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## The 125th (Brant Battalion) In Review Order On The Market Square, Shortly Before Leaving For Overseas Service

### Response of Brantford and Brant County to the Call

Three years ago the people of Brantford, Paris and the County of Brant were following their peaceful avocations after the manner of other communities throughout the Dominion. True there was some military spirit manifested in the existence of the Dufferin Rifles and the Dragoons, but a great many were apt to look upon these two commands as a species of "playing at soldiering." They know better now for officers and men of both branches were the first to offer for active service when the call of Empire came and they have supplied draft after draft for the front. Added to them have been the hundreds of others who had never even thought of shouldering a rifle, but who rushed to do their "bit" on behalf of human liberty and the grand old Union Jack.

During the two years and over which have elapsed since the world record struggle commenced, there has been a constant stream of khaki clad men from this city and County bound for overseas.

In number they have totalled some four thousand, one of the best showings per capita of population to be found from Halifax to Victoria. Quite a number of men have made the grand sacrifice, a large number of others have been wounded and there are many now in the trenches, or preparing to go there. It is only when the story of their going and the circumstances of departure are given in a connected way, that the grand response is brought home in full force and the Courier herewith presents such a story.

Chronological list of Brant County's contributions of Active Service Volunteers in the cause of the Empire, during the present war.

1914	Aug. 17—Reservists of British Regiments.
1915	Aug. 20—25th Brant Dragoons.
Aug. 22—38th Dufferin Rifles.	Aug. 28—32nd Battery.
Aug. 29—25th Brant Dragoons	38th Dufferin Rifles.
Second Contingent	Nov. 6—38th Dufferin Rifles.
Nov. 16—32nd Battery.	Nov. 21—25th Brant Dragoons.
1915	Jan. 18—25th Brant Dragoons.

Feb. 13—32nd Battery.	Third Contingent
March 31—36th Battalion.	June 17—32nd Battery (31st Battery, C.E.F.).
June 23—58th Battalion.	July 28—38th Dufferin Rifles (76th Battalion).
Aug. 11—25th Brant Dragoons, Second Dragoons (84th Battalion).	Sept. 13—38th Dufferin Rifles (84th Battalion).
Sept. 15—Second Dragoons.	Nov. 3—25th Brant Dragoons, (C.M.R., Hamilton).
Nov. 23—32nd Battery (40th Battery, C.E.F.).	

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March 1—54th Battery, C.E.F.	July 3—Quota to 216th Bantam Battalion, 30 strong.
July 4—125th Battalion.	Aug. 7—215th Battalion.

The First to Go

On August 7, 1914, the British Army Reservists, residing here, left in response to the first summons for service. They consisted of:

Pte. R. Cobden, First Coldstream Guards.	Pte. Blanchard, Coldstream Guards.
Pte. T. Barnes, Coldstream Guards.	Pte. T. Scott, Scots Guards.
Pte. I. Millar, Scots Guards.	Gunner T. Robinson, Royal Field Artillery.
Sergt-Major Hardy, Royal Field Artillery.	Gunner Jas. Mason, Royal Garrison Artillery.
Gunner Howes, Royal Garrison Artillery.	Pte. T. Mason, Borderers.
Pte. W. Phillpots, First Sussex.	

Pte. T. Atkinson, First Sussex.	Pte. Packer, Worcesters.
Pte. H. Williams, East Kents.	Pte. G. Carey, Royal Berks.
Pte. W. Ashton, Royal Sussex.	Pte. J. Pizey, Second Essex.
Pte. T. King, Royal Fusiliers.	Sapper Miller, Royal Engineers.

Brantford never witnessed a more memorable scene than that which was associated with the departure of these men on the date named. It was the initial call to arms locally in connection with the big war, and thousands assembled at the Armories and at the depot to wish the departing men God-speed. Time and time again the surging masses broke through to shake their hands, and more than one eye glistened and voice grew husky as the good-byes were said. In the Drill Hall there came the command "Fall men on the right, short men on the left," and from P. C. Cobden, a big, clean-cut, strapping, to the last infantryman, they stood, trained, disciplined and ready, fit samples of the men who bore the first shock of the world fray.

"For it's Tommy this and Tommy that, And Tommy, 'ow's yer soul; But the thin red line of heroes, When the drums began to roll." Mayor Spence made a suitable farewell speech, and, together with Lt.-Col. Howard, shook every man by the hand. At the depot, as the band played "O Canada," "Rule Britannia" and other patriotic airs, the final farewells were said, the families of the men being accorded first place by the coach. Finally the train moved out, one last cheer went up from the throng; the first quota of men had gone from Brantford to fight for

King and the Empire, in the great struggle.

The Dragoons First

August 20 witnessed the departure of Brantford's first contribution of volunteers to the great cause, when under the command of Lt. Hilton Wilkes, Lt. H. G. Watson and Lt. R. Thompson, the latter of Paris, a squad of 24 men from the 25th Brant Dragoons, entrained at the G. T. R. station for Valcartier. Assembling at the Dragoon's headquarters, on George Street, early in the morning, the men bade adieu to their friends and relatives. Called to order by Sergt-Major Roberts the squad, in full strength, set off up George Street, attended by a crowd of tremendous proportions, which would not be daunted by the heavy rainfall.

"Friends," called Lt.-Col. Muir, from the steps of the train, "do not forget that the first Canadian cavalry to go to the front in this war came from the 25th Brant Dragoons." To the strains of patriotic music, the train bearing the volunteers pulled out of the station at 9:30 sharp, and Brantford and Brant County's first volunteers for active service were off on the first stage of their long journey to the fields of Flanders and the trenches of France.

The Duffs' First

Not long was it before the Dufferin Rifles, in their turn contributed their first quota. Since the declaration of war, recruiting had been carried on at the armories to such good effect that on the morning of Aug. 22, a party of 176 of the finest specimens of British and Canadian manhood entrained at the G.T.R. for Valcartier. These men were destined to form the nucleus of the noted Mad Fourth, a regiment to live in the history of Canada and the world as long as the names of Ypres and St. Julien are cherished. In command of the party went Lt.-Col. F. A. Howard, commanding officer of the Dufferin Rifles, whose departure came as a complete surprise to most, as it had not been known that the gallant officer had been one of the first men to volunteer, for active service upon the declaration of war. He had now received orders to report at once for duty at Valcartier, and accompanied thither the first volunteers from his regiment. The sincere regret of all the party followed Col. Howard when at Valcartier he was transferred to another unit.

Other officers accompanying the first active service contingent of the Dufferin Rifles, three who have since won honor and fame at the front: Capt. (now Brigadier Lt.-Col.) M. A. Colquhoun; Lt. (now Major) T. P. Jones; and Lt. (now Staff Capt.) Fred Miller.

A gathering sorrowful yet proud, assembled in the early hours of the morning at the armories, where the men mustered prior to their departure. Amid the strains of patriotic music, they received presentations of pipes from Brant Chapter of the I.O. D.E., following which they were addressed by His Worship Mayor Spence, who gave the men his personal assurance that their families and dependents would be well cared for

during their absence. Headed by the band the parade set out for the station, where adieus were said, and amid the cheers and tears of thousands, the volunteers entrained and departed at 9:38.

32nd Battery

Although more recently organized than the other local regiments, the 32nd Battery was no less prompt in response to the call of the Empire, as was proven on August 28th, by the departure of a squad of 38 volunteers, the first artillerymen raised in the city.

"It is useless to say of them that they are fine looking men," was the comment made upon the men at the time of their departure. That has been said of every party of men who have left the city.

The customary farewell was tendered the departing men, who were accompanied by cheering crowds to the station, where they entrained in the best of order.

Another Call

Tense days were those of Aug-

ust, 1914, when the world was vibrant with the shock of arms and humanity stood aghast at the debacle into which Europe was launched. Once again the call came for men, and once again Brantford gave unstintingly of her best manhood. On August, 29th, a party of over 50 active service volunteers, set out in the wake of their comrades for Valcartier. Of these some 30 were members of the Brant Dragoons, the others of the Dufferin Rifles. With this party went a number of the city's best known men: Regimental Sergeant-Major Roberts, of the 25th; Squadron Sergeant-Major Steve Cara, a popular member of the local police force; Sergeant-Major W. Dawson since invalided home from the front, and Quartermaster-Sergeant Jas. Mounce, county constable.

The splendid type of manhood represented in the party was a source of great admiration, satisfaction being expressed by the officers of the local regiments, at the class of men enlisting, the majority of them having

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### Four Dufferin Rifle Officers Attaining Battalion Command



LT.-COL. CUTCLIFFE  
Officer Commanding the 125th Battalion.



LT.-COL. COLQUHOUN, D.S.O.  
Former Commander of the 4th Battalion, Now Brigadier at Shorncliffe.



LT. COL. E. C. ASHTON  
Officer Commanding West Sandling Camp.



LT.-COL. H. A. GENET, D.S.O.  
Officer Commanding 58th Battalion.



W. F. COCKSHUTT, M. P.  
Honorary Colonel of the 125th (Brant) Battalion, who was instrumental in securing the authorization of the Regiment, and who has since maintained a very valuable and practical interest in it.

# FOR THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND OUR FREEDOM



PTE. V. O'NEILL  
19th Battalion; Killed. With His Brother and Two Others, by one shell, on October 30, 1915.



PTE. P. ONEILL  
19th Battalion Killed, October 30th, 1915.



LIEUT. HAROLD BREWSTER  
Killed in Aviation Accident



PTE. F. BETTS.  
4th Battalion, Wounded at Ypres Killed, June, 1916.



PTE. F. ELLIS,  
4th Battalion; Killed at Ypres, April 1915.



W. BETTS,  
4th Battalion; Killed, April, 1916.



LT. R. E. WAITS  
84th Battalion, Died in Toronto, June 9, 1916

## Response of Brantford and Brant County

(Continued from page twenty-five) previous service to their credit. The men leaving here on August 29th formed the city's fourth and last contribution to the first contingent. They formed a part of the illustrious Fourth Battalion.

Second Contingent  
Recruiting was re-commenced by the Dufferin Rifles in October, and with such good results did men of every class rally to the colors that on November 6th the city bade farewell to its first contribution to the second contingent, some 176 men recruited to form a part of the 19th Battalion. Escorted by a crowd of record proportions, the men marched to the station and entrained for Toronto for winter training, looking healthy, fit and strong, spoken of as the finest lot of men ever gathered for the cause in the city.

The women bore the ordeal of parting bravely; they had fortified themselves for the occasion, and were perhaps of the two the braver sex, for at the moment they feel more deeply the pangs of parting.

The command of the party went Capt. W. F. Newman, since promoted to his majority and appointed to a high post in Shorncliffe, England, after valuable service with the 19th Battalion. Other officers accompanying the party were Lt. Frank Dickson and Lt. George Cockshutt, the latter of whom has since been invalided home.

Artillerymen  
All three branches of the service were represented in Brantford's contributions to the second contingent. On November 16, a party of some 60 volunteers from the 32nd Battery departed by radial for Hamilton, there to continue their winter training before proceeding overseas. A farewell was tendered the men by Lt.-Col. Ashton and the other officers of the battery, Mayor Spence and representatives of the Women's Patriotic League. With the departure of this quota, the 32nd Battery had contributed over 100 men for active service, a most creditable record and one in keeping with the best traditions of the city which is its home.

More Dragoons  
Imbued with an indomitable a spirit as the men of their patron regiment, the illustrious Inniskillen Fusiliers, the 25th Brant Dragoons were once more ready at the call of their country, and their contribution to the second contingent, a squad of some 115 men, commanded by Capt. C. R. Patterson, of Paris, took their departure for training quarters in Toronto. No less patriotic was their send-off than that accorded to the other contingents. Assembling at the armories, the Dragoons were addressed by the Mayor, who wished them God-speed and a safe return assuring them that their families absence. Lt.-Col. Muir complimented the men upon their fine appearance and behaviour, and exhorted

them to uphold the standards and traditions of the regiment to which they belonged. He expressed the pride he felt in them, and his sincere wishes for a speedy and safe return to the city.

