A full half century afterward, W. G. Locker visited battlefields

of World War I. In a farmer's

field in France he even located

the place where he was wounded

their eight and a half month tour was a "thrill of a lifetime."

They both enjoy travelling and

Retired farmers, their home

is in Evansburgh, Alberta. He

has been back to visit his home

town of Acton various times, but

this time he has his long trip to.

The Lockers have been all the

way, to the east coast, and are in

Acton for about a week. They

have quite a few relatives here -

Andersons, Hansens and David-

Mr. Locker, son of the later

Mr. and Mrs. George Locker,

went to school in Acton but left

in 1908: He joined the army in

1914. After the war, he went

they were visiting for the first time but in Belgium and France

he retraced his steps of World

They were also in Germany,

Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Italy,

Austria, Switzerland, Northern Ireland, Eire, Scotland and Eng-

When Mr. Locker was wounded between Ariss and Cambray, he

was taken first to Boulogne hos-

pital and then back to England. They toured and photographed

the major battlefields of the first

War. Of course, the change was

remarkable. Now there are rows

of graves and impressive statues.

Among the special graves he saw

that of Col. John McCrae, of

Guelph, the writer of In Flanders

on the land, too, and the Lockers

have pictures of German gun

In Dieppe, he purchased a ser-

ies of prints of photographs taken

by a German on the day of the

As well he has 700 photographs

Despite the number of places

they visited, they have to trouble remembering the slightest details of their long trip. "I have

not forgotten anything," said

They'll be headed back west

again soon by bus. But not too much happens if you just sit

still in Evansburgh, smiles Mr.

Locker. He's been back to Acton

five times in 49 years and looks

forward to more trips ahead.

McCrae, author of In Flanders

emplacements, still intact.

disastrous battle there.

he took himself.

Betty Locker.

World War II left its marks

War I - 50 years later.

Last year's extensive trip took the couple to 13 countries. Some

For Mr. and Mrs. Locker,

on August 25, 1918.

are presently in Acton.

tell about

sons among them.

west in 1919.

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Mr. and Mrs. Locker at the spot, where he was wounded on August 28, 1918.

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