.

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"We sure needed our rest when it came. We went out to billets near Neuve Eglise. That takes you with us up to the latter part of July, 1915.

"Nothing very exciting happened after July.

"After completing a year in the trenches with the Sixteenth, I was offered a job in the Ordnance, which I accepted cheerfully. Nearly all the old men who are left have been placed in 'cooshy' jobs. This is a good billet I have now—no more lice and bullets. We only get occasional shells or aeroplane bombs here, about four miles behind the first line."

Extracts from a letter written by the late Lieut. P. M. Alexander, formerly of the London, Eng., staff:

"Here I am back in France again. My orders arrived quite suddenly and unexpectedly, and, in fact, rather sooner than I thought probable. However, now I am back at the old game once more I am quite happy, and quite keep to get into the thick of it. We crossed to the usual port where all boats go from Folkestone. We entrained between five and six p.m., and travelled further down the coast a bit, not very far, to our base depot here. We have remained in camp ever since, waiting the call for us to proceed as reinforcements up the line to the front. In the meantime, we are quite comfortably quartered in ordinary bell tents, three subs. per tent, and have been lucky enough to get camp beds and a liberal supply of blankets. We have a pretty decent mess here, too, rather overcrowded though."

The following is a letter written from "Somewhere in France" on 8th June, 1916, by C. H. McMillan, formerly of the Milk River branch:

"Well, since coming over here I have been driving a team. I have been as long as fifteen hours in the saddle, and then out again the next night. We take our chances in the column, too. You will notice by the papers that the fighting around our front has been very severe, and that our artillery and infantry have done a good deal of bombarding in taking back the trenches that the Germans occupied for a day or so. It is our particular work to furnish the ammunition, and we have to get it there in all kinds of weather. Some work, I can tell you.

"The first time I was under fire gave me a very queer feeling. I did not know very much about the sound of shells, so did not know just when to duck. The result was that I was riding on my horse's neck nearly all the time we were in the danger zone, but, as the chaplains told us at the base, I rode with my head down and my heart up. I did not seem to realize that I might get hit, but took it all as a sort of novelty.

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"I always understood that bands were not used over here, but such is not the case. For instance, when a certain Scots regiment went up to help take back our lost trenches, they marched in to the sound of the pipes. We were not out that particular night, and we listened with a certain awe to the Scottish going in. The pipes—about eight of them—with three drums, could be heard quite some distance. They were playing 'The Campbells are coming,' and the step was as lively as could be. No wonder the Scottish can fight well with the sound of the pipes cheering them on. Of course, they do not play right into the trenches, but they march from their billets to the sound of them.

"The air duels are rather interesting to watch, although one soon gets tied of it. For a time a couple of Fritz's machines came over every morning at 4.30. The noise of our anti-aircraft guns used to bother me, but not so now. I am often too sleepy for a little noise like that to waken me."

Letter from Lieut. A. G. Mordy, formerly accountant at Winnipeg, dated from Hope Lodge, Moffat, Scotland, 15th June, 1916:

"My correspondence has got quite beyond me the last few months, and I will begin at the middle of March, when I was unlucky enough to get some sort of trench fever. After lying around our transport for a few days, I was sent to a rest camp. From there I got to the casualty clearing at Baillail and they put a yellow ticket on me, labelled 'paratyphoid,' and sent me via hospital trains to Boulogne. It took us fourteen hours to get twenty-five miles, and with a big train of wounded it wasn't exactly pleasant. I was sent to England three weeks later, and was discharged from hospital there after ten days. I was granted one month's sick leave which I spent in Wales, but, unfortunately, jaundice broke out in my system, and I had to go back to hospital for two weeks. I was at a very fine place in Wales, and we had every amusement one could wish for—shooting rabbit, wood pigeon, etc., riding, motoring, billiards and everything that goes with a big country estate. The local gentry vied with each other in entertaining us.

"The last few days I was in hospital in London I was allowed out in the afternoon, and from the number of Winnipegers I met, one would think the city had moved over en masse. The front and London are common meeting grounds, and it also happened that some of my friends in the 16th were over on leave, so we saw some of the city in a limited way. After leaving hospital, I went down to Bromley, in Kent, for a few days and had some very fine golfing; that is, the course was fine, not my play. My next move was up to Scotland to stay with some friends, and I am returning to London to-night,

feeling quite fit again. England and Scotland in May and June are ideal, and, despite the fact that I was a bit under the weather, I never enjoyed myself better. The people don't seem to be able to do enough for us, and I am fortunate in having some good friends in town and up here. There is also a good golf course here, over which I played nearly every morning, excepting when we went up the burns trout fishing.

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"I expect to return to the base at Shorncliffe next Tuesday, and I have arranged with my colonel to be returned to France immediately. The poor old battalion has been rather shot up lately, over half the officers being casualties, and, needless to say, I am auxious to get back. The Canadians, as I suppose you saw, had 270 officers' casualties in only five lists. The Ypres salient is about the worst place one could imagine. We get shot at from three sides, and the support trenches come in for a hotter fire than the front line. There one expects a little bit of a lull when in reserves, but everything within miles seems to be shot at and occasionally hit."

The following is a letter from LIEUT. J. K. PATTERSON, formerly of the First Street West (Calgary) branch, now attached to the 26th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, Bankers' Expeditionary Force, dated 21st June, 1916:

"It seems years since I left Calgary for England, and I have seen many different phases of life during that time. I obtained my commission within a month of arriving at home, had preliminary training at Cambridge, joined my regiment near London (which was at that time the 15th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers), afterwards moving to Shoreham in Sussex, near Brighton. In January of this year I was transferred to the above-mentioned battalion, which is also 'The Bankers', 'and arrived in France on the 5th of May, exactly one year from the day I left Calgary. During that time I have been in training. I have seen a considerable part of old England, and have spent many a jolly week-end in beautiful Surrey.