Mr. J. H. Fisher, M.P., eulogized the contributions made by the town of Paris to this and other contingents. Mr. J. H. Ham, M.P.P., assured the volunteers that the sympathy and best wishes of all Brant County went with them. Venerable Archdeacon Mackenzie and Very Rev. Dean Brady enlarged upon the calamity of the war and gave the men a word of spiritual advice. The customary parade and send-off then followed, a crowd of enormous proportions accompanying the departing men to the station, and there bidding them their last farewells. Other officers besides Capt. (now Major) Patterson who accompanied the contingent were Lt. Leonard Bishop, recently invalided home, and Lt. Harvey Cockshutt, now believed to be a prisoner of war in Germany. Major Patterson has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order. This quota formed a part of the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles.

So well did Brantford rally to the cause of the allied forces, that by now the scene of departing troops from the city had become a familiar one, when, on January 18, 1915, a squad of 68 gallant volunteers from the 25th Brant Dragoons, spoken of as the finest party of men to leave the city, and no doubt deserving of that appellation, entrained for Toronto. Gathering together in the armories at 9 o'clock, under the command of Lt. Col. Muir, they presented the appearance of a fine body of men. Not one of them was below the 5 feet 7 mark, and many were described as being fit for the Horse Guards, one of the highest honors to be paid a cavalrman.

Brought to attention, the men listened to a heartfelt address, delivered by Lt.-Col. Muir, who voiced his pride in the men of his regiment. Under Lt. Stratford and Lt. Lee, who accompanied the quota, they were under fine officers.

The Mayor corroborated the words of the Colonel, assuring the men that their dependents would receive the best of attention from the city during their absence. To all of them he wished God-speed and a safe return. A passage was then made through the ranks of the crowd, and the parade to the station was begun.

Following the Dragoons, who were headed by their band, came the active service contingent of the Dufferin Rifles, in charge of Lts. Fraser and Walsh. Many people lined the streets en route to the station, and numerous farewells were shouted to the departing volunteers. Once more the Grand Trunk platform was congested, but much better order was kept than in the past. Sentiment did not break loose, and although the fair sex were represented, they carried themselves bravely. With the band playing the lively Connecticut March, spirits were high, and as the train pulled out rousing cheers was given for Lts.

Stratford and Lee, who were to be seen standing on the rear of the platform set in a fitting background of ruddy and anticipative faces. It was a great tribute to the popularity of the two young officers.

The Battery's Response  
The third response of the 32nd Battery to the call of the Empire was made on February 13, 1915, a date to be remembered by reason of the departure of a squad of artillery volunteers from the 32nd Battery who left for Hamilton, to form part of an active service battery being recruited there for immediate overseas service. Some 30 men were recruited in this city for the unit in the brief period of a few days, all of them men of whom any regiment or unit might well be proud.

36th Battalion  
During the first three months of the year 1915, the armories of the Dufferin Rifles had been a scene of continual activity in the recruiting and drilling of the quota being raised here to form the nucleus of the 36th Battalion, commanded by Lt.-Col. E. C. Ashton, a former commander of the Dufferin Rifles and since of the 32nd Battery. Recruiting had continued actively for this period of three months, and on the morning of March 31, 140 strong, physically Brantford's best, the fourth contingent from the Dufferin Rifles left the city, amid splendid patriotic scenes. Just such another page in the city's history was written on that occasion as several times during the previous fall and winter, when Brantford, with great national spirit gave of its

strength at the national altar. Regardless of all hitherto said, it could not be disputed that the men of the 36th Battalion were the finest and fittest looking company to leave the city up to that time. There were several reasons for this, one being the fact that for the first time nearly all the men were in uniform, and another that the training they had already received had imparted to them an aspect distinctly military, which was not so evident in the other contingents to leave the city. They gathered at the armories at an early hour, and mustered smartly when called to order. Surveyed as they were arrayed before the officers' gallery, they presented a uniformly smart appearance, backed up by military knowledge which spoke well of the training previously received, which, although touching, perhaps, only the outer fringe of a soldier's curriculum, was at least thorough.

Facing such a company, small wonder it was that Mayor Spence was stirred to a splendid farewell address in which he paid tribute to the officers under whom the men would serve. Their commanding officer was Lt.-Col. Ashton, a Brantford man who held the regard and esteem of his fellow-citizens, and his staff was largely made up of residents of this city. Under such a chieftain the men would have great confidence. He would carry with him, as would also his gallant followers, the good wishes of the entire community. Speaking on behalf

of the city, the mayor wished the party God-speed and a safe return, and closed his remarks amidst lusty cheers.

Capt. Findlay Fraser spoke briefly to the men, conveying their appreciation of all that had been done for them. More cheers followed for the gallant commanding officer.

Preceded by a police escort and the two bands of the Dufferin Rifles, and followed by an eager crowd of friends and sightseers, with martial swing the 36th passed down the streets. Looking every inch soldiers, Capt. Fraser and Lt. Jack Genet, led the men, followed by Color-Sergeant Bolt (since promoted to lieutenancy), whose appearance was a credit to the career which he had chosen. Few units could boast of finer material or bear themselves more proudly.

Pillow sacks slung over the shoulders of the men contained the immediate necessities of the first few days. With clear cheeks and sparkling eyes, clean cut, what a wealth of soldiering there was in their ranks. Sergt. Bissett, a soldier born, with nearly 20 years regular service, yet still in his manhood prime, and as fit as any lad in training. "Shorty" Seager, smiling and military, with the debonair gallantry of the service as he waved his good-byes; Sergt. Crumplin, scout leader and ex-member of the English Volunteers; Sergt. McKay, expert signaller and popular Dufferin Rifles soldier, a unique and composite unit for overseas.

The streets along which the parade passed boasted of bunting and decorations in abundance, and the men left amid a perfect storm of farewells, waved by one of the most enthusiastic crowds ever assembled on such an occasion. At intervals, along Market Street, were found children waving little flags and standards, each group meeting the lads in bhaki with hearty cheers. A bevy of pretty girls looked out of the C.O.F. building and the spontaneous cheer which greeted the happy faces was indeed inspiring. Those smiles wrought havoc with the soldiery bearing for a few moments, but the incident passed over and the band struck up the lively strains of "Tipperary."

Affected, no doubt, by the rawness of the morning, the crowd at the station was not quite so large as on former occasions, but whatever it lacked in numbers was more than atoned for in the enthusiasm evinced as the soldiers marched forward to break up into little family groups. Scenes of past days were recalled, for some of the fair sex present had given sons, some husbands, and some dear ones before, and were again parting with loved ones. But they had grown almost accustomed to the ordeal, and many were the hearty handshakes and fond adieus ere the soldiers embarked, to crowd the carriages to capacity. Windows were thrown open heads appeared in profusion, scanning the crowd as the train pulled out for Hamilton.

The Brantford officers comprising

the staff of the 36th battalion were as follows:  
Officer Commanding, Lt.-Col. E. C. Ashton, now Camp Commander at West Sandling.  
Junior Major, Major Nelles Ashton. Now attached to the 4th battalion.  
Paymaster, Capt. W. Miller.  
Signalling Officer, Lt. J. Genet.  
Company Officers, Capt. F. D. Fraser (who has since died at the front), Lt. Harris Walsh, home on furlough, and Lt. Harold Brewster, whose death in an aeroplane mishap recently, cast a gloom over the community.

A number of the best known non-commissioned officers of the Dufferin Rifles, also accompanied the battalion, including Sergt. Major W. G. Oxtoby, who had since returned and received the rank of lieutenant in the 125th battalion.

The 36th, on arriving in England, became, like many others, a reserve battalion, from which drafts were furnished to the front, the majority going to re-inforce the 4th battalion.

31st Battery  
The 32nd battery was active in recruiting once more; its next quota of 10 men being furnished on June 17, 1915, to the 31st Battery, C.F.A. of Niagara-on-the-Lake. There was a small attendance at the station when the little party under Q.M. Sergt. Chevins, entrained, but hearty farewells were wished. The men assembled at the station, in place of parading thither, and as little notice had been given, there was no attendance of the public. The men were wished a safe return by Capt. T. W. Henderson, officer commanding the 32nd battery in the absence

of Lt. Col. Ashton and friends and relatives bade adieu.  
38th Battalion  
The Dufferin Rifles had in the meantime been called upon to furnish their fifth quota for active service, and in June 1915 Lt. Col. H. A. Genet, officer commanding the Dufferin Rifles, in the absence of Lt.-Col' Howard, received command of the 38th overseas battalion. C.E.F. Recruiting was proceeded with the utmost alacrity, and as loyally as in the past the members of the regiment rallied to the call of king and country. The organization of the new overseas unit was rapidly completed, and a proud day it was for Brantford when on June 23, the squad of 48 men to furnish the basis of the 58th, accompanied by their officers, entrained for Niagara. Although several weeks had elapsed since the citizens of Brantford had been called upon to give their departing volunteers a hearty cheer, there was no falling-off in the enthusiasm or ardor displayed on that memorable morning. After the usual parting ceremonies at the armories, where a short address was delivered by His Worship Mayor Spence, the march to the station was commenced, and accompanied by the brass band of the 38th, the sturdy volunteers, presenting a most soldierly appearance with their baggage slung over their shoulders and mothers, wives or sweethearts at their sides, struck up a brisk pace to the station, where a parting leave

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MAJOR P. P. BALLACHEY,  
58th Battalion; Killed in Action, June, 1916.



PTE. J. JENKERSON  
19th Battalion; Killed, June, 1916.



CORPORAL JACK BREEDON  
Veteran of South African War; Killed at the Front.



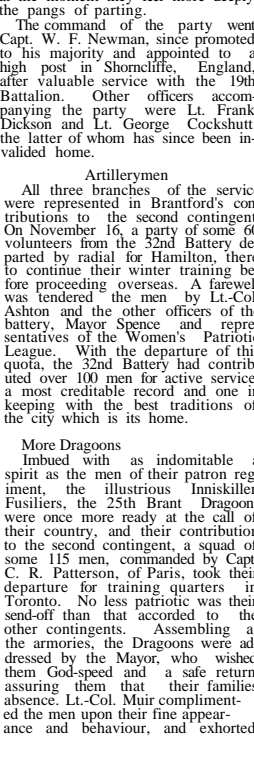
PTE. J. H. LOWES  
19th Battalion; Killed October, 1915



PTE. CHRIS MARTIN  
19th Battalion, Killed, October, 1916



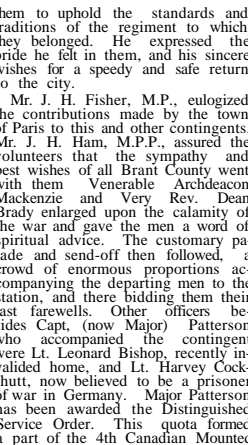
GUNNER H. MOON  
13th Battery, Killed, June, 1916.



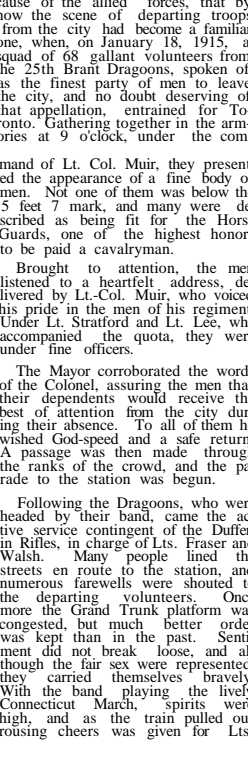
PTE. J. HAWKE  
4th Battalion; Died of Wounds, (Figure on Left)



PTE. J. HODDER,  
4th Highlanders; Wounded at Ypres, Reported Killed, September 1916



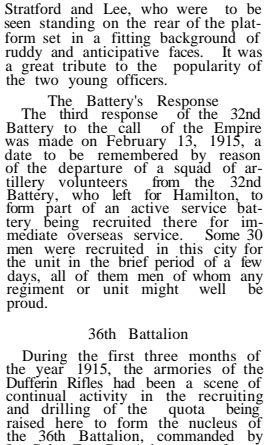
PTE. J. BELL  
4th Battalion, Wounded, April 1915 Killed, June, 1916



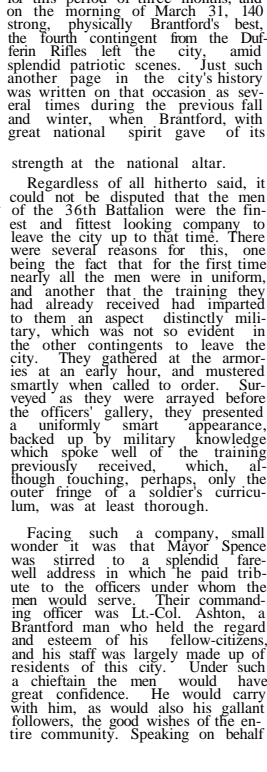
PTE. G. HUGGINS  
4th Battalion; Killed at Ypres April, 1915.



