

The British Whig's Roll of Honor

Seven of Our Bravest and Best Respond To The Empire's Call

The Whig takes a justifiable pride to-day in presenting to its readers the likenesses of the seven employees who are now wearing the King's uniform. Accompanying these pictures are short individual sketches of their careers. Two of these men have been under fire for many months; one is, sad to relate, a prisoner-of-war, wounded and in hospital; the others are in various training centres, eagerly awaiting the orders to go to the front.

We feel that few newspapers can boast of such a record. It is unusual—unprecedented. But, then, what could you expect from a publication bearing such a loyal name—The British Whig? It had to be lived up to, you see. As impetuously as youth ever springs to the battlefield of life, these boys sprang forward to do—and die, if necessary—that the flame-red flag of freedom might be kept forever flying. They saw their duty clear, and, like tens of thousands of other gallant sons of Canada, they hastened to perform it. They have our admiration, our solicitude and all of our heart's best wishes for their present and future welfare.

On the firing line there is Capt. A. D. McConnell, serving with No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps; under the command of Lieut.-Col. A. E. Ross, and Private Michael Joyce, of the Army Service Corps; Private Walter Swann is a prisoner of war; Capt. H. E. Pense is a member of the 21st Battalion, as is also Bugler "Jack" Halliday, both of whom are at Shorncliffe Camp, Eng.; Lance-Corporal Alfred Smith went overseas with reinforcements of the 8th Canadian Mounted Rifles, and Private James Garrigan is now in training at Barriefield Camp.



CAPT. H. E. PENSE

Realizing that it was his duty to cross the ocean and fight for the weak who were being oppressed by the strong, Captain H. E. Pense enlisted in the 21st Battalion during the month of November, 1914. He is now at Sandling Camp, Kent, England, anxiously waiting for the call to come for the battalion to move into the trenches at the Dardanelles or France.

Before enlisting in the Canadian Expeditionary force, Captain Pense was employed as a linotype operator in the job department of the British Whig. After leaving the Kingston Collegiate Institute, where he graduated from the Commercial Department, he entered the Whig office with the intention of learning all branches of the newspaper business. His first position was in the press-room. After remaining in that department for a time, it was the wish of his uncle, the late E. J. B. Pense, that he learn the type-setting, and for that reason he entered as an apprentice in the job-room, where he stayed until he learned the trade of a job printer and linotype operator. While in the job department he had charge of the mechanical work on the Canadian Churchman and Church Life, which were edited by the late Mr. Pense.

About three years ago he joined the reportorial staff of the Whig, where he remained two years and then returned to his old position as a linotype operator.

From a child Capt. Pense always took a great interest in military activities. At the age of fourteen, while a student at the Kingston Collegiate Institute, he joined the Army Medical Corps in command of Major Abbott, and did duty at Barriefield Camp.

The following year he accompanied the medical unit to Cobourg for the annual camp. At the age of sixteen years he enlisted in the 14th Regiment as a private, and worked his way up in the ranks step by step until he became a captain, when he joined the expeditionary force. For some years he was attached to No. 8 Company with the rank of lieutenant, but about a couple of years ago he was transferred to No. 3 Company, which was in command of Captain George T. Richardson.

He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Pense, 426 Princess street.

THE honor of being the first employee of the British Whig to enlist for service abroad falls to the lot of Capt. A. D. McConnell, manager of the Circulation Department. He was at that time a lieutenant of No. 3 Cavalry Field Ambulance of the Canadian Militia, which was commanded by Lieut.-Col. A. E. Ross, of this city. The colonel and all his officers volunteered for overseas, and were given the task of recruiting and commanding No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps, of the First Canadian Contingent. Shortly afterwards Lieut. McConnell was promoted to a captaincy and made quartermaster, a position he was well qualified to fill.

Capt. McConnell spent the early years of his life in Athens and vicinity. Graduating from the High School at Athens, he entered Queen's University, where he spent a couple of years in the study of medicine. He came to the Whig about three years ago as circulation manager, and did splendid work in that department. His travels throughout the country in the interests of this paper enabled him to form a wide acquaintance, and his career at the front will be watched with interest by many people. His medical training gives him special qualifications for the position he fills in the Canadian forces at the front. He served for one season with his corps at Petewawa Camp. Splendid work is being done by him at the front.



CAPT. A. D. MCCONNELL

PTE. MICHAEL JOYCE, who crossed to England with the First Canadian Contingent, was wounded while fighting in France during the month of May, but is now back on the firing line.

When the call came last fall for men to go overseas with the Canadian Army Service Corps, he was one of the first to volunteer. Although he had a widowed mother, Mrs. Mary Joyce, who resides on Charles street, he believed that it was his call to go and help protect the weak. While at Valcartier and Salisbury Plains he proved himself to be a good soldier.

Before signing up in the overseas force, Pte. "Mike" Joyce, as he was better known, had some experience in military activities, having served for some years in No. 8 Company of the 14th Regiment.

When a mere lad, his great aim was to learn the printing trade, and for that reason he entered the Whig as an apprentice in the job department, where he served his apprenticeship. Later he left for Toronto, where he worked for a couple of years. He then returned to Kingston and was here when the call came for men to fight for King and Country.

During one of the battles in France, in the month of May, he was struck in the arm by some shrapnel and was compelled to leave the firing line for the time being. As soon as his arm improved he returned to France, and is there at the present time.



PTE. MICHAEL JOYCE

THE call to serve came so strong to James Garrigan, of the Whig job department, that he resigned his position on the staff last spring and joined the 8th Canadian Mounted Rifles and went to Ottawa for training. He is at Barriefield Camp at the present time, waiting to be selected to go overseas in one of the drafts.

Trooper James Garrigan is the eldest son of James Garrigan, shoe-maker, at the firm of J. H. Sutherland & Bro., Princess street. When very young he joined the staff of the Whig job department for the purpose of learning the printing trade. After completing his apprenticeship, he remained until the time of his enlistment.

He had some military training before enlisting in the overseas unit, having served for about three years in the 14th Regiment as a private. Garrigan was a member of the Regiment the year it visited Albany, N. Y. Ever since the Troop Club was organized in the city, Trooper Garrigan has been one of its most active members.



TROOPER JAMES GARRIGAN

LANCE-CORPL. WILLIAM ALFRED SMITH, who is a member of the draft from the 8th Canadian Mounted Rifles, now in England anxiously waiting to cross to the battle-front and get a crack at the Germans, had considerable military training before enlisting in the expeditionary force.

Lance-Corpl. Smith, who is son of W. H. Smith, of Cobourg, began his military career in 1900 when he went to camp as a bugler in the 40th Regiment. While in Peterboro in 1902 he joined the 57th Regiment. He showed his worth as a soldier, and for that reason was granted a commission in the same regiment in April, 1904, after receiving his commission as a lieutenant from the Infantry School at Toronto. In 1908 he transferred to the 40th Regiment until he went to Salem, Virginia, in 1911.

Although he possessed the qualifications for a lieutenantancy in the infantry, the call to go to the front came so strong