"As its name indicates, this battalion is composed of bank clerks from all over the United Kingdom. One could not wish for a finer lot of men, educationally and morally, but, unfortunately, their physique does not overly embue one with confidence that they will bear the stress and strain of hardship and fatigue in a 'big show.' So far, their record of achievements in their course of training is exemplary, and, should they retain the same standard in actual fighting, their country will indeed be proud of them. They have not yet been tested.

"We have been taking our tour of duty in the front line every six days for the past month, and at present this company is in support to the other three. We have had an experience of a heavy bombardment as bombardments go in this part of the line, for the heaviest gun the Huns have just opposite is a 5.9. We have also been through a cloud of gas without any casualties, unless one counts the inmates of our dug-outs which are not included in the daily ration indent, namely, the rats and mice.

"I have had several trips into No Man's Land, and, on one occasion, returned with some booty in the shape of a ground sheet pinched from a

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sniper's lair, which was very cleverly concealed, and not more than fifty yards from our line. His outline was one hundred and fifty yards from ours.

"As I sit here in my dug-out, it would not take a great stretch of imagination to forget that a war was on, or, as one gets lost in admiration of the immediate surroundings, to imagine that one is having a glorious holiday. The hut, built with sandbags, is situated just within the northern edge of a deep wood. As I write the air is filled with the song of many birds; there is a perfect aviary overhead. The tree tops are soughing in the wind and are in full leaf, as is the thick undergrowth. The little garden which borders the hut is filled with wild flower blossoms, and this afternoon the profusion of gentle colours is very beautiful. The blossoms are glorying in the sunlight of the longest day (21st June), and the little bits of lawn which encircle the flower beds are rich in moss. The scene, as I look out of this narrow entrance, is calm and peaceful, bubbling with joie de vivre, and yet as this little paradise carries my thoughts away to scenes in a 'Midsummer Night's Dream,' and I try to remember Shakespeare's lines-whiz, bang! the Huns have finished lunch and have sent a messenger of death somewhere on our front line, which is only three hundred yards away.

"We have had few casualties, and they have been unfortunate. Fritz is inclined to be rather pacific across the way. An amusing incident happened one day in the front line. One of our snipers spotted the head of a German at an opening in his parapet, and fired. The Hun immediately disappeared,

but instantly a shovel appeared and signalled 'a wash-out.'

"A dog appeared in our lines one morning with a message on its collar (the morning before we had received news of the North Sea fight off Jutland), saying 'We have sunk four of your battle cruisers. Prosit.' We sent the dog back with a message in reply, but evidently he could not find his way through the Hun wire entanglements for he returned to us.

"It is almost time for tea, so I must close. The silence is now broken, for our guns are strafing an aeroplane and it is having a hot time of it.

"Occasionally we hear the unceasing rumble of the 'heavies' at Ypres, which is not very far away, where the Canadians are having an opportunity of showing their worth, and at that they are certainly doing well, too."

The following is an extract from a letter dated 28th June, 1916, from SERGT. H. MCNEICE of the 3rd Canadian Divisional Engineers, formerly a member of the Winnipeg staff:

"After six days we at length reached the shores of France, and all felt pretty glad to get off the transport and get a little more freedom and exercise. After a day's rest, we loaded up on a French troop train and slowly proceeded towards the 'line,' which we reached some twenty-four hours after. We passed through some pretty French country, and at length got to the station arranged by the Powers That Be to unload, which we did in about an hour, and after a long, tiresome night march over cobble-stone roads, we got to some temporary billets, where we settled down at about 3.00 a.m. for some rest, and although quite a little scrap developed during the night, and our heavies

pounded away from all directions, sending the shells whistling over our heads for quite a long time, we were too much exhausted to let the noise trouble us. Next morning, after having a good rest, we started to build a camp of our own, but we had only about two huts completed when wet weather set in, the weather having been very fine up till then.

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"During the building of the camp we had lots of experience of the now famous Flanders mud, which is of a very soapy nature, and hard to walk on.

although with a few hours' good weather it dries up very quickly.

"We got a very comfortable camp built here in a short time. Field Company, Canadian Engineers, can now, at this date, claim lots of experience in the dug-outs and trenches, having passed through some of the heaviest bombardments of the war for intensity, and seen all their work of months blown to nothing in a few hours. Such is the effect of modern artillery fire with high explosive shells.

"My work is at Company Headquarters and does not take me into the trenches, unless for a little experience and sight-seeing, which is of a rather exciting nature these days. There is, however, quite a little excitement behind the lines, as the Germans seem to take a delight in 'popping' over nearly every day quite a few H.E. and shrapnel, which seldom do much damage, only one does not know at times where they are going to drop.

"In fine weather the aircraft of both belligerents is generally very active, as well as the anti-aircraft guns, which fire innumerable shells at the aircraft, but, so far, I have not seen a direct hit, the target being so small and range so difficult to find. I have seen several aeroplanes brought down, nearly always by other aircraft.

"Some nights, when having a walk several miles behind the lines, the time of an ordinary watch can easily be read, such is the brilliant light given by the German star-shells, and they appear to have an inexhaustible supply of them.

"Well, as to the progress of the war, I cannot say much; you probably have just as good an idea of the development of things as I have, if not better But of one thing I am certain: that is, that in the C.E.F. we have a great and gallant 'bunch' of men, capable of holding their own easily against equal numbers of the enemy in a square, open fight; but lots and lots of guns and inexhaustible supplies of ammunition are everything in this war of scientific methods."

CAPT. W. B. FORSTER, formerly of the First Street West branch, Calgary, and recently promoted to the rank of captain and adjutant of the 27th Battalion, Winnipeg, writes under the date of July 6th as follows:

"Many interesting things have happened since I last wrote to youindeed they would fill a book. In the first place I have been transferred and promoted and am now captain and adjutant of the 27th (Winnipeg) Battalion. This happened after a big fight. I like my new battalion spiendidly, but I rather disliked leaving the one I started out with. Of course, these things must happen in war time.