CORP. ALEX. BROWN  
84th Battalion; Killed, November.



PTE. A. HAMILTON,  
4th Battalion, Wounded at Ypres; Killed, April, 1916.



PTE. H. RICHARDS  
19th Battalion; Killed, Dec. 1916



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19th Battalion; Killed, Dec. 1916

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PTE. W. BROOKE  
4th Battalion, Wounded April, 1915.



PTE. W. BABCOCK,



CORP. J. EVANS.  
4th Battalion; Wounded at Ypres.



PTE. A. HAMILTON  
4th Battalion, Wounded



PTE. W. KEITHLEY  
4th Battalion; Wounded at Ypres



LANCE CORP. J. LEE  
4th Battalion; Wounded, June, 1915



PTE. A. J. BARNES  
Wounded at Ypres

## Response of Brantford

(Continued from Page Twenty-Six) was taken of the dear ones before a lusty cheer announced the departure of the train for camp Niagara.

At the armories, where the men paraded 47 strong, presentations were made to them by the Women's Patriotic League and the I.O.D.E. following which Mayor Spence addressed the gathering, paying high tribute to the splendid example set by the Brantford men of the 4th battalion, and expressing confidence that the 58th would give an equally good account of themselves upon the field of honor, and prove beyond all question of doubt that they were worthy of sustaining the traditions of the Anglo-Saxon race. At this juncture three hearty cheers were given for the mayor, the ladies and officers of the battalion.

Proceeding from the armories shortly after 10 o'clock, via Dalhousie and Market streets to the Grand Trunk station, the contingent was cheered by hundreds of citizens lining the streets and shouting parting words to their friends in the ranks. Lively airs, with a slight preference for "Tipperary" were struck up by the Dufferin Rifles band, and a smart pace was maintained. At the station the men were allowed to break ranks and the mothers, wives, sisters and friends were given leave to bid farewell to their loved ones. Many a lump gathered in the throats of the most disinterested among the on-lookers, and tears in their eyes at the thought of the departure of the boys from their homes and friends.

Promptly at 9.30 the train pulled into the station, and after a special coach had been attached, the men piled up their baggage, then followed it themselves and were soon speeding quickly on their way to the camp at Niagara.

A special local significance is attached locally to the formation of the 58th battalion. In almost direct repetition of the organization of the 36th, Brantford furnished the commanding officer, Lt.-Col. H. A. Genet, the senior major, Major P. P. Ballachey, and the signalling officer, Lt. J. A. Pearce, Capt. F. E. Hicks was in direct command of the company.

Of the record which the gallant 58th has created at the front enough cannot be said. Significant it is that the 58th was the only battalion since the days of the second contingent, which left England as a unit, a high tribute to its efficiency and discipline. Upon the field of battle its members have won high renown. Lt.-Col. Genet having received the award of the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry upon the field of battle, and Lt. Pearce having been recommended for the Military Cross. Major Hicks has returned to his home, incapacitated from further service, while somewhere in blood-sodden Flanders is the last resting place of that gallant officer and true Canadian gentleman, Major P. P. Ballachey, who in June last made the supreme sacrifice for the empire.

In August, 1915, the Rev. C. E.

Jeakins received the appointment of chaplain to the 58th battalion, then quartered at Niagara-on-the-Lake. He accompanied the unit overseas and into the trenches, being later transferred to hospital work in both France and England. In September of the present year he returned home suffering from nervous troubles.

76th Battalion  
The summer of 1915 was one of great recruiting activity in Brantford and throughout the whole of Brant County, there being no less than four regiments engaged in the work of enlisting troops for active service, with that the honor roll of the city swelled rapidly in this period. With scarcely a pause after the departure of the 58th battalion for Niagara, the Dufferin Rifles resumed recruiting, their duty on this occasion being the raising of a quota of 60 men for the 76th battalion, then in the course of formation, the call was promptly and loyally responded to, and on July 28th the biggest parade of active service men ever witnessed in Brantford up to that time took place with the band playing "O Canada" and the 2nd and 25th Dragoons drawn up on either side of Dalhousie street, leaving a line through which the volunteers of the Dufferin Rifles, six active service contingent paraded en route for the station, where, under the command of Lt. W. H. Fair, they left for Niagara Camp. In spite of the rain which was falling, a large crowd gathered to see the boys off, upwards of 40 motor cars being clustered about the armories.

Sharp at 9.30 the men were lined up inside, wearing their storm capes, for roll call. There was something impressive about the answering of the roll on such an occasion, and the gathering listened in reverent silence.

The roll completed, ladies from the Patriotic Society and the Daughters of the Empire presented each man with a parcel, to the great and evident satisfaction of the soldiers.

Captain Cutcliffe then introduced Major Spence, who addressed a few words to the men. Counting it a privilege to wish Godspeed to such a fine lot of men as these, he considered that this latest contingent would give every bit as good an account of itself as had those already at the firing line from this city and county. Mayor Spence referred in flattering terms to the town of Paris, which had provided nearly half the men for the present company. To all of the men he wished the best of luck and a safe return.

Mr. J. H. Fisher M.P. also referred to the splendid record made by Paris throughout the war, and gave the men his assurance that their dependents would be cared for until their return from the front.

Formed into marching order, the parade then set out for the station. On Market street, the crowds followed the procession, thronging the sidewalk. There was little cheering, all being apparently imbued with the spirit of respect and solemnity in keeping with the occasion. All were drawn to the scene, not from idleness, but from interest and patriotism of the deepest nature. The soldiers themselves sang marching songs and appeared perfectly happy,

throughout the whole of the march to the station. Swinging along to the gay tunes of the music rendered by the Dufferin Rifles band, and looking splendidly erect, the parade constituted the largest seen in this city up to that time. First came the Duffs under Lt. W. H. Fair and Col.-Sergt. Hoppood and a stalwart group of N. C. O's, then following the party of 57 heroes of the most recent call for men. They looked good material, and carried themselves with quiet discipline, thus speaking volumes for their adaptability and the personnel behind the gallant young officer who led the party that day.

Clad in the King's scarlet, with the jingle of spurs and the flash of silver buttons, the gleaming yellow head-dress and the tan of a few weeks of outdoor life, the 25th Dragoons, under Color-Sergt. Crouch, presented a most serviceable appearance in the parade.

The Second Dragoons were a small squad of about 21 men under Sergt. Miller, many of them bearing the evidence of previous training and regular service. They constituted a smart turnout and presented a smart appearance.

The streets were well filled, and subdued cheers and murmurs gave evidence of the suppressed feeling of the people. The journey was marked by the even bearing and disciplined rhythm of the column as it swung on its way, with a few near relatives keeping pace on the sidewalk and now and then taking glances at the loved ones being home onward in Democracy's Crusade.

Marching to the station platform, the troops there broke ranks. Farewells were exchanged, but owing to the density of the crowd, it was difficult to move about. Very few demonstrations took place, the majority of the women present heroically restraining their tears. With the band playing the National Anthem, the crowd on the platform waving its last farewell and the men responding with hearty hurrahs, the train moved swiftly out and the soldiers were gone.

84th Battalion  
A worthy record is that which has been made at the front during the past six months by the men who once formed the 84th overseas battalion, to which Brantford furnished a large percentage of heroes, many of whom have since made the supreme sacrifice of their lives at the front. On the morning of August 11, 1915, 131 men, 20 from the Second Dragoons and 111 from the 25th Brant Dragoons, took their departure for Niagara, there to form the nucleus of the 84th Battalion, then in course of formation under the supervision of Lt.-Col. Stewart, of Toronto. Each detachment lined up at its own headquarters and marched separately to the station, entraining in two special coaches.

There was enthusiasm and much joy among the men of the 25th that morning before leaving for the train. The city had been made gay during the summer by the presence of their bright scarlet coats and military apparel, and in the best of spirits the men gathered in their large tent on the market square, where they cheered, sang, and applauded most heartily the brief

speeches made them by a number of representative citizens present.

After a short prayer had been read by the Rev. Mr. McKeeney, the men were addressed by Mayor Spence, Mayor Patterson, of Paris; Mr. T. Scott Davidson, M.P.P.; Col. Harry Cockshutt, Col. J. H. Fisher, M.P., Captain Monteith and Major Patterson. All were unanimous in wishing the departing volunteers God-speed and a safe return, and in assuring them of the sympathy that was extended to them by all. Mayor Spence commended the excellent behavior of the men since their enlistment, while both he and Major Patterson spoke eulogizing of the town of Paris and its splendid record in providing recruits.

"Are there any kickers here?" demanded Col. J. H. Fisher. "If so, I will present them with a football if they stand forward." In view of the status of the Methodist conference at Toronto, Mr. Fisher explained that he would not dare present the men with cigars, but would content himself with giving them several packs of playing cards.

Capt. Monteith, barrister-at-law, of Stratford, who was to command the company, gave a brief address making a good impression despite some grim references to the discipline which he intended to enforce at Niagara. Capt. Monteith was not at the time in uniform, but joined the party at Niagara a few days later.

The ladies of the Women's Patriotic League then presented each man with a package containing socks and handkerchiefs, following which the march was made to the station, each soldier carrying his own improvised kit bag. A great crowd gathered, and the send-off was tremendous.

The Second Dragoons gathered at the armories, and were also presented with packages containing socks and handkerchiefs. They were accompanied to the station by the latest active service detachment of the Dufferin Rifles, who acted as a guard of honor.

The party was accompanied to camp by Lt. Col. Muir, Major Brooks and Quarter-Master Sergeant Plummer, who returned after a few days.

The Duffs' Quota.  
The day of the departure of the party of men furnished by the Dufferin Rifles for the 76th Battalion, recruiting was recommenced by the 38th for another unit, which was later fixed as the 84th, to which the other local regiments had already contributed. To such good effect was the recruiting carried on during the ensuing six weeks that the party which on September 13th set out for Niagara, mustered no less than 130 strong.

"This company will be known as the cheerful company—the company of the bright and smiling faces," said Mr. W. G. Raymond, in bidding farewell at the armories to the quota. In spite of the threatening weather which prevailed, crowds of people were early on hand at the armories, eager to make the most of the last opportunity of saying good-bye. Over 130 men answered the calling of the roll by Major Cutcliffe, following which short addresses were delivered by a number of representative citizens.

As representing the city upon the occasion, Mayor Spence expressed the pride he had in addressing such a fine lot of men, and wished them

every success and a safe return home.

Col. J. H. Fisher referred to the proud record of Paris.

"But," he interposed, "if they ever want real soldiers from Paris, we will organize a brigade of ladies who will beat them all."

Mr. W. G. Raymond charged the soldiers to remember the noble bearing of their forefathers, and to live up to the traditions of the past. "The regret of many of us," he declared, "is that we are unable to be with you on that day when you meet the Germans face to face and charge home with the bayonet, and we must stay at home." Mr. Raymond's address was received with spontaneous enthusiasm, the men cheering him repeatedly.

"Good-bye, boys, let us see you again soon with those German scalps we're waiting for," was the parting injunction of Mr. Cockshutt. The customary presentation by the ladies of the Women's Patriotic League then followed, and under the command of Lt. K. V. Bunnell the detachment, led by the band, marched to the station. The route was via Brant avenue to Colborne street and Market street. All the other overseas forces were present in full strength to honor the departing volunteers, and upwards of 400 active men took part in the parade.

As usual with Brantford crowds, there was little cheering, nevertheless the fact that the whole route was lined two and three deep with spectators showed the deep interest taken in the departure. The usual scenes of friends marching in the ranks was observed, while the children of the Central school occupied the whole of one block, and were very enthusiastic.

Quartermaster Sergeant Plummer's dog of the 25th, and Riley, mascot of the 32nd battery, also

staging a brief encounter until they were separated. There was little delay at the station, the train being waiting in readiness and the soldiers marching directly to it. There were the last hurried and touching good-byes, handshakes, tears and cheers, and as the train pulled out the band struck up the National Anthem, to the strains of which the company took their departure amid one last outburst of cheering.

