

LETTERS FROM FRONT

NEPHEW OF JOSEPH ROADLEY TELLS OF FIGHTING.

Bombardment of Trenches Is Awful—Some of the Men Are Stained Yellow With Lyddite.

Joseph Roadley, 52 Frontenac street, has received a copy of a letter from his nephew, G. H. Lovell to his parents who reside at London, England. Mr. Lovell is a member of the 4th Cameron's and the letter, was written in the trenches of France, March 10th.

He describes the terrific bombardment that is taking place while he writes the letter under cover of a dugout. "Eighteen of us are in a small trench but we are told to hold it at all costs. We lost our captain early in another trench. Our sergeant has a nasty shrapnel wound in the head and Orville a shrapnel wound in the wrist. The latter was standing beside me at the time. Imagine twenty or thirty shell explosions every minute in front and rear, hour after hour. It is only surprising that more damage to life and limb does not occur."

Continuing his letter on March 15 Mr. Lovell says: "Our trench happens to be the one used by the troops in the advance made here and the unmercifully for five days. The sergeant mentioned previously has died from his wound. We buried a sergeant of the Grenadier Guards to-day. The first shave in ten days was had to-day. To-morrow I may have a wash if they do not bombard us too heavily."

A note was added by the censor which said: "The post referred to is the most important in the lines and the 4th Camerons have already been complimented by the general."

Mr. Lovell closes by stating that many miraculous escapades have taken place among the men some of whom are stained yellow with lyddite. Plenty of trophies could have been obtained but there is no means of keeping them.

Mr. Lovell is sure that he got his first German on the morning of March 10th but stated that he has no way of verifying it.

Pte. Fillion's Narrow Escape. Private O. G. Fillion of this city, who is attached to the 2nd Battalion,

on, First Brigade, C.E.F., writes to a friend under date of March 11th, and relates the narrow escape he had from being killed at 8 a.m. March 2nd.

Private Fillion opens his letter rather humorously although he is now confined in the hospital at Oxford University, suffering from a badly wounded ankle which has caused his foot to twist inwards. It is necessary that a board be placed under his leg and foot and the whole bandaged tightly to keep it in position.

Besides Pte. Fillion, the shrapnel shot wounded eight others around him in the same trench. We have had a fine time lately watching several fights between aeroplanes and anti-aeroplane craft. Several of them have been reported as having been put out of action. "We are having fine weather here now, although it is raining to-night. We expect fine weather in April. All the boys are well and feeling fine. Our biggest complaint is the native tobacco we buy here. It is peculiarly bad smoking, and if it was not for the issue of two ounces weekly of good stuff we would be absolutely lost."

"Well I am satisfied now I had a few cracks at the Germans and then they got me," says Pte. Fillion. "The fighting is fierce night and day. Believe me the Canadian boys are giving the Germans all that is coming to them. They go either to Paradise or elsewhere when they stick their heads over the trenches."

Pte. Fillion is of the opinion that the war will soon be over. He states that the Canadian Hospital in France is the best to be found at the seat of war. Pte. Fillion missed being sent there, over which fact he laments. However he has been in five hospitals, including the Duchess of Westminster's. No fault is found with the treatment of the hospitals but the writer says that they are starving the Canadians in France, while the British soldier is being fed like a king.

"I was a regular skeleton when I arrived in the hospital," he said. However the genial nurses whom Pte. Fillion and the other boys term "chickens" treat these wounded in tip-top fashion.

Letter From "Ken" Mundell. Two letters have been received by Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Mundell, from Staff-sergeant Kenneth Mundell with No. 1 Field Ambulance. He says that Rev. Mr. McGreer, formerly of St. Mark's church, Barriefield, held communion service for the field ambulance staff two weeks ago. He mentioned N. Armstrong and others as being in good health.

KINGSTON DOES WELL

IN REGARD TO NUMBER OF MEN FOR FRONT.

The Limestone City Is Well Represented In All the Contingents—No Other Place Has Done Better.

Kingstonians have a right to be proud of the number of men who have been sent from here to the front, as in practically every branch of the service there are Kingston men and officers. Beside the hundreds of men who went over with the First Canadian Contingent from Montreal there are hundreds of Kingstonians ready to go with the second and third, and all over the province Kingston has a name as being a strong and steady source of supply for a high type of soldier for overseas service.

Kingston men and officers in the Canadian Engineers at Ottawa, the 22nd Battalion in England and in the 21st Battalion here. For the third contingent Kingstonians are in the 8th and 26th Artillery Batteries, Army Medical Corps, Army Service Corps and other units, either in Canada or England waiting to go to the front. For fourth contingent, if there is one, there are now about fifteen men in the 14th Regiment being drilled every day. They are under pay, and although they will not be transferred to other battalions, are nominally in training for an overseas battalion which will probably be ordered as soon as the second contingent is out of the country, as it is, recruits are still being accepted.

The Canadian Engineers is not the only corps in which there are Queen's students waiting to go to the front. Lieut. J. E. Muckle is in the 26th Battalion as also several other men. There are Queen's students in the 26th Battalion and of course almost a hundred are drilled for No. 5 Stationary Hospital. The demand has been great but the call has been well answered, and after the clouds of war clear away it is doubtful if any place in the province will have proved as loyal in the proportionate number of men it has sent to the front as Kingston.

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The principal business transacted included a discussion as to ways and means of raising funds for donations to the hospital. Miss C. Boskill, superintendent of nurses, handed in a subscription of ten dollars. It is expected that others will follow suit to help along the worthy cause. It was decided that the Chapter would hold a sock shower in aid of the Red Cross Society that is doing such good work. The place set upon for holding it is not yet decided but in all probability it will be in a vacant store near the corner of Princess and Montreal streets.

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When they arrived in the city Mr. Hunter took them in charge and secured them places on farms. Also he had been in conversation with them for some time, they said that they wanted to go up street, but would be back by the time the men arrived to take them out to the farms. From the time they left the immigration rooms, they have not been seen or heard of. Trouble awaits them if they are found.

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Letters to the Editor

The Game Law. Mountain Grove, April 5.—(To the Editor): A Parham correspondent complains of the game law. Having hunted over the hills of central Frontenac nearly half a century ago when the breezy pins stood upon the land, there were lots of deer and you could get one almost any day. And the lakes were full of fish and I wish to tell your Parham correspondent that the divided and unorganized farmers of Frontenac have voted for party until the hills of Frontenac are denuded of their pines, the soil is all burned and the pine stumps stand upon bare rocks as monuments of the time the manufacturers dammed back the waters in the lakes, forcing the fish back into the swamps to spawn, where by drawing off the waters they were left to stink and rot in the summer's sun depleting the lakes of the fish. If there is one little deer hidden away in some swamp now it will take more men to drive him out than it would to drive the Germans out of the trenches.

They are asking the divided and unorganized farmers of Ontario this year to produce two bushels instead of one of all kinds of produce, but they have not guaranteed a market for the produce or fixed the price. Pork for instance, does not pay to manufacture it, at \$7 a hundred and, like all other manufacturers, if it does not pay, we quit producing the article. The village store-keeper takes a little produce in exchange for goods but we do not care to go to the expense of producing a large quantity unless we are guaranteed a market at a fixed price for the same. Now sir, it is time that every farmer in Ontario said to his neighbor, "We have been divided long enough, let us get together and ask for equal rights with the manufacture and commercial interests of this country." —J. R. MOORE.

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By annexing Franz Josef land, Russia increases the number rather than the extent of her possessions. The archipelago consists of about 60 islands, almost all of the group being covered with snowclad glaciers. Roumania is a little larger than England without Wales.

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