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"I had bad luck in June, losing my brother Tom. He was killed out in No Man's Land, 400 yards from our trenches. He ran into a very strong German patrol and was shot through the breast, living only one half hour. His sergeant carried him in the whole distance under a heavy fire, also two of his scouts. We all feel his loss very keenly, as he was a fine soldier. He belonged to the Royal Irish Regiment. The 'Times,' of June 20th, writes of him. His colonel also writes, saying that 'he was the most gallant and capable officer he ever had the honor to serve with; his courage and daring being the admiration of the whole division.' In his raid on the Hun trenches on two occasions he returned quite safely. I was home on leave for a few days in May, and he happened to be there at the same time, so I fortunately did see him then.

"I suppose you have heard that poor 'Dad' Allan was killed. A big shell hit him, killing him instantly. Charlie Gordon has a commission in the 31st Battalion, and is doing well. I suppose you know that H. P. Morgan was awarded the Military Medal for bravery; so our boys, you will see, are all doing their bit. As I write, the Huns are busy shelling a battery about one hundred yards away, so it is not very pleasant as some shells fall short, you know.

"We have been in a good many scraps since I last wrote you, and many things have happened. Everybody feels pretty good these days, and we hope to see an early end to the war. I think the Hun has a rather healthy respect for our boys. Some amusing things happen. On one occasion, after a charge, some Huns were captured, and, as everybody was busy digging in, they pointed the direction in which the Huns were to go. They left six strong, but arrived at their destination sixteen strong. On another occasion we were holding a crater formed by a mine which we blew up. A new draft from England had just arrived and casually surveyed the excavation, one chap remarking, 'Gee! you fellows must dig some. How long did it take?' It is this sort of thing that keeps our spirits up."

Letter from the late G. M. INGMIRE, Asst. Paymaster H.M.S. "Alert," dated 10th July. Mr. Ingmire died on 7th August of paratyphoid. He was formerly on the staff of the London, Eng., office:

"I am getting on fairly well, but just like everything else out here, things are in a very disgraceful state. I am kept very busy, but I have at last managed to get a motor boat for my private use and this helps me considerably. Of course one can only work, both in the open and on board, for a few hours every day because of the heat. The temperature in the shade since early June has ranged from 100° to 125°. This month it has averaged 115°. It is a damp sort of heat, and is, I am told, the equivalent of 140° or so in Egypt. I stand it very well indeed, but deaths from this and cholera average two in three days on board this ship and its tenders. Out of a staff of four I lost two in a week.

"I wonder how London is looking now—one mass of khaki, I suppose. Zeppelins seem to have stopped their little game lately. The naval fight certainly looks now to have panned out better than at first."

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The following are extracts from letters written after his death by brother officers of the late Lieut. P. E. C. Booth, formerly of our London, Eng., office, who was killed in action in July:

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Lieut. H. G. Harcourt under date of July 18th, writes: "Percy was advancing with part of his section and had with one gun team taken cover in a new shell hole. He was observing the progress of our fellows in front preparatory to advancing himself, when he was hit in the stomach by a machine gun bullet. He died immediately; his last words were: 'They're going along fine in front.' He was buried two evenings later in Colin Camp, near Serre.'' The letter closes with a splendid tribute to the dead officer.

Captain John Moore writing July 12th from France, says: "I was your son's Company Commander in Grantham, and should have commanded the company out here had not fate ruled otherwise. The men of his section are never tired of telling of his gallantry, and mourn his loss. I myself knew him to be one of the best officers I had ever met, and the present Commander of the Company tells me that he is a terrible loss to the unit."

Capt. Kayll writes on July 4th: "His men speak most highly of his courage and fearlessness, and his loss is deeply felt in this company. He was the best officer I had and I feel his loss very much indeed."

Lieut. H. Ridley Dixon writes of him in a letter dated from France, 14th July, as "a straight young fellow and a good sportsman right through. Among many fine men whom I have met at home and out here, there are none for whom I have a greater respect and affection."

Extract from a letter written by LIEUT. D. E. GORDON, 12th Battalion Royal Scots, on 13th July, 1916. He was killed during an attack on Longueval Village on the following day:

"What an honour to be allowed to partake in the greatest battle the world has known. Let us all hope we make a complete success of it and that we come through safely. However, duty first. And, after all, we must sacrifice if we want to win, and we must win."

The following are extracts from letters written by Lieut. Gordon's commanding officer and one of his brother officers, which have been sent to us through the kindness of Mr. Gordon's father, to whom the letters are addressed:

"He was one of the most efficient subalterns I have ever had, never shirking a duty, never complaining when the job was an unpleasant one. His loss will, I can assure you, be very greatly felt by all the officers and men who are left who knew him, and though it cannot be that we shall have him with us again, I can truly assure you that he himself will not be forgotten."

"Your son, Second Lieut. D. E. Gordon has been killed in action during the attack on Longueval village on the 14th instant.

"He was the only surviving officer of his company, and during the consolidation of the position won he was shot by a spiper.

"During these operations, both at Berrafay and Longueval, he shewed great gallantry and devotion to duty and was a most capable and popular officer."

Letter dated 14th July, 1916, written by LIEUT. W. H. DORE of the Royal Flying Corps, formerly of the Winnipeg branch:

"No doubt that in a previous letter I told you of the "crash" I had in landing an areoplane in the dusk. Among other things the propeller of the machine was broken. I have had a walking-stick made out of the remains and am forwarding it to you shortly. This propeller had a long life at the front, and had often been miles behind the German lines, and just as often been shot at, so that it may be considered a souvenir of the war. I wish, though, that it had been taken from a Hun machine, when it would be a real souvenir.