Second Dragoons.  
Two days after the departure of the seventh active service quota of the Dufferin Rifles, the Second Dragoons' third contribution from Brant county followed to Niagara camp, leaving via T. H. and B. under the command of Sergeant-Major Mayot. In spite of the fact that no announcement was made in the press as to time of the departure, which was not fixed until the last moment, a large crowd was in attendance at the station to bid the men farewell. The streets were also lined with spectators who braved the heat of early afternoon to get a last glimpse of the volunteers.

The men paraded at the armories at one o'clock sharp, and after roll-call short speeches were delivered by Mayor Spence, Major Brooks and others. The ladies of the W. P. L. distributed parcels of socks and handkerchiefs among the soldiers, and the march to the station was commenced.

The Dufferin Rifles band was in (Continued on page Twenty-Eight)



PTE. T. ROWLAND  
Died of Wounds.



PTE. GEO. SKINNER  
19th Battalion, Died, March, 1916.



LIEUT. HARVEY COCKSHUTT  
Missing Since Last June.



PTE. S. TRUCKLE  
4th C. M. R., Wounded, March, 1916



PTE. W. KERR  
4th Battalion Wounded at Ypres.



PTE. HUTCHINSON



PTE. S. WEBSTER  
Wounded May, 1916



TROOPER H. FOSTER  
Wounded, May, 1915.



SERG. JAS. MOUNCE.  
4th Battalion, who was home on furlough in the Spring of 1916.



PTE. E. HARRINGTON  
4th Battalion; Wounded, April, 1915



PTE. T. HOLWAY  
4th Battalion; Wounded at Ypres



PTE. E. H. PRIOR  
Wounded at Ypres



PTE. T. WRIGHT  
19th Battalion, Died, June, 1916

# FOR THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND OUR FREEDOM



PTE. W. HULME  
Was Reported Killed but refuted the rumor when he returned to Brantford, wounded and gassed, in August, 1915.



PTE. W. STEED,  
19th Battalion; Invalided home.



PTE. C. ROWCLIFFE  
4th Battalion; Wounded at Ypres.



PTE. T. J. TONES  
4th Battalion; Wounded at Ypres; Returned Home



PTE. A. J. HEROD  
19th Battalion, Wounded, Invalided Home. April 1916.



PTE. H. HOLDING  
Veteran of 4th Battalion, Wounded at Ypres, and Transferred to the 215th Battalion.



PTE. W. KERR  
4th Battalion; Wounded, April, 1915

## Response of Brantford and Brant County

(Continued from Page Twenty-Seven) attendance and all overseas quotas turned out to honor the departing black-coats, who never looked better, and, fine, strapping and healthy, looked even at that stage fit for any service.

There was no delay at the station. A special car was attached to the regular train, and to the solemn strains of the National Anthem and the cheers of the assembled crowd the train pulled out, bearing the men to Hamilton, where they joined a squad of 300 men recruited there by the Second Dragoons, proceeding together to Niagara.

The party was made up of five non-commissioned officers, and 39 men, under Sergeant-Major Mayot.

**CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES**  
The excellent work accomplished at the front by the various regiments of Mounted Rifles furnished by Canada having convinced the Militia Department of the great value of this branch of the service during the war, the organization and recruiting of a depot regiment to be known as the Second Depot, Canadian Mounted Rifles, to enlist men to replenish the mounted regiments at the front, was sanctioned in October, 1915. The headquarters of the new regiment were located at Hamilton, and Major W. C. Brooks, of this city, received the appointment of commanding officer, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Recruiting for the depot regiment in this city in common with others throughout Ontario. Through the medium of the 25th Brant Dragoons, a quota of 48 men was raised for the C.M.R., and these under the command of Lt.-Col. Brooks and Major Gordon Smith, left for Hamilton, there to be absorbed into the new unit.

Owing to some misunderstanding, the civic officials were not apprised of the departure impending until nearly train time, with the result that the farewell was hurried, but none the less sincere and heartfelt. The men were given farewell addresses by Mayor Spence, Col. J. H. Fisher, M.P., and Mayor Patterson of Paris. Following this the march to the station was entered upon, all the overseas units of the city accompanying the draft as a mark of honor. As the soldiers were merely moving to an adjoining city to be there for the winter, there were few signs of the sadness usually attendant upon the departure of active service contingents from the city, but even under these circumstances tears were in evidence. Quite a large assemblage witnessed the departure of the men.

A number of Brantford officers are included in the personnel of the staff of the C.M.R., besides the commanding officer, there being Major Gordon Smith, squadron commander, Capt. Bentham, paymaster, Capt. C. Second and Lt. H. Costain, a former

member of the Courier reportorial staff.

**40TH BATTERY**  
In November, 1915, the raising of the 125th Brant County battalion was finally sanctioned, and the Brantford recruiting depot passed out of existence. There were recruited through the Dufferin Rifles, the Dragoons and the 32nd battery, a total of 250 men, the majority of whom were drafted to form the nucleus of the new county battalion. A draft of 80 men were taken, however, from the 32nd battery to add to the ranks of the 40th Battery of Canadian Field Artillery, then in the course of organization at Toronto. A send-off expressive of the regret of all was tendered the departing artillerymen.

The parade down George street was headed by the 84th battalion, under the command of Capt. Starr, while the Brant Dragoons and the Duffs were present also in full strength. At the appointed time the procession moved off for the T. H. and B. station, via George, Colborne and South Market streets. A great crowd followed, covering the station platform, and after a long wait the train pulled in and the last farewells were said. The fine morale of the true Canadian soldier was evidenced as the train commenced to move, every face showing a brave and cheerful determination to do the duty of a soldier at all costs. The music of the band was almost drowned in the cheering which broke forth as the train finally sped away.

Although only 81 in number, a finer, better squad of soldiers was never known to leave the city.

**54th Battery**  
Not for over three months were Brantford citizens again called upon to bid adieu to departing soldiers. The winter of 1915-16 was one memorable in the recruiting annals of the county, for the organization of the 125th battalion was proceeded with rapidly, while under Major T. W. Henderson, the 54th battery of active service artillery was recruited and raised to full strength in this city. On March 1, 1916, the battery took its departure for Toronto, having been raised here in the remarkably short time of less than one month.

An exceptionally high class of men had always been obtained by the artillery in Brantford, and the boys of the 54th battery were in every way the worthy followers of those who had preceded them. Clean-cut, vigorous and loyal, they were typical of the finest manhood of the city and the Dominion when on the morning of March 1 they entrained at the T. H. and B. station, being given a splendid send off in which both the 84th and the 125th battalions shared actively, while hundreds of people crowded the streets and thronged the platform at the station.

Sharp at 11 o'clock the men in khaki lined up on the market square, and set off for the Station. The 84th came down Dalhousie Street to head the procession, followed by the 125th 54th bringing up the rear. When the battery arrived opposite the city hall, on Market street, they were

halted immediately in front of acting-Mayor Dowling and the aldermen who formed a group upon the sidewalk.

The acting mayor made a short speech of farewell. He regretted, he said, that Mayor Bowlby was not in the city, but he and the other aldermen would endeavor to show that the city was proud of the men who were leaving. Brantford was, indeed, proud of the sacrifice they were making. As at no other period of the war, the men realized the terrible seriousness of the struggle. He wished them, on behalf of the city, the best luck and a safe return.

To Major Henderson, who had given up a lucrative law practice to do his duty for the Empire, Ald. Dowling extended the best wishes of the city. He had been a faithful servant of Brantford for twenty years. Ald. Dowling then, on behalf of the city, presented Major Henderson with a cheque with which to purchase some part of his equipment.

Major Henderson replied briefly, thanking the city for its gift and good wishes. The men under him, he felt, would give the best account of themselves at the front. The Major then called upon his men to give three cheers for Brantford, which were given with a will. Led by Ald. Dowling, the spectators returned the compliment and then all set out for the station.

At the station farewells were in order and "good wishes" and "good luck" was heard everywhere. The train was late and the bands of the 125th and the 84th vied with each other in playing the most lively tunes. The 125th were rather favored, chiefly because they rendered rag-time. As the train pulled out rousing cheers which could be heard blocks away were given by all the soldiers.

The march to the station down the Market street hill gave rather exceptional scope to photographers and amateur camera fiends, who were everywhere. The long line of soldiers with the masses of civilians on the sidewalks could be seen from end to end and was a magnificent view.

At 10 o'clock a number of the ladies of the Women's Patriotic League met the officers and men at headquarters on George St., and presented them with useful bundles consisting of sticks and other articles. The bundles were presented by Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. R. H. Reville, Mrs. P. E. Buck, Mrs. Malcolm and the Misses Gilkinson, Buck, Raymond, M. Cockshutt and E. Bunnell, Mrs. Livingston, president of the League in a very clever little speech wished the men God-speed and a safe return. The ladies on leaving were cheered to the echo.

**Departure of 84th.**  
Since November, 1915, the 84th battalion, to which Brantford furnished no less than three active service quotas of men, had been the guests of the city, being quartered at the armories, until the morning of May 9, 1916, when a gathering of perhaps the largest proportions ever assembled for such a purpose,

bade farewell to the battalion were it departed for Toronto.

Thousands upon thousands of people were out and assembled, first at the gore opposite the armories where a civic farewell was held, then down on South Market street, and at the station. The 125th and the 215th battalions turned out and marched to the station, while the bands of the 84th and the 125th enlivened the occasion with martial music.

At 9 o'clock the battalion lined up on the gore opposite the armories, surrounded by enthusiastic crowds of friends and relatives, the time awaiting the arrival of the civic officials being spent in singing patriotic and other songs, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," "Good Luck to the Boys of the Allies," "The Girl I left Behind Me," and others. Shortly afterward the civic officials arrived on the scene, they being Mayor Bowlby, ex-Mayor Spence, Ald. Dowling, Bragg, Freeborn, Harp, Hess, Wiley. The other members of the city council could not be summoned at such short notice. The company commanders and other officers then took command of their various units and the entire battalion stood at attention, as Lt.-Col. Stewart addressed them in ringing tones:

"Men of the 84th Battalion, I know that you feel as I do, that we cannot leave the city of Brantford without paying tribute to the council and the people of the city, who have treated us in such splendid manner during our sojourn here. I hope Mr. Mayor, that you will accept from me, on behalf of the entire battalion, our best wishes, and the assurance that we will always remember the pleasant time spent by us in Brantford."

"Men of the 84th " said Mayor Bowlby, who then spoke briefly, "I am sure it is a great pleasure of all to see such a fine body of men as those now before us. On behalf of the citizens of Brantford, I desire to give you a hearty send-off. May every man make a record for himself to be proud of and be received back home with a fitting reception. Do as the Canadians have already done; do your part in making the Huns beware of Canadians. Every man of you goes to uphold the honor of his king and country. I trust that it will be my pleasure to welcome many of you back from the trenches. I bid you, one and all, a hearty farewell."

Loud cheers came from the entire battalion and the spectators at Mayor Bowlby's words, following which ex-Mayor Spence spoke briefly.

"Lt.-Col. Stewart, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 84th battalion, it was indeed a great pleasure for me to welcome you to the city upon your arrival last November. At that time I predicted that when the day came for us to say farewell, every citizen of Brantford would grieve to know that you must leave us. This feeling of regret is mutual; we have appreciated the manner in which the 84th Battalion conducted itself while in our city, and I feel it is safe to say that no community in the Dominion has had so well behaved troops quartered, as has the city of Brantford in the 84th battalion. It affords me great plea-

sure to speak these few words of farewell to you on the occasion of your departure, and all of us echo the wishes extended to you for God-speed and a safe return."

Lieut.-Col. Stewart then called upon the battalion to express their esteem for the Mayor, the Council and the citizens of Brantford, friends whom they would always remember with pleasant recollections by removing their hats and giving three hearty cheers, which was done with a will until the welkin rang. The parade, headed by the 125th and 215th battalions, then commenced. The route of parade was via Dalhousie street, and Market street. The crowd left the gore and hurried up Colborne street to Market and south Market street—from the top of the hill to the station was one black mass of humanity. A narrow strip of roadway in the centre was left for the soldiers to march through, the crowd pressing close on either side. The view of both soldiers and civilians from the top of the hill was especially magnificent.

The 125th led the parade, the 215th next, then came the 84th in full marching equipment. Near the station the preceding Battalions opened out, forming a lane through which their brother battalion walked. The train was ready for them and no time was lost in getting aboard.

Tremendous as were the crowds which lined the streets along the route of the parade, they were as nothing beside the throng which had assembled at the station, when the battalion arrived there. Every available foot of space was occupied, and farewells were waved and exhortations shouted from the waiting room. from the platform, from adjacent shop windows and the roofs of freight cars on a siding nearby. The battalion promptly entrained, and waved goodbye once more through the car windows. Many and tender were the parting scenes that touched the heart-strings of all.

Then came the moment for departure, and, amid the strains of "Auld Lang Syne," as played by the band of the 125th battalion, the train pulled slowly out. On the rear platform stood Lt.-Col. Stewart and other officers of the battalion, waving goodbye, until the train passed out of sight.

**The Bantams**  
No biography is complete which does not begin, "He was born," therefore the Bantam Battalion was born, i.e., it was "Authorized" by the powers that be on the 17th of February, in the year of Grace 1916, and the lusty infant was dubbed, "The Bantams" and numbered the "216th." It owed its birth to the energies of its originator, Lieutenant-Colonel F. L. Burton. There is no record that it ever went through the infant stage of crawling, but set forth almost at once 250 strong. Its originators had planned well during the strenuous days. When the first call to arms thrilled the country, there crowded to the Recruiting Depot men of all ranks and sizes: the big men and the young men were accepted and sent overseas, and how

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SERG. CARA  
Ex-Policeman and Member of 4th Battalion. Recent Rumors of whose death were since contradicted



SERG.-MAJOR VAIR,  
4th C. M. R., Prisoner in Germany.



SAPPER R. W. HORSNELL  
Wounded June, 1916. Returned Home November, 1916.



PTE. E. REES  
19th Battalion; Invalided home April, 1916.



PTE. S. CRUICKSHANK  
4th C.M.R., Prisoner of War in Germany. After Being Twice Wounded



SERG.-MAJOR BUTLER  
1st Battalion; Wounded. Returned Home April, 1916.



PTE. T. KIRBY  
4th Battalion; Wounded at Ypres; Returned, April, 1916.



PTE. E. EDWARDS,  
4th Battalion; Wounded April 1915 Returned Home, May, 1916



PTE. W. W. HAMILTON, D.C.M.  
Royal Highlanders, Wounded, May, 1915; Won D.C.M., in August, 1915.



PTE. A. NUTTYCOMBE,  
4th Battalion; wounded at Ypres



PTE. E. PHIPPS  
4th Battalion; Wounded at Ypres; returned home, April, 1916.



PTE. ROBINSON  
4th Battalion; Wounded at Ypres; Invalided home, Oct., 1915



PTE. A. ANTHONY  
4th Battalion; Wounded, April, 1915

# SOME OF BRANTFORD'S MANY PATRIOTIC FAMILIES

THREE BRANTFORD BOYS AT THE FRONT



The center figure is that of Capt T.R. Coleman, of the First Battalion. Winner of the Military Cross, others are his two brothers members of the 40th Battery.



PIE J. HAZY  
36th



LANCE CORP. J. PIZZEY  
2nd Essex, Wounded, Dec., 1914.



M. E. PIZZEY  
Senior.



PTE S. PIZZEY  
36th Battalion



PTE. R. PIZZEY  
36th



Sergt. Major Drake



PTE. A. SAGE,  
36th Battalion, Killed, June., 1916.



PTE. GUY WALLACE  
Veteran of the first contingent, in-validated home and now with the 125th.



STOKER GEO. WELLER

## Response of Brantford and Brant County

(Continued from page 28) gloriously they fulfilled their task, the shell and grave marked fields of Flanders bear evidence, but also there applied men whose hearts and courage was great, but whose inches were few. They longed to join the crowd, and so they stretched themselves, these sturdy 5 ft 2 in. lads, and they stood under the measuring pole, but in vain. The Doctor's verdict, "Sorry, my lad, too small," same like a sentence of doom, and they turned away with feelings of rage and regret.

The need was pressing the Empire wanted these men, and the men wanted the Empire, so their salvation, and we trust the Empire's benefit, came on February 17th, and up to date seven hundred happy, energetic and brave hearts, who, though short in inches, are large in courage, have signed up and are to be allowed their share in writing the history of the world.

They came from Montreal, and walked the whole way, hoofing the railway ties, sleeping in barns getting their food (well, that's another story). They trekked from Parry Sound. They came 200 miles, from the end of the steel. In the interior of the forest, the call came to one, and he left his axes and loghook and footed it over the corduroy and eventually dropped in unobtrusively at the Recruiting Depot. He was only a half-breed, and he was flat-footed, scarce recovered from an operation the latter would repair itself, but the flat-foot, oh, that would never do. The doctor was about to turn him down but a new found comrade explained the two hundred mile trek through the forest, and that settled it; he's a Bantam now, and so on, down the line, they are great little men, the 216th battalion.

They were first known as "Burton's Bantam Battalion." That they should be so called stands self-evident, but while the Army recognizes Lieutenant-Colonel F. L. Burton as Officer Commanding the 216th Bantams, "and a right good O.C. too," it also recognizes this unit only as the "216th Overseas Battalion, C.E. F. Bantams," therefore all iteration gave place to uniformity. But what's in a name. The strength of a chain is its weakest link, and the value and efficiency of a battalion is as the strength of its Commanding Officer.

Recruiting was commenced in Brantford for the Bantam battalion in May, 1916, when Lt. P. K. McKissock opened an office in the Commercial Chambers, whence the lusty crowding of the Bantam roosters aroused the interest and curiosity of all. The Bantams soon proved themselves to be among the most energetic and vigorous recruiters who ever worked in this city, and in the period of six weeks following their establishment, some thirty little fellows were induced to avail themselves of the "small man's opportunity". The squad, twenty-nine strong took their departure for the T. R. station, thence to Toronto, where they joined their battalion on the eve of its departure for Niagara camp.

Twenty-nine strong, the detail.



PTE. E. WELLER



BERT WELLER  
36th



E. WELLER, SR.



PTE. T. WELLER

assembled at their headquarters that morning for the last time. At 11.15 city time the march to the station was commenced, the brass band of the 125th battalion leading the way, followed by the Bantams, in full marching array, and a detail from the 25th, under Lieuts. Hamilton and Waterous.

No parades were held by the Bantams since the Friday previous, the men being allowed home on leave to say farewell, all assembling at the fixed time for departure.

The despatch of the squadron did not mean that the Bantams were gone for good from Brantford. The lusty crowding of the fighting birds continued to be heard for a time, for Ptes. Maurice and Haley returned to the city for a few weeks, in order to continue the work of recruiting, and secured a considerable number of additional recruits before the end of August, when the office was finally closed.

The 125th Too recent and fresh in the minds of all Brantfordites is the organization of Brant County's first own battalion, the 125th, to require aught in the way of reminiscing.

It was in August of 1915 that the idea of a battalion to be recruited entirely and exclusively in Brant County was first mooted. The system previously followed had been that of recruiting a company or perhaps two platoons of men, together with a few officers, in each of a number of cities of Ontario, and to unite this quota into a battalion. In this manner the men from each city found themselves among strangers and under the command of strangers, and it was suggested by Capt. Cutcliffe, then O. C. the Dufferin Rifles, that much better results might be obtained by raising a full battalion from one country. "Why not raise a Brant County battalion?" he asked, that being the first time that such project had ever been broached.

The idea met with favor from all the senior officers of the Dufferin Rifles and the prominent men of the city, and a deputation from Brantford was sent to wait upon Sir Sam Hughes, asking his sanction for the purpose. This was refused, the Minister of Militia being but little impressed with the plan, and so for a time no more was said.

The matter was not forgotten locally, however, and in October it was learned that a permission had been given the City of Hamilton to raise a battalion. Prompt action was taken, a resolution favoring a Brant County Battalion being drawn up at a meeting of the Brant Recruiting League on Oct. 27, 1915. Mr. W. F. Cockshutt was waited upon by a deputation from the league, and agreed to use his influence with the Minister of Militia, which he did to such good effect that on October 30, Sir Sam wired to Brantford: "Start recruiting a Brant County Battalion to-day, if you like."

Immediate advantage was taken of the opportunity. On November 1, the first recruiting meeting for the benefit of the Brant Battalion was staged by the Recruiting League at Glenmorris.

Two applications for the position of lieutenant-colonel of the Brant Battalion were made, and on Nov. 13, came the announcement that

Major Cutcliffe of the 38th Dufferin Rifles had been appointed Lieutenant-Col. and commanding officer of the 125th Brant Battalion. More than twenty n.c.o.s. of the Dufferin Rifles immediately volunteered to serve under him, and active recruiting was commenced by Capt. P. A. Sfiatis. On Nov. 21 the first Sunday night recruiting meeting was held under the auspices of the Brant Recruiting League in the Brant Theatre. On Nov. 23 came the closing of the Brant Recruiting depot, through which recruits had formerly been obtained for active service squads of the 38th Dufferin Rifles,

Adjutant: Capt. A. Emmonds. Assistant Adjutant: Lt. K. V. Bunnell. Quartermaster: Capt. G. H. Sager. Paymaster: Capt. A. P. VanSomeren. Medical officer: Capt. G. M. Hanna. Machine Gun Officer: Lt. C. M. Shepherd. Signalling Officer: Lt. Thorburn. Company Commanders: A Company Capt. (now Major) P. A. Shultis; B. Company, Capt. P. E. James; C. Company, Capt. A. Cockshutt; D. Company (Paris half), Capt. W. W.

the week, which is believed to be a record for Brant County.

On February 2, 1916, the appointment of Rev. A. E. Lavell of Brant Avenue Methodist church, as chaplain of the battalion was announced, the popularity of this selection being at once evidenced by the showers of congratulations which were poured upon Mr. Lavell. The latter received the usual rank of Captain, and has since qualified for his position. Since his appointment to the battalion he has been prominent in social and sporting events, and has won tremendous popularity with all ranks.

A history of the 125th Battalion, however, brief or haphazard, would not be complete without mention of Sergt.-Major Oxtaby, for many years regimental sergeant major of the Dufferin Rifles, which is the parent regiment, so to speak, of the 125th. Sergt.-Major Oxtaby left Brantford in March, 1915, with the 36th battalion, and became later brigade sergeant major at Shorncliffe camp, England. In February, 1916, it was announced that, through the efforts of Lt.-Col. Cutcliffe and others, Sergeant-Major Oxtaby would return to Brantford and receive a commission in the 125th. On March 11, "S.M." arrived in the city and reported at once for duty, receiving lieutenant's rank and assuming the position of second in command of D company.

Tremendous crowds assembled at the G. T. R. Station on the morning of July 4, when the 125th took its departure; indeed it seemed that the entire population of Brantford and Brant County must be gathered together in full strength. Young and old, men, women and children alike were in attendance, in such numbers as the city has never before seen, all present for the one purpose of bidding farewell to some near and dear one, husband, father, brother, son or sweetheart.

To the tenderness of the many parting scenes enacted at the station, as the battalion entrained in good order, justice could be done by no mortal pen; the hands wrung, the tears wept, no mortal eye might even hope to count. Truly, the scene was a sad one; yet there was in it a touch of that sublimity which elevates the soul above the things of earth, in the noble and unselfish spirit of self-sacrifice exhibited by all concerned; by the soldiers who have rallied to the call of their country in her hour of need, and, perhaps, in even greater measure by the women who have given up their dear ones and who remain behind; the women to whose lot falls the long days and months of anxious watching and waiting after the 125th battalion reaches the trenches of the battlefield; the women who must wait and pray for the loved ones far away, doing battle for the liberty of the empire.

Royal, indeed, was the send-off accorded the 125th Battalion, both collectively and individually, and still more royal will be the reception tendered to the returning members of the regiment. And, may they be many, if not all, of the gallant men who have gone so nobly forth. The hope it is of all that the 125th Battalion may reach the front in time to play a prominent part in the final victory, which will win for the allies the principles for which they have been fighting; yet many will be the prayers breathed in the long days and months of waiting to come, that it may not be long before the First Brant Battalion returns in triumph to this city, its share done

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Pte. Davis, Lincoln Home Guard and his Two Sons. Sergt. Major Drake is a Son-in-law.

the 32nd Battery and the 25th Brant Dragoons. It was announced that henceforth all recruits obtained in Brant county would join the 125th Battalion.