"Our squadron has been doing some very good work lately, and our chief feat was the 'doing in' of five German balloons ('sausages'). When out on one of the 'strafes,' three scout pilots 'did in 'three balloons. Another pilot and I were to escort them, each in a fast bi-plane. We left the ground with orders to wait a certain distance above the aerodrome until the scouts came up, then we were to dash across together and, while they made for the balloons, we were to see that they were not attacked by hostile aircraft. As the escorts were hovering over the aerodrome, a large rain cloud came over, so we tried to fly over it: but there were other clouds around and above it, so we went around it and to the north until we were over the coast. I flew around there at about 9,000 ft., waiting for the rain storm to blow over, flying in clouds most of the time, until it got quite late and dark, when I decided to come home in spite of the storm. I cut the engine off, pointed it where I thought home was, and glided 7,000 ft. before I saw the earth, and I was then at 2,000 ft. For a few moments I wondered whether the ground below me was Hun land or British, but I soon recognised it to be behind our lines and near the aerodrome, so was soon safely home. The other machine landed earlier in a Belgium aerodrome and crashed. The pilot decided not to take a chance on the clouds and rain storm, but I always like to get home. I was very surprised to learn that the exploit had been successfully carried out, and at a height of 3,000 ft. lower than intended, so that it was done below the clouds and between the showers as well. Each of the three pilots got the Military Cross, and they well deserved it. My only regret is that I was done out of the show by the clouds; otherwise there was a Hun machine that I might have 'done in.'

"I have been amusing myself of late in photography over and back of the enemy lines. This is done from a fairly safe height, i.e., 6,500 ft. to 9,000 ft., and if one is careful one doesn't get many 'archies' that put holes in the

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machine. Last week I did some photgraphy from a rather small height, i.e., 2,500 ft. I was over the lines nine times at this height, and thought it quite pleasant, for if they were firing machine guns from the trenches I didn't hear them, until they got our range with field guns, when it became a little warm, although the exploding shells looked very pretty. We got some lovely exposures of the Huns front line, however, and exactly what we went after. On one of these trips I left the aerodrome at 9 a.m., took eighteen exposures, and was back with machine in hangar in fifteen minutes. Our photographic facilities are much better than the Hun's, and we go in for it more than he We very seldom have a fight in the air, as the Hun only comes over once in a week, and then at a height of 12,000 ft. We are not a reconnaisance squadron, so never go well back of the lines where Huns are met. About a week ago, while taking photographs well back of the lines, three Huns were hovering around at 'out of range.' One was on my own level, and whenever I would point my nose towards our lines he would follow me: but when I turned in again to take exposures on my new course he would turn also. They did not interfere with me in my work in any way, but if a Hun tried to do the same over our lines he would at least have to knock a couple of our machines down. We have no fear of the Hun on this part of the line.

"One of our fellows was killed, though, on the aerodrome, a few days ago, through trying to climb too rapidly and stalling his machine. His nose dived to earth, and he died twenty-four hours after the sad accident, having sustained serious internal injuries. He, poor chap, was our only N.C.O. pilot, and had just returned from three weeks' sick leave, followed by one week's leave. This is the first man to go since I joined the squadron."

Letter from LIEUT. J. S. WILLIAMS, formerly of the Winnipeg branch, now with a Canadian Trench Mortar Battery, written in the trenches on 15th July, 1916:

"Since my last letter to you I've had the time of my young life. I was through the third battle of Ypres. That, with St. Eloi, makes two battles through which a very kind protecting angel has guarded me. We went into Hooge on a Monday night, coming in at twelve, midnight, my guns being in the support. At 1.30 a.m., the Bosches commenced bombarding our front line like blazes and kept it up for two-and-a-half hours, and then came over to capture our trench. It would really have done your heart good to have heard the good old 28th front line open up with a roar and at 'em as the Bosches started across to our line. Well, the Bosches were beaten off, but the next day the Hun artillery commenced again at 2 p.m., and kept it up for four hours, during which time they blew up four mines under the 28th front line, and when they came over again, there wasn't a squeak left out of the two companies and officers who were holding that part of the line-all wiped out. So the Huns captured that trench and came on, and then we in support opened up with a roar and beat 'em back. The Bosches made several attempts on the 6th Brigade front during the time we were in there, but were besten off each time. We supported the left flank of the 1st Division, as they went

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over and captured back the trenches they had lost a short time previously. The bombardments were terrible, and we gave the Hun the surprise of his life.

"The big push is well started now, and good news keeps coming up to us in the trenches about the goings on down there. Great news came through to-day, but it would be no use my telling you, because you will have read it before this reaches you. I wonder what 'Big Willie' thinks of the 'contemptible little army' now!

"May I correct an error in the list of casualties of the officers of the Bank in your admirable little book? Pte. (now Corporal) H. C. Morrow, who is reported as missing, is very much alive and well. He is still in the Fifth

Battalion. I met him on my way through Ypres.

"We all feel out here now that the Hun is on his last legs and expect this war will be over by September at the latest. Everybody is most optimistic and happy now. The offensive on all sides has been most admirably planned. I don't think, after all, that it will be necessary for the Home Guard to turn out at all. I have been recommended for my captaincy and hope to see it gazetted any day now. I am already anxious to know if the Bank will have me back again. There's optimism for you.

"We do not have much rest now. Ten days on the firing line, five days' rest, then in for nine days; four days' rest, and now in for sixteen days, and hope to be out for eight. This is the eleventh day in, and I am writing this to you in my dug-out with the noise of the shells passing overhead. As long as they do not shorten the range I shall be able to finish."

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by CAPT. J. C. MACPHERSON, of the 9th Reserve Battalion, late of the Calgary branch, under date of 16th July:

"Since I wrote you last there have been many changes in the old battalion. Allan, the paying teller, was killed in the last fighting. Poor chap! he was wounded with me at St. Eloi, and had just rejoined the battalion in time to get into the thick of it again. He will be much missed as he was very popular and the life of his platoon, besides being cool and courageous. Rogers, who was second messenger, was killed in the same fight and was in the same company. Lieut. Campbell, a member of the Medicine Hat branch, was killed the other day. He was a fine chap and had been a scout corporal with us for a long time. He only recently received his promotion.

"I expect to rejoin my battalion later on, as I do not feel that I am entitled to stay here indefinitely—even though one might want to.

"Capt. W. L. Gibson is quartered here also and I see quite a lot of him. He is looking very well and the life seems to agree with him."