Of the men already recruited into the 38th, 32nd and 25th, some 250 in number, 100 were drafted to artillery regiments at Toronto, the 150 remaining being transferred to the 125th, and thus forming a nucleus for the battalion.

From this date matters progressed both rapidly and favorably, recruiting being continued under full sway. On Dec. 3 the full staff of the battalion was announced:

Officer Commanding: Lt. Col. M. F. B. Cutcliffe. Second in Command: Major H. J. G. McLean. Junior Major: Major W. F. New-

Patterson; D company, Capt. H. K. Jordan.

The Honorary Colonel On December 11, 1915, Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., for South Brant, who had done so much in the organizing of the 125th, was appointed honorary lieutenant-colonel, a title which he has borne worthily ever since. During the month of December and January recruiting was carried on at a record pace, it being a usual occurrence to obtain twenty-five men or more over a week-end, and so well did the battalion thrive that in February last, a grand week's recruiting campaign was planned with the purpose of bringing the battalion up to full strength, after less than three months of active recruiting. Though the campaign did not accomplish this, a total of over 150 recruits were obtained during



PTE. JAS. HUGGINS  
Died in a Dublin Hospital, 1915.



LANCE CORP. DEAN  
Veteran of 4th Battalion  
Invalided Home.



BANDMASTER BARTRAM



Three Whittaker Brothers Together at The Front

# FOR THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND OUR FREEDOM



MAJOR T. P. JONES  
Second in Command of the Mad Fourth Battalion



PTE R. CROSS  
4th Battalion. Wounded. April. 1915



PTE. C. ROWLAND.  
Wounded



CORP. HERB ORR.  
Wounded at Ypres, and invalided home, October, 1915.



PTE. W. BLACKER  
4th Battalion. Wounded at Ypres. Returned Home, Jan., 1916.



CAPT E. F. COREY  
Paymaster, 215th Battalion



STAFF CAPT. FRED. MILLER  
Veteran of the Mad Fourth Battalion



CAPT. W. F. BATTERSBY  
Awarded the Military Cross. Motor Machine Gun Battery.



MAJOR A. N. ASHTON  
Late Commander of 36th Battalion Now with the Mad Fourth



MAJOR J. LOVETT, M.C.  
Of Ayr, who returned from the front last month, having won the Military Cross.



LT. K. V. BUNNELL  
Assistant Adjutant, 125th Battalion.

## Response of Brantford and Brant County

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in the ensuring of the world's peace against further molestation from the hordes of Prussia.

It was with mingled relief and anxiety that the morning was waited for by the members of the 125th Battalion; with relief for the long suspense which they had borne during the past two months, and anxiety as the day of parting drew ever nearer. All were on hand early, however, and in the glow of a fine July morning the battalion assembled 1,100 odd strong, on the vacant Buck square near the armories, all in good order and under perfect discipline. Early though the hour was, tremendous crowds were gathered on all sides when Lieut.-Col. Cutcliffe requested ex-Mayor J. H. Spence to say a few words of farewell to the departing soldiers.

"We of Brantford," declared Mr. Spence, "are justly proud of the 125th Battalion, whose men we expect to distinguish themselves on the battle front, and to give as good an account of themselves as this city's sons have already done. I am certain that I echo but feebly the sentiment of every one present here, and of every resident of Brant County, when I wish you God-speed and a safe return." The speaker went on to pay tribute to the sacrifice being made by the dependents, of the soldiers, whose moments of anxiety were now only beginning and to assure them of the hearty sympathy and assistance whenever possible, of the Patriotic Fund Society.

"Officers of the 125th Battalion," he continued, "you have a grand bunch of men; men, you have a noble staff of officers. Going, as you do, all from Brant County, I am sure that you will be animated in the days to come with the same brotherly spirit which has always inspired the men of this county. Again, I wish you God-speed and a safe return.

Mr. Spence's words were responded to by three hearty cheers and a tiger for the Mayor and citizens of Brantford, called for by Lieut.-Col. Cutcliffe. Amid the strains of the military bands, the battalion then proceeded to form en route, after which the procession set out via Brant Avenue and Dalhousie street.

Leading, came the 215th battalion, with both bands playing, and with its full complement of officers and men; following and leading the 125th, was Brant, the pony mascot of the battalion, guided by a member of the pioneer corps. Then came the signal section, under Lt. Thorburn, followed by Lieut.-Col. Cutcliffe and other staff officers. "A" Company, under Major Shultis, and B. company under Major James; the machine gun section, under Lt. Shepard; the bugle band in charge of Bugle-Major Mellor, and the brass band, under Bandmaster Bertram, bringing up the rear, the local half of C company, under Major Cockshutt, and D company, under Major Jordan.

By the time the procession was

well under way, crowds lined the streets along which the route was laid, and thousands of faces showed at the windows and doors, and thousands of hands waved farewell to the battalion. At the station the crowd was even more in evidence, standing room everywhere being at a premium with every inch of available space for a wide radius, occupied by eager spectators.

At 8.10 the first train of ten passenger coaches drew in, being immediately occupied by A. and B. companies, the signal section, the bugle band and the staff officers, who, from the rear observation platform

in the past, when the battalion paraded through the city's streets. The familiar numerals, 125, are gone from our vision, and with them have gone those who wore them, and who wear them still, and who will cherish them in pride and triumph in days to come, when this war is a thing of the past, and when it will be told as history, how the 125th battalion left Brantford.

The 215th.  
On February 19th last it was that the first intimation of a second Brant battalion came locally, and with startling suddenness. Mr. Harry Cockshutt, honorary colonel of the

situated in the old Y.M.C.A. building at 189 Colborne street. On March 9th recruiting duly commenced, 28 men being signed in the first day. Matters progressed favorably with the new unit, and ere long the first hundred mark was reached.

Various prominent local men had in the meantime received appointments as officers in the 215th, and on March 25th the staff was announced as follows:

Lt.-Col. and officer commanding, Lt.-Col. Harry Cockshutt.  
Second in command, Major A. T. Duncan.  
Junior Major, Major H. E. Snider.  
Adjutant, Captain E. Sweet.  
Quartermaster, Capt. R. J. Ferguson.  
Paymaster, Capt. E. H. Corey.  
Medical Officer, Capt. L. H. Coates.

To these have since been added the following appointments:  
Assistant adjutant, Lt. G. A. Duncan.  
Chaplain, Capt. the Rev. S. E. McKegney.  
Signalling officer, Lieut. Frank Woods.

Company commanders, Capt. W. N. Andrews, Capt. W. Joyce, Capt. J. H. Pearce.

Progress of the most satisfactory and gratifying nature has been made by the battalion during the past four months. In May a recruiting campaign productive of the most wonderful results was carried out, when for a week over twenty men were signed daily, Brantford on one occasion leading the whole of this military division with 29 men, being one more than Toronto's total. Of late there has been a slight falling off in recruiting here in common with other places throughout the country, but Brantford has already remained up to, if not over, the average.

No attempted biography of the 215th battalion could be styled complete without reference to the two splendid bands gathered together for the unit, which participate ideally in almost every public and social function held, and which bear the deserved reputation of being two of the best in Canada. The brass band of 30 pieces under Bandmaster Walters, formerly of the 48th battery, and the bugle and trumpet band, commanded by Bugle Sergt. Dickson, are heard to perfection almost daily on the city's streets. The musical matters of the battalion are in the hands of a very efficient committee.

For the second time within a period but slightly over a month, Brantford bade farewell to a home-raised battalion leaving for the summer camp. On July 4th last, the 125th, left the city for Borden camp, while on August 7 the 215th Battalion, approximately 600 strong, took its departure for Niagara, there to spend the summer months in training, which could not be obtained at home.

The day, awaited by all alike with mingled sentiments of joy and sorrow, dawned at last, bright and clear. The 215th was early astir, in readiness for the impending departure, and early though the hour fixed for assembling was, the lates were but very few and far between. By seven o'clock, at which hour the battalion was assembled, crowds were also in evidence about the headquarters. Drawn up on the market square in

LT.-COL. W. C. BROOKS  
Officer Commanding the Depot Regiment, C. M. R., Hamilton

25th Brant Dragoons, on that day received from Ottawa, information that he had been placed upon the active service list with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Canadian Expeditionary forces, and that he was authorized to recruit in Brant county an infantry battalion to be known as the 215th overseas battalion.

With every characteristic of the man in every branch of business, Lt. Col. Cockshutt proceeded at once with the organization of his unit. In order to give to the 125th battalion, then over 1000 strong, opportunity to complete its numbers, it was announced that recruiting would not commence immediately for the 215th battalion. The work of internal organization was however proceeded with at once, and in excellent manner.

On Monday, March 6 came the announcement that active recruiting for the 215th would commence on Thursday, March 9th and that the battalion headquarters would be

readiness, the men awaited orders to proceed.

In accordance with the request of Mayor Bowlby, the majority of the city council assembled also near the square, and at 7.45 the Mayor addressed the battalion, extending his best wishes for Godspeed to Niagara camp. "A noble body of men," he declared, "voluntarily enlisted in the service of their King in honor to uphold the honor and liberty of their country, and to suppress the unspeakable brutalities, barbarism and blasphemies of the Hohenzollern and their satellites. To say nothing of the unspeakable Turk, who appears to be getting all the deserves at the hands of that great warrior, the Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia. All of you will uphold the honor of Canada in this struggle for righteousness, the greatest that the world has ever seen."

Mayor Bowlby continued, admitting that some of those who were now leaving the city might not return at the end of the war. If any such, they would have made the supreme sacrifice, and died in the service of King and country. The speaker closed with the expression of the hope that these might be few and far between, and that the 215th battalion might enjoy a triumphal return to Brantford at the close of the war.

As chairman of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, Ald. J. S. Dowling assured the battalion of the care which was taken by that body, of soldiers returned from the front. For the hearty and enthusiastic co-operation which the Commission had received from Lt. Col. Cockshutt and the members of the 215th battalion, he expressed his sincere appreciation and thanks, and extended to all a hearty wish for Godspeed and a safe return.

In one of his characteristically brisk and apropos speeches, Lt. Col. Cockshutt thanked the citizens of Brantford in general for the splendid treatment accorded the 215th during its stay here, and the ladies in particular for all they had done, including the lunches supplied for the journey by the W. P. L. After expressing regret at leaving the city, and the desire and expectation of all to return to Brantford for the winter months, the speaker closed by calling on the battalion to give three hearty cheers for the citizens of Brantford. This being heartily done, it was responded to by three cheers for the 215th battalion, given with a will by all present at the call of Mayor Bowlby.

With very little delay the battalion then proceeded to get under way, marching from the square onto Colborne street, and thence to Market Street. At this juncture the Paris Company, under Capt. Pearce, arrived on the scene by a special car from Paris, detraining at the corner of Market and Colborne, and falling in in the rear of the remainder of the battalion.

With the bands heading the procession and playing heartily the while, the battalion wended its way along South Market street toward the T. H. and B. station, attended by tremendous crowds on the way. Parents, wives, sisters, sweethearts, and children of those in the ranks, all were represented in large numbers. (Continue on page 31.)



Sapper Frank Rousell, of Paris  
Awarded the Military Cross



LT.-COL. C. M. NELLES, R. C. D.  
Formerly of the Dufferin Rifles, Recommended for Gallantry and Distinguished Service.



CAPT. A. H. BODDY  
162nd Battalion, who was recently reported ill.



CAPT. G. M. HANNA  
Medical Officer 125th Battalion



CAPT. G. H. SAGER  
Quartermaster, 125th Battalion



CAPT. A. C. EMMONS  
Adjutant, 125th Battalion.



MAJOR W. F. NEWMAN  
Commanding A Company, 125th



MAJOR H. J. G. McLEAN  
Second in Command of the 125th



CAPT. R. J. FERGUSON,  
Quartermaster, 215th Battalion

# FOR THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND OUR FREEDOM



Lt. C. M. SHEPPARD  
Machine Gun Officer, 125th Battalion



MAJOR ASHTON COCKSHUTT  
Veteran of 10th Battalion, Now With  
the 125th



MAJOR P. E. JAMES  
125th Battalion



MAJOR W. W. PATTERSON  
Who Commanded the Paris Company  
of the 125th Battalion



CAPT. A. P. VAN SOMEREN  
Paymaster, 125th Battalion



CAPT. E. SWEET  
Adjutant, 215th Battalion.



MAJOR H. E. SNIDER  
Veteran of the C.M.R., now with the  
215th



LT. BURT  
Of the Royal Flying Corps

## Response of Brantford and Brant County

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and countless were the tender and affecting scenes of parting enacted en route and at the station, where the last farewells were said and the last embraces made. In good order the battalion entrained in the waiting cars, and at 8.30, amid silence more impressive than cheering, the 215th battalion, with hands and handkerchiefs waving final adieux, drew out of Brantford for Niagara camp.

Under ideal weather circumstances and in the presence of a large gathering of visitors from this city the presentation of colors to the 215th battalion took place with due ceremony and reverence at Niagara-on-the-Lake on Saturday, Aug. 26. Dedicated and consecrated by His Grace

assisting troops withdrew to the rear of the parade grounds and, with the arrival of the principals of the event, the presentation was proceeded with.

Upon the piled drums of the bugle and trumpet band of the 215th battalion, the colors were reclined, in the centre of a hollow square formed by the battalion upon three sides. The brass band of the battalion came forward and the color party advanced to the drumhead pulpit, where the colors were uncased by Capt. Sweet and Capt. Andrews.

The soft, reverential strains of the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," rendered by the band, next filled the air with soft melody, and with bowed heads the gathering stood in rapt silence. Followed then the consecration and the dedicatory prayers by His Grace Bishop of Huron, assisted by Major Drummond, Chaplain of Niagara, and Capt. McKegney, battalion chaplain, the service being repeated amid hushed and reverent silence on all sides. A scene of true impressiveness it was,

al Logie to the Battalion bore the same tenor.

In an eloquent and masterful address of the most impressive nature, Bishop Williams delivered to the battalion a firm exhortation to bring naught save glory and honor upon the Colours which they now bore the King's Colours, representing all that was best in the traditions of the British Army, which should be to them an inspiration and an impelling force. The British flag stood for truth, honour, liberty and justice, the very reverse of the German ideals. The flag bore three crosses, calling to mind the words of the Lord, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend." Here in these words, was epitomized the spirit of

der and system which reigned everywhere.

Of the showing made by the 215th during the ceremony, too much could not be said; the three weeks spent in camp brought the unit to a remarkable point of efficiency, which could in no manner have been better demonstrated than was done that day, when all united in lavish but deserved praise for Brant County's second battalion.

During the summer stay of the 215th at Niagara came an appointment of the utmost interest and concern to all Brantfordites, whereby Lt. Col. Harry Cockshutt, organizer and commanding officer of the unit received the post of Honorary Lieutenant-colonel, the technical command of that unit being taken over by the present most capable commander, Lieutenant-Colonel W. O. Morris, late major of the 170th battalion. In November, came another change, whereby Col. Cockshutt became honorary colonel being authorized to accompany the unit overseas in that capacity, while Capt. Sweet, adjutant of the battalion, was offered the rank of an Hon. Colonel.

In the presence of one of the largest gatherings assembled in the city, the 215th Battalion, home for the winter from Niagara Camp, detrained at the T. H. and B. station on the afternoon of October 16, being ac-

one accord to see the return of Brant County's Second Battalion. Shortly after two o'clock amid the ringing of bells and the blowing of whistles, as requested by the officials, accompanied by the cheers of the assemblage the train bearing the 215th drew into the station, in good order the battalion detrained, in full marching order, and headed the procession from the T. H. and B. station to the Market Square.

Here, in accordance with arrangements capably made by Lt.-Col. H. F. Leonard, City Clerk, were gathered together the Mayor, and Aldermen of the City Council, together other civic dignitaries and officials. Addresses of welcome to the Battalion were delivered by a number of speakers, the soldiers being assured of every comfort and courtesy in the city during the winter.

Following the civic reception, an adjournment was made to the mess rooms of the battalion, where a tasty luncheon was served by the ladies of the Women's Patriotic League, who have ever been prominent in the work of administering to the comforts of the soldiers of Brantford and Brant County. The battalion assumed the quarters in the Armories occupied last winter by the 84th Battalion.



CORP. JOHN COBDEN  
Wounded at the Battle of the Marne



LT. R. S. WATSON  
Brantford Boy, Educated in Paris,  
Winner of the Military Cross



LIEUT. C. THORBURN  
Signalling Officer, 125th Battalion.



PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO THE 215TH AT NIAGARA CAMP.

Bishop Williams of Huron, assisted by Major Drummond, camp chaplain, and Capt. the Rev. S. E. McKegney chaplain of the 215th battalion, the colors were presented by the Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Cockshutt, and received by Lts. Smilie and Patton on behalf of the battalion. Distinguished guests present were Sir John Hendrie, Lieutenant governor of Ontario, and Major-General Logie.

Availing themselves of the excellent opportunity afforded all loyal Brantfordites of witnessing a scene of such solemnity and significance to them, large numbers from this city made the trip to the camp by the special excursion train run for the occasion, while many others motored to the scene of the presentation. Owing to a misunderstanding as to the time of the ceremony, many arrived late, for the event commenced shortly after ten o'clock, in place of eleven, as was previously decided upon. At the former hour the troops assembled upon the divisional parade ground, the 215th battalion, 600 strong the 162nd the 169th and the detail of Divisional cyclists stationed St. Niagara.

A general salute was rendered to General Logie, honoring the presence of that officer, for so long the efficient commander of No. 2 military district, who is slated for oversea service. Following the salute, the

the invocation of the blessing of the Almighty upon the colors.

The consecration over, the Colors were received from the hands of the Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Cockshutt, by Lts. Smilie and Patton, with bended knee. The Battalion re-formed line, and executed a general salute to the Colours by presenting arms, following which the bearers, accompanied by Capt. Sweet and Andrews, returned to the ranks.

Sir John Hendrie addressed briefly, paying the highest tribute to the work done by Brantford and Brant County in recruiting since the outbreak of the war; a standard set, stated the speaker, which had not been passed anywhere, if ever equalled, which was indeed a matter of doubt. Brantford had turned out magnificent soldiers in the past, and she had once more given in the ranks of the 215th Battalion men who though of the second battalion of the county, were second to none.

A few words addressed by Gener-



LT. COL. H. COCKSHUTT  
Organizer and Honorary Colonel,  
215th Battalion.  
(Col. Cockshutt has borne all the  
expenses of the 215th).  
Battalion

the British Army, which would in future days be upheld by the 215th Battalion upon the field of battle.

The address finished, the battalion retired to resume its position in the brigade, and the march past was then carried out, the salute being taken by Sir John Hendrie, at the saluting base. In column of companies, close column of companies and column of route, the brigade marched past the base; dismissal then followed, and the units repaired to their private parade grounds. The time of the 215th was given over largely for the remainder of the day to showing the visitors about the camp, admiration being elicited from all quarters at the or-



B. Company, the Paris Section of the 125th

corded a reception, which for hearty cordiality and sincerity has never been excelled, if, indeed, ever equalled, in the days of the present war.

At an early hour in the morning the Battalion was astray at Niagara, and with such zeal and enthusiasm was the work of breaking camp entered into by all, that at 10 o'clock the special train waiting at the camp pulled out of Niagara-on-the-Lake with its full convoy aboard, and eager for the homeward trip.

Word of the journey was sent at almost every stopping point on the way to the local depot of the 215th, so that an accurate knowledge of the progress made was obtained, and the time for the Battalion's arrival here fixed definitely. From noon, however, the crowds were gathering at the station and all along the route to be taken by the Battalion. Every age and class in Brantford was well represented in the cosmopolitan throng which gathered anxious with

A PAIR OF SOCKS  
Twenty thousand little stitches  
Go to make a soldier's sock.  
That's not counting up the hitches  
Nor the minutes by the clock.

Forty thousand little stitches,  
Then, it takes to make a pair.  
And it means a heap of riches  
If you count the thought that's there.

There's a little wisp of laughter  
Just to keep your spirit gay,  
There's a thread of tough resistance  
For to give you strength by day.

There's a filament of firelight  
Stretching out across the sea  
Just to warm you in the cold night.  
And a glow of cheer to be.

There's a smooth soft strand of comfort  
Meant to ease the longest road.  
And a friendly comrade-feeling  
That would like to share your load.

Forty thousand little stitches  
Then, it takes to make a pair,  
And all were woven closely  
With the armour of a prayer.  
Polly Peele,

LT. H. GENET  
With the British Imperial Forces.



PTE. G. SKINNER  
Died, March, 1916



The Boys left Paris on Saturday, Aug. 22nd, to join the 38th Duffs of Brant. First to leave Paris in 1914,



LT.-COL. F. A. HOWARD  
Brigadier at Camp Borden, Served  
Also at Shornecliffe



LT.-COL. MUIR  
From a picture taken when he was  
Major  
He organized the 25th Brant Dragoons, and is still the Commanding Officer. Since the war started, thirty officers and over 500 men have enlisted under the auspices of the Dragoons, and Lt.-Col. Muir has from the first offered to go. He has always been an ardent military man, and when a college student was a member of the Queen's Own Rifles.



CAPT. F. E. HICKS,  
58th Battalion; Invalided Home



The Paris contribution to the C.M.R. Second Contingent. They were commanded by Major W.R. Patterson

# THE PROUD RECORD MADE BY PARIS



**Alfred Edward Frost, Robinson** was born at Montreal, July 7th, 1894, and was therefore 22 years of age. His public school education was received at the Lachine Academy, and at the outbreak of the war he was a student at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, where his uncle, Dr. Tory, is principal. He enlisted at Montreal in August, 1915, with the Third University Company, being reinforcements for the Princess Patricia's. He had been in the trenches since January, 1916, and was officially reported "Missing," after the battle of Sanctuary Woods early in June, 1916. His Platoon Commander, Lieut. Stanley Fife, a Rhodes Scholarship man, and three other Alberta University students, were killed in this engagement, and five wounded. His younger brother, Kenneth, is with the 4th Battalion, and has been recommended for a commission. They are both sons of Mr. C. B. Robinson, Secretary-Treasurer of Penmans Ltd.



**Pte. Harold Hartley** was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to Paris some five years ago. He enlisted here in July, 1915, in the 38th Dufferin Rifles, transferred to the 76th Battalion and later was drafted to the 24th Battalion, leaving for England in Sept. last. Pte. Harold Hartley had served in the trenches for upwards of four months and was reported "killed in action" June 7th, 1916. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hartley, of Upper Town, and before enlisting, was employed in No. 7 mill. Prior to leaving town Harold was remembered by the men of St. James' Bible Class, of which he was a faithful member.



**Pte. Walter Rowe** was a native of Nottingham, England, and came to Canada with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rowe, some nine years ago, settling in Paris. He was 19 years of age, and early in July, 1915, enlisted in the 38th Dufferin Rifles, but later transferred and went to England. Walter was killed in action on June 16th, 1916. Besides his parents, he leaves three brothers and five sisters. One brother and four brothers-in-law are also serving with the overseas forces. Walter was a member of St. James' choir and Bible class.



**Pte. James Henselwood** reported killed in the early part of June, 1916, was a native of Scotland. He had resided in Paris about four years before the war broke out. Shortly after hostilities commenced, and the call came for men, he enlisted in the 19th Battalion at Hamilton. Henselwood went over to England with the first contingent and had seen considerable fighting. While here he attended the Presbyterian church, his manly qualities making him many friends. A widowed mother and sister survive him in Scotland.



**PTE. JOHN GROGGINS.** News was received in town by Mrs. David Murray that her youngest son, Pte. Fergus G. McLaughlin, was suffering from shell shock and wounds. On Saturday further word was received that he had died from effects of same. Keen to fight for the Empire, he enlisted shortly after the outbreak of the war, and sailed for England in Feb., 1915. He had been at the front for some 15 months, and was twice wounded before.