Letter from Major W. Leggatt, formerly Assistant Manager of the Montreal branch, written from Belgium on 28th July, 1916:

"We are now in the zone where our training has brought us, and feel that we are doing something in the great cause for which so many of our gallant fellows have given up their lives. I have met no end of friends from

all parts of Canada, some of whom I had not seen since the Winnipeg and Vancouver days. You would be proud of the splendid troops that our country has provided. They are second to none, and can fight like demons.

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"In one of my trips not long ago I came across the grave of our old friend, Donald Cameron. It had a nice cross over it, and the grass was nice and green, in fact, quite spotless—the same as the dear old fellow used to keep himself.

"Our fellows are all 'jake' (fine), which appears to be the expression over here among the Tommies, and are enjoying the experience. I see Hamilton (A. L. Hauilton, formerly Manager at Quebec), occasionally when I need money. He is the field cashier and looks natural as life, but pretty stout. He is doing good work where he is. His training as a banker has come in useful.

"From all appearances it looks as though the tide had turned, but we have a formidable enemy to contend with, and there is a lot of hard fighting ahead.

"I enjoyed my stay in England. The work was very hard, but interesting, and everything possible was done to make us efficient. I did not see Barker. I am sorry, as he was not far from us, but we were busy getting ready to leave. I saw the commandant of the camp he was in, and he told me that he was a splendid officer and had a good battery with him. I expect that he will be along soon now.

"This is not a life that I would take up from choice, but it is an experience nevertheless, and one gets pretty close to human nature. The shells are a bit strange at first, particularly the Hun one known as the 'Silent Percy,' which lands without any previous warning. I have a splendid specimen which I picked up in our back-yard last Sunday."

H. G. WYLDE, formerly of the Halifax staff, who went overseas with the 20th Battalion, was transferred to the Canadian Mounted Rifles, and later taken prisoner, writes from Dulmen in Westphalia, as follows:

"Just a few lines to let you know I am still alive and kicking and not much the worse for being a prisoner of war. I suppose I was reported missing for a time until the War Office was notified that I was a prisoner. The one thing I want is parcels and lots of them, particularly beans, smokes. cake, preserved fruits—in fact, any thing that is good to eat. Please send a tooth brush, paste and some soap in the first parcel. There is a canteen in the camp but you can only buy paper and envelopes, tobacco and stuff like that, so you can see why I am writing for parcels. We are allowed to write one postcard every Sunday, and a letter on the 15th and the 30th of the month."

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"After two years of war I have at last arrived in the trenches, and the front ones at that, and have seen some of the evidences and ravages of war. In one of the trenches close by there is a dead—very dead—German, very near the surface, and in this hot weather I think I would prefer a living one. I have not been in much danger yet, although last night there was what may be described as 'some' bombardment. As a matter of fact it was a beautiful sight, as long as nothing came very near.

"Of course the guns are going night and day, but I have not felt very scared yet, and only hope it is never any worse than this. However, that is too much to expect. . The weather here just now is beautiful, but I can imagine in wet weather the trenches will be anything but pleasant.

"I shall stop now and have some tea. So far as I can see we never want for something to eat."

The following is a further letter from Lieut. A. G. Mordy, written from England, after he was wounded on 16th August:

"You will probably have seen my name in the casualty list, and I know you are wondering how I fared, so am taking the first opportunity of writing to you.

"I was hit in the knee by a revolver bullet fired by a Bosche officer who saw me coming' while I was on a reconnaisance. I was in a huge mine crater at the time, and had to do some lively scrambling to get back to our own lines. They livened up the journey for me by throwing bombs at me, none of which hit me, fortunately. I had the bullet removed at the casualty clearing next day, and as soon as I could be moved I was sent to England. I am in the best officers' hospital in London (Viscountess Ridley's), and, besides being assured of the best medical treatment, I am living in the lap of luxury. I can't get any satisfaction as to the length of time I shall be in hospital, and all I know is that I will have a permanent 'limitation of action' in the knee, as the doctor puts it.

"I hate to think that my days of active service may be over, as I always had the feeling that I wanted to leave France with something to show for it outside of a blighty). As you know, a plethora of major men and such like existed at Shorncliffe—officers who had been promoted much too fast in Canada; and these were all cleaned out and sent to France. This killed the promotion of senior subalterns like myself who had ten months or a year's active service to our credit, and these people landed in on us just at the time we expected to be confirmed as company commanders.

"However, I am 'grousing." Shortly after I was hit, we got word to move south to the Somme, and if the push there is to be continued I am afraid it will be another edition of Ypres. It is generally conceded that the

first Canadians and the Guards division are the two best divisions in the whole British army, and when we noticed recently that the Guards had left Poperinge, near Ypres, for the Somme, we expected to get word to follow shortly.

"I think July marked the turning period in the war, and next July should see the Bosche down and out, but I wouldn't count on a finish before then—they have a wonderful system."

Extract from a letter written in August, 1916, by PTE. ERIC STAINTON, late of the London, Eng., staff:

"I was very much impressed by the aeroplanes when we first arrived. They circle round in scores, coming and going over the lines, and it is very interesting to see an over-daring scout running the gauntlet of hostile shrappel.

"To sum up, we have plenty of work, fair rations and quite decent huts, so have no real cause to grouse.

"I was very sorry indeed to see the names of P. M. Alexander and Ingmire among the casualties on Saturday. The good luck on which we had been congratulating ourselves has ended very sadly and abruptly."

Letter written on 22nd August, 1916, by LIEUT. J. M. WALTON, 35 Machine Gun Company, formerly of the Saskatoon branch:

"As you know, of course, I was offered a commission in the Imperial Forces in June, 1915, and after a few courses of training was moved out to the trenches. I am now in charge of a machine gun section out here, and we are having a very interesting time. As I write the big guns are booming, and when, in spite of everything, we feel a bit bored, Herr Bosche sends over an aeroplane with a challenge and then we wake up for a moment.

"I know there is a wide divergence of opinion as to whether this life is an enjoyable one. Well, I find it a mighty interesting one, taking it all round, and the work behind a good machine gun is decidedly good sport.

"I dare not tell you where I am out here, but I may tell you that we have had a hot time in the Big Push, and that our machine guns were an important factor, having done good work.

"There is every kind of infernal machine at work here—gas, liquid fire, whiz-bangs, aerial torpedoes, high (very high) explosives, mines, bombs and a multitude of minor 'diversions.' I wish I were free to tell you all, but of course a very strict censorship is necessary, for the way Fritz manages to get wind of things is positively eerie. However, when I get back to Saskatoon I shall expatiate on them all.

"The billets on both sides of me have been badly shelled, and we live a life expectant of 'big things' in the shape of German 15" Obus."

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Extract from letter dated at Belgium, 26th August, 1916, written by Gunner C. W. Davison, formerly of the Montreal branch:

"The right and left sections of our battery are separated by about two miles, Capt. W. Leggat (C. B. of C.) being in charge of this section. At times when I have been called to repair lines beween here and the other section, I have stepped in to find Lawrence, Dalton and McBride doing splendidly.

"I must say my work out here is somewhat different from that of receiving deposits in 'D to K' box at Montreal, yet the life is a great health builder, and those of us who return will be better able to discharge our duties than before."

Letter written about the end of August by SERGT. J. A. CAW, 11th Battalion, formerly of the Langham branch, from where he left to join the Second Contingent. Mr. Caw has been wounded twice:

"Well, as you may know, we had quite a flare up on our part of the line in the early part of June, and as my battalion moved into the front line trenches on the last day of May, we came in for the full blast. On June 1st the racket started, if I remember correctly at about nine in the morning. Fritz simply swamped our trenches and supports with shells of every size, not to mention rifle grenades, trench mortars, sausages and the like. He continued this for about five or six hours, blew up a mine and then came over on our left. Of course as soon as he left his trenches the bombardment ceased, and then we started to get our own back. All the boys who had any sporting instinct at all were out of the trench in a twinkling, sniping at the Bosches from shell holes, etc. We had him where we wanted him: half way up a slope, no cover, and digging himself in, in full view in broad daylight. range about six hundred yards. Three years ago anyone who would suggest that I could take delight in firing at a human being with intent to kill-I would have called him something. But, nevertheless, I took a fiendish delight in it on June 1st, and, for excitement, man-hunting has all other kinds of hunting beat a mile. I could not say how many I nailed, but I'm sure of three. The boys with the telescopic sights had an advantage, as Fritz showed himself as little as possible, and was most inconsiderate as he would not keep still to give us a chance to get a good bead on him. From June 1st to June 13th it was a matter of attack and counter attack. During the day, a man could get no sleep or peace for the shelling, and at night every man was required for patrol-working parties, etc. Gas alarms were the thing of the day. and, believe me, it is not pleasant business to 'stand to' with gas helmets on for a matter of two hours or so, every minute expecting the Bosches to come over. They gave us all kinds of tear gas, and at the end of a week my eyes began to feel as if they were stuck on the end of poles like crabs' eyes. I was as deaf as a post and as dirty as a tramp. Water was very scarce, that is, good water; even the tea tasted of dead men. What was left over from breakfast we saved in our water bottles—'dead man soup' we called it. Well, anyway, after various narrow escapes (they say that 'the devil takes care of his own'). I got hit in the back with shrapnel. I had three pieces taken out of my back and shoulders, and one piece in my neck—which the doctor decided to let stay.

"I am at present employed in the quartermaster's stores. The work is not heavy, and, above all, quite 'bomb-proof.' The Q.M. store is, in a way, the mother of the regiment or battalion, and we handle everything from bully beef to tent pegs, and from needles to crow-bars. All the drafts proceeding to the trenches remain a day or so here for equipment, finishing touches in their training, etc., as well as the men who have been wounded, or who are coming down with sickness. I met George Otto and Walter Gordon the other day. Gordon has managed to get across to England, but Otto has gone up the line. He has, I understand, a pretty good job (i.e., 'bomb-proof') in building huts, etc., back of the line.

"I don't know whether I ever told you, but John Muir was killed alongside of me at Festubert last May. We both got hit when we went over the
'bags' on the 24th. Poor fellow! he was in mortal agony, and, after administering morphine, died unconscious. He was badly hit in the thigh, and the
bullet had run up into his abdomen. I saw Capt. Milne, McGovern and
several of the 28th Battalion officers a week or so before the racket started—we
were out for a rest at the same time—and they subsequently came up to relieve
the 3rd Division, after Fritz had come over on 1st June. Port Arthur has lost
heavily.

"Well, I heartily wish it were all over, and I were back in Canada However, what's the use of wishing? We've got to teach the Bosche his lesson first, and we are hard at it now. Our guns are hammering it into him every day, and I think he is beginning to learn. He's singing a different song from what he was last year, and we're all hoping to notice a far bigger change before long.

"I think when I come back I'll have to go for a month's outing in the woods. Oh! just to get away from soldiers and soldiering for a while—forget form fours, etc., wake up when one wanted, go to bed when one wanted, and generally be one's own master.

"I wonder if I could slip into the Bank and commence work. I'm afraid the Branch Clearings would keep me guessing, and the H.O. Instructions and arrangements with other banks would be great mysteries indeed. I think I could still figure up a sterling or Hong Kong draft, but would the Chink sting me?"

The following are extracts from a letter from Sergt. A. C. Scott, of the 46th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, formerly of the Innisfail branch, dated France, 8th September, 1916:

"Just received a copy of 'Letters from the Front,' and it has succeeded in making me rather homesick for the office and rattle of the typewriter and adding machine and the old routine. Anyway, it took my mind off chasint the 'Wily Hun,' and took it back to the old days.