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**PTE. SIDNEY CURL.** Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Curl received the sad intelligence from the Militia Department at Ottawa that their son, Pte. Sidney Curl, had been killed in action on Sept. 3rd, 1916, somewhere in France. Pte. Curl left with the 84th battalion a few months ago, but later volunteered for the 73rd Highlanders. Sidney was well known in Paris, being a great football player and an all round athlete. He was a member of St. James' Men's Society, an adherent of St. James Church, and a general favorite with all who knew him. His brother, Pte. Geo. Curl, of the 98th battalion, is at the front. The sympathy of the community will be extended to the bereaved family in their hour of trial.

**Corpl. A. Harper** Qua officially reported among Canadian troops killed in action during the fighting in the early part of June, 1916, enlisted in August, 1914, in



the First Field Co'y, Canadian Engineers, and went over with the first contingent. At the time of his enlistment Corpl. Qua held the position of chief draughtsman with the West-ingham Company, Hamilton. He had been at the front in Belgium and France since February, 1915, without suffering any injury until the time of his death, although he had been through a number of severe engagements. He was the oldest son of the late Arthur and Mrs. Qua, of Paris. Another son, Norman, is also at the front. In a letter written since Harper's death, by one of his closest soldier friends, he said,—"Harper was, without any reservation, the best soldier and man I knew. In my year of soldiering I never heard him grouch or grumble once. He was always cheerful and thoughtful of others. Whether on the march, in billeting or in the trenches, he carried himself the way I would like a brother of mine to do."



**Pte. Lawrence Moore** Mr. and Mrs. John J. Moore of Paris Station, received the sad intelligence from the Militia Department at Ottawa, that their son, Pte. Lawrence Moore, had died from wounds received in action, in the First Canadian Field Ambulance, on Sept. 21st. Pte. Moore was born and educated in Paris, and was the second eldest son. He enlisted in the 38th Dufferin Rifles and went to Camp Niagara as a member of the 76th battalion. Shortly after his arrival in England he was transferred to the 1st batt., and crossed over to France early last June. Besides his sorrowing parents, he leaves three brothers, Frank being in the 215th batt., at Camp Niagara, and five sisters, to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended in their bereavement. The late Pte. Moore was a member of the Church of the Sacred Heart, as also an active worker of the Young Men's Society in connection with same. On Monday last the members of the latter organization had Requiem High Mass celebrated on behalf of their two deceased members—Pte. Lawrence Moore and Pte. Arthur Gibbons. Parents received word on Sept. 27th of his death, 1916.

## The Clarion Call of The Empire Meets With a Magnificent Response in the Neighboring Town — Review of the Patriotic Work Done There

(From our own correspondent) The pretty town of Paris, nestling between the hills and situated on the banks of the Grand and Nith Rivers, has always been noted for its loyalty and love for the Mother Land, and the great British Empire. In the past its sons have borne arms in defence of same, and starting partially from the Riel Rebellion, and later on the Boer War, many left Paris for the veldt, and fought beneath the old flag, bringing renown to Canada for the gallant manner in which our soldiers bore themselves in the presence of the enemy.

On the fateful evening of Tuesday, August 4th, 1914, when it was known here that Great Britain had entered the war on behalf of the defence of Belgium, Paris placed herself and sons at the call of the Empire, and right nobly have the men from town and vicinity responded, and most loyally have been supported by the women of Paris and surrounding country in supplying comforts, aid to the hospital ship, etc. While several of our young men from town and outside points at once rallied to the colors, the first to leave Paris as a unit, was on August 22nd, when a great send off was given the men who left here, having joined the 38th Dufferin Rifles for Valcartier, forming a portion of the gallant first contingent. Several small units having left in the meanwhile since the boys went to Valcartier. On Nov. 21st B. Squadron, 25th Brant Dragoons left here for the second overseas contingent, in charge of Captain W. R. Patterson, as members of the 4th Mounted Rifles, and who have since covered themselves with glory at the front. A further draft of the 4th C. M. R. left here on Jan. 20th. Since then at various periods our boys have

left with the 32nd Howitzer battery, 2nd Dragoons, the 84th Battalion and other units.

Following these, came the formation of a Brant Battalion, the 125th to which Paris contributed men in no mean way, forming practically C company and who are now across the ocean. Then followed the second Brant Battalion, the 215th, under Lt. Col. H. Cockshutt, and again Paris met the call, furnishing a large quota.

In all, since hostilities broke out, around 500 men have left here to serve the Empire. There are over 170 names on the Patriotic list, of married men, or of sons supporting a mother, before enlisting. And in the matter of killed and wounded, Paris has borne her share. The first to make the supreme sacrifice was Ivor Murray, formerly of the Bank of Montreal, whose home was at Nova Scotia. In wounded there are many, two missing, while two or three are prisoners.

We must not forget to mention the honor conferred on Paris, by having two nursing sisters, Miss Florence Nichols and Miss Olive Whitby, who have gone to the front. With regard to the work of the women, too much cannot be said, as in addition to the thousand and one comforts sent the men by the various organizations here, thousands of dollars have been raised for Patriotic, Red Cross and other work, as also the relief of the refugee Belgians, French and Serbians.

A machine gun has been presented, hospital ambulance, field kitchen, etc., and recruiting is again being vigorously carried on for the 213th battalion.

Major Wm. R. Patterson Wins D.S.O. Among the names of Canadian of-

ficers decorated for bravery at the front, is that of another Paris boy. On Nov. 27th word was received that "Major Wm. R. Patterson. 4th Mounted Rifles, led an attacking force with the greatest courage and determination, and captured two enemy trenches. Later he organized bombing attacks and consolidated the position." He has been awarded the distinguished service order, the next highest distinction to the Victoria Cross.

Major Patterson was born and educated in Paris, and is the eldest son of Mayor John M. Patterson. He also has another brother, Sergt. J. A. Patterson at the front, who went overseas with the 125th Battalion. Major Patterson has been connected with the Military service for the past 10 years. He held the position as Lieut. in the 25th Brant Dragoons, and later taking out his certificate was appointed to a Captaincy in the Second Dragoons. Upon the outbreak of the war, he went as Captain of the 4th CMR, and has seen much service at the front, being gazetted as Major last August.

Another boy to win distinction at the front, is Sapper Frank Roussel, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Roussel, Queen street Sapper Roussel was born in Paris 21 years ago, and is an ex-pupil of the High school. He enlisted with the 74th Battalion at Brantford, but later left with a draft of the 76th Battalion of the C. E. F. on Sept. 3rd, 1915. Since being in England he has joined the telegraph or cable service, in connection with some work. While under fire in connecting up wires he was awarded the Military Cross for his gallantry. He is also promoted to the rank of Corpl.

Another ex-pupil of the Paris High school to win honors at the front is Lieut. Robert S. Watson, second eldest son of Mr. E. P. Watson, of Brantford, and formerly of Paris. Lieut. Watson received his education here and was on the staff of the Bank of Montreal, prior to leaving for Calgary a few years ago. He enlisted as a Pte. in British Columbia and worked his way up on the battlefields. Word was received in town on Nov. 30th about the heroic deed he had done. It seems, with three other men, that he was able to keep 250 Germans at bay, until reinforcements came up, and they were captured. He is now Acting-Major Watson.

Won Military Cross for Valor on Monday, Nov. 6th, 1916, word



**CORPL. CHAS. BALL** Enlisted in the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles in 1914 and left Paris with Capt. W. R. Patterson's party on Nov. 21st for winter camp at Toronto, and crossed over to England early the following year. In 1916 he saw considerable service in France, and after the battle of Ypres on June 2nd, Ball was reported among the missing. He was born in Oxfordshire, England, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ball, Paris Station, and is well known around town. At time of enlistment he was employed by Mr. Isaac Stewart. No further word has been received since July last, when reported missing. He was a member of St. James' Mens' Club. A younger brother is with the 215th battalion.

was received in town that Major Jas. H. Lovett had been awarded the Military Cross for bravery on the field. He enlisted with the 79th Canadian Highlanders at Winnipeg, as a private, with the first contingent and has risen solely by merit to his present high position, and is at present attached to the 13th Canadian Highlanders. He has been three times wounded and is now convalescing, being home on furlough with his father, Dr. Wm. Lovett at Ayr, and his brother, Dr. A. S. Lovett of Paris. Major Lovett is a graduate of the Paris High School, and was also connected with the Bank of Commerce here before going West.

nine years ago, settling in Kingston, two years later coming to Paris, where they have since resided. Sergt. Caile enlisted in the 80th battalion at Kingston, and later was drafted into the 73rd Highlanders, going overseas last May. His parents received word that Sergt. Caile, an only son, had died from wounds on Oct. 13th in the field ambulance. Deceased was well known and highly esteemed around town. For some time before leaving he took an active interest in the Boy Scout movement, and held the position of Assistant Scout Master. Besides the sorrowing parents, six sisters are also left to mourn his loss, the husbands of whom are all in khaki serving the Empire. Sergt. Caile was an adherent of St. James Church.

**PTE. ARTHUR GIBBONS.** On Monday word was received by Mr. J. Gibbons, West River Street, that his son, Pte. Arthur Gibbons, had been killed in action on Sept. 15, 1916. He was born at Kent-



**PTE. JOHN CAMPBELL** Word was received in town last week by Mr. Geo. Campbell of River Street, that his nephew, Pte. John Campbell had died from wounds, on Nov. 25th, received in the battle of the River Somme. He left Paris early in the summer with the 84th battalion, but later was transferred to draft of the 75th Highlanders. When in Paris he was employed at Penman's Ltd., as also with the Tate Bros., and boarded with his uncle in upper town. He was the oldest son of Mrs. John Campbell of Belfast, Ireland. He attended the Presbyterian church while here, and was held in high esteem by his many friends.



**Sapper V. E. Postill,** following the report that her son, Sapper V. E. Postill, had been wounded on Oct. 13, 1916, Mrs. Postill received word that he had died from the same the following day. Deceased enlisted with the 84th batt., and he had been at the front about five months. Sapper Postill was in his 21st year, and was born in Northfield Centre. He had resided in Paris about four years and for some time was in the employ of the Bell Telephone Co., here, and held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends. Besides his widowed mother three sisters and two brothers are left to mourn his loss, who will have the sympathy of all in their bereavement. Attended the Methodist church.



**Pte. Chas. McKie** Was killed in action during the severe fighting around Comblès, on Sept. 18th, 1916. He was the youngest son of the late Peter and Mrs. McKie, being born in Paris years ago, and was employed in the Sweater Dept., of Penman Ltd., at the outbreak of hostilities. He enlisted in the 76th batt., and went overseas with a draft in Sept., 1915, later crossing to France, being attached to a signalling corps. A widow and baby daughter are left to mourn his demise, as also three brothers and one sister Andrew and William of Hamilton. Robert and Margaret of Paris. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.



**Pte. Thos. Coxall.** Reported killed in action. Was born at Wigton, near Leicester, England. He came to Paris three years ago and was employed in the Sweater Dept. of Penman's Limited. He enlisted in the 76th Battalion, going over to England with a draft in Sept., 1915, and later crossed over to France with a signalling corps. While in Paris the late Pte. Coxall was an active member of the local football club. He was a member of the Congregational church. His relatives reside in England—one brother is convalescing from wounds while another is serving at the front. Killed the last week, in Oct., 1916



**CORP. SYDNEY A. GUYLEE.** Is another Paris boy who has made the supreme sacrifice. He was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. W. Guylee, of Dundas street, who received word on Monday that their son had succumbed to his wounds on Nov. 24th. He was only 18 years of age and went overseas with the 84th batt., but was later transferred in a draft to France. He came here with his parents from Lincoln, England, seven years ago. While in town he was a valued member of the S. A. band, and was employed at No. 1 Mill, Penmans Ltd., at the time of his enlistment, and highly esteemed by his acquaintances. Besides his parents he leaves two brothers and one sister, Walter, Richard and Evelyn.



leby, England, and came to Paris five years ago. He first enlisted in the 58th batt., and later was drafted into the 38th batt., leaving for England upwards of a year ago. There he was transferred to the 20th batt., and went over to France last Jan. as one of a machine gun section. His wife and one child, as also his mother, left for England last month, where the late Pte. Gibbons was to have met them later. His sister and second daughter left here for the old land later. Deceased was a member of the church of the Sacred Heart. His twin brother, Pte. Alfred Gibbons, is at present with the 125th batt., at Bramshott Camp, England. The bereaved ones will have the sympathy of the community in their trouble.