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"You will notice by the heading that I am no longer in the old regiment. When they left England I was quarantined with the measles, and as a result was transferred to the 46th Battalion, and came over with them about six weeks ago. We have a pretty good time of it in France. I have been in the trenches a number of times, and it is part of our regular routine now. I have slept in tents, barns, holes in the ground, sandbag dug-outs and all sorts of places. I have even slept sitting on a trench step in the pouring rain. One gets used to it though, and it really is immaterial where we sleep. One little experience I would like to relate, though. Six of the other sergeants and myself were put into a deserted hen house for a few days, and we called it home for the time being. We got nicely asleep the first night when the rats started in. They chewed up our clothes and everything in general. We did not mind that so much, but when they started walking over our faces we immediately raised an objection. We got busy and rustled a few candles, and the light succeeded in keeping the rats quiet. We got nicely sleeping again, and were enjoying wonderful dreams of beating up Heine, when we were awakened by the old reliable rooster. He couldn't be driven from his old home. To wind up the experience, the next day we started by casting sidelong glances at each other. The end of it was that we all beat it back to our hen house to read our shirts. The news we found was very interesting and provided us with a half-hour's sport.

"As for 'eats,' we do not do so badly. Of course, it is mostly canned stuff, but we manage very nicely. I have been dubbed 'Tickler' by the other boys, on account of my propensity for getting away with jam. Tickler is the maker of most of the jam we get, hence the name. So much for the 'social' side of life. Coming down to the actual fighting is where we get our real excitement and hard work. Of course, you will know what the trenches are like in appearance, but they are quite different when one actually has to live and fight in them. We are down in them and Heine is the same in his, hence we do not see much of each other.

"I was sent out in 'No Man's Land' one night, putting up some wire along with about twelve others. Heine got wind of our party some way, and opened up his machine guns at about ten minute intervals. We were out for three hours, and, believe me, he kept us ducking, but we finished the work we went out to do.

"We see some great sights in the trenches, though, when the artillery opens up. They sure blow the Fritz & Co. trenches into an awful mess. One hears the screaming of the big shells and then the explosion, and tons of drt going up in the air. The last time I was in we saw a Hun blown about thirty feet in the air, together with a few yards of his trench. Of course, he comes back at us with shells of all descriptions, and then we have to do some ducking and dodging. The ones we can see are O.K., but the ones we don't see are what get on our nerves. His rum-jars, sausages, and fish-tails (all high explosive and shrapnel shells) can easily be seen, and provide a lot of sport dodging them, but the other that cannot be seen, well, we just stand tight and take a chance. We give him about twenty to one, though, so we know we provide him with a whole lot more fun than he gives us.

The following is an extract from a letter from Pte. W. G. Chisholm, formerly of the Saskatoon staff, dated 9th September, 1916:

"I am getting along fine now. I had an operation a month ago, had a piece of shrapnel taken out of my chest and a piece out of my right forearm, consequently I had my arm in a sling for three weeks, but it is all healed now, although it still feels pretty weak.

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"As you doubtless know, I was wounded on that never-to-be-forgotten 2nd of June, when so many fine fellows made the supreme sacrifice. I never wish to go through the same experience again—I shall never forget the awful sights I saw that day. I was very lucky, I was wounded in the afternoon and made my way safely to the dressing station, although a large number of fellows were buried alive on their way out there. I was very sorry to hear that Elderkin had been killed that day. He was in No. 1 Company, which was surrounded on three sides by the Germans, but very few of them were taken prisoners."

The following are extracts from a letter from Lieut. A. B. Morkill, formerly Manager at the Oak Bay Avenue branch (Victoria), dated 15th September, 1916:

"Life over here is very interesting and full of variety. I love the work and the country. The latter must be the most wonderful in the world. That is in spirit. No one could see it without feeling the greatest admiration. Apart from this, it is most beautiful, and I have enjoyed every foot of the journeys. The coloring is soft and lovely, and the little rivers, villages, etc., etc., are all fascinating. In spite of all this, it will be a jolly fine day when we get back to good old Canada. At the present, we are back a few miles from the trenches, having a rest. We had four days in, and the poor boys need the break after a pretty strenuous time. The bank life seems like a dream, but I suppose, if I am taken back, that I will soon settle down to it again. I got off very lightly in this last show, but hope to see more of the next. The battlefields are indescribable. What villages there were are as flat as ploughed fields, and most certainly the country is one of desolation. Not a tree, but occasionally the stump of one to accentuate the barrenness, and at night when it is lit up by the flames and the flashes of the guns, it leaves the impression of a very modern hell.

"I ran into McGachen, of Winnipeg, down at the base. He seemed very fit. Joe Bridgman and Arthur Crease are here with the 29th. This is one big meeting place, and I run into someone every day. Did you know Billy Casey? He was my company commander, and I am sorry to say he was killed the other night.

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The following letter is from CAPT. JAMES. H. LOVETT, written from France on 3rd August, 1916. Capt. Lovett was formerly of the Alexander Avenue (Winnipeg) branch, and has been twice wounded since reaching the front:

"Since receiving your letter I was in England for nearly eight weeks, and, after coming back, on my first turn in the trenches, I again got into the casualty list by getting too close to a bursting trench mortar, which closed both eyes for me for a while. One was rather difficult to fix at the dressing-station, so they sent me to the base, where I had great difficulty in persuading them not to send me to England. However, I am again back and received my captaincy, also a company.

"The country around here is very beautiful, much like Ontario with its rolling hills and woods and streams, also chalk beds which make the trenches very nasty when it rains. After living in them for a few hours you become

as white as a miller.

"Out here the French government have an issue of paper money for use in the towns and cities and the adjoining localities. The censor is very strict these days and, as you know, we are unable to tell our whereabouts, but I think I might enclose a deposit for account of, say, the souvenir fund—I franc. I am to-day wearing a good smile as we are located in a fine billet and share a real bed for to-night, but as we rise at 4.30 a.m. I shall not have much time to enjoy a good sleep.

"I saw Mr. Mordy just before he was wounded, also Brander, when I passed through the base. There are Commerce men everywhere out here. It was a matter of great regret to me to hear about my old manager, R. E. N. Jones, as I had seen him such a short time previously, and I had planned to

go over and see him again."

The following is an extract from a letter from CAPT. H. E. TAYLOR, formerly manager of the St. Thomas branch, written from "Somewhere in France," 30th September, 1916:

"Just a year ago to-day since I left the St. Thomas branch. Five months' training in Canada and England, seven months' service in Belgium and France have made up a wonderful twelve months, and what a difference in our favour in that time. We had a most interesting trip down through France. I acted as Billeting Officer, probably through my knowledge of French (!), which is nil. I came with my small party by way of the coast, and had a swim in the sea, the first and only this year, and very enjoyable. That was an extra day; we were usually one day ahead of our outht. We arrived at our destination one afternoon and were taking up our position just as an exciting air fight was in progress. The Hun was shot down in our lines. From that day until this we have been very busy, and it has been one steady advance day and night—Mouquet Farm, Courcelette, Martinpuich.

Our air service has been wonderful. A strange thing about this advance is that the German trenches in front of us are given Canadian names before being captured, and as they are taken the names are absorbed into our front.

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"I have seen the Tanks, especially 'Crème de Menthe' and 'Cupid.' They are splendid, their action and armament wonderful. One feels such an atom in this great offensive. . . . I am hoping to be back next year."

The following are extracts from a letter written by G. H. Jackson about two weeks before his death in action at St. Eloi, on 27th March, 1916. Mr. Jackson, who was formerly a member of the St. Catharines branch, was a gunner in the 10th Field Battery, C.F.A., and went overseas with the First Contingent. The letter was a private one to his family, who received it after his death, and to whom we are indebted for its publication:

"I am now in one of France's large cities going to school-yes, going to school. It seems funny in the army, nevertheless it's true. Lectures from 9.00 until 11.00 a.m., and 2.00 until 4.00 p.m. The course is on gas defensive measures. We study the construction, chemicals used, etc., of all apparatus concerned in both offensive and defensive use, in order that we can better understand them. Of course, we have practical work, too, going through the real gas and other chemicals the Germans use. It is all very interesting, butoh, my! On rejoining my battery, it will be up to me to see that all the men's helmets, etc., are in good order; explain the use and different chemicals, etc. All the time we are not at lectures is our own, therefore, we bum round and enjoy ourselves. Am at present in a fine, big Y,M.C.A., where plenty of reading and writing materials are provided—a coffee bar, chairs, tables and stoves, so you can imagine it's an agreeable change. Of course, it is all run by soldiers-also two moving picture shows, loads of cafes, restaurants, etc., but darned little money. Am getting used to that, so that doesn't matter, I imagine.

"By the way, was through the gas this morning, and it turned my brass buttons black, destroyed the illuminated dial on my watch and turned my khaki uniform a reddish brown. Say, what would it do to your lungs without protection? I have had some of it while in action, without protection, but not very strong.

Letter received from LIEUT. T. CLIVE FLOYD, 16th Battalion, The Canadian Scottish, 1st Division, B.E.F., France, dated 13th September, 1916. Lieut. Floyd was formerly in the Superintendent's Department at Winnipeg:

"We are back in billets for a short period, having completed our tour in the trenches. It certainly was some tour. I hope I never have to go

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"I certainly was a bright looking person when we got out of the trenches, with about a six days' beard, and absolutely plastered with mud from head to foot. If you could have seen me I don't think you would have recognised one of your old staff.

"Saw MacMillan a short time ago. He was quite well. It is getting late, so will close for to-night."

The following is an account of the experiences of MR. A. W. HESTON, of the Portland, Oregon, branch, who was called out as a member of the Oregon National Guard in connection with the trouble at Mexico. His experiences are in marked contrast to those outlined by the other letters which have appeared in these pamphlets:

"As a member of Company B, 3rd Infantry, Oregon National Guard, I was called into Federal Service by Presidential order on the 19th of June. We moved to the State Mobilization Camp at Clackamas the next day. After nine days of organization and preparation, entrained for the Mexican border on the 29th, fully expecting hard service in Mexico when we arrived.

"We detrained at San Diego, and went into camp for a week near the Panama-California Exposition. From there we marched seventeen miles to Palm City, a little town three miles from the ocean and four miles from the border. Here we established our base camp. It was quite a surprise to find ourselves in a climate as cool as our own, when we had expected to land in some interior inferno like Calexico, Yuma or Nogales. While the Washington and California troops were drilling with the temperature at 110 in the shade, we had a cool sea breeze all of the time. We found the water warm and almost undrinkable compared to the fine water we had been used to in Oregon.

"After a short stay at Palm City, my company moved to the outpost camp at San Ysedro for a two-weeks' turn at border patrol. The camp was across the border from Tia Juana, the notorious Mexican racing and gambling resort. As its existence depends on patronage from the United States, the Mexicans gave us no trouble at all.

"Although in one of the best places on the border, we had our experience with desert insect life. At first we had nothing but straw ticks to sleep on. Several of the men found scorpions and centipedes in their beds. We finally received folding cots (the gift of Helen Gould Shepard) which kept the insects out. The main sport at San Ysedro was ratitesnake hunting. There are a great many in the hills along the border.

"Shortly after the company's return to Palm City, the camp was moved to within a quarter of a mile of the ocean, at a place named Imperial Beach. Here the regiment started the work of making a winter camp. We built storehouses, company mess-houses, shower baths and installed electric lights in each tent. A course of drill and instruction was laid out which would cover a period of several months and end up in extensive manceuvers. We drilled three hours in the morning and sometimes marched or worked out problems at night.

"Our stay at Imperial Beach was more like a pleasure trip than an army encampment. As we generally had the afternoons and evenings to ourselves, there was plenty of time for sports. Swimming in the ocean was the most popular one. The Army and Navy branch of the Y.M.C.A. did fine service in organizing baseball leagues, boxing and wrestling matches and track meets. They erected a building and furnished writing materials, piano and phonograph. The City of San Diego furnished special auto service for the soldlers to and from the city.

"Just as the improvements were being completed, and we were about settled down for a long stay, we received orders on the 31st of August to move to our mobilization camp at once. Although most of us were glad to go home, it came as a great surprise. Soon after our arrival at Clackamas, the work of mustering us out of the Federal Service and into a reorganized National Guard started, and finally we were allowed to return to our homes and civilian occupations on the 21st of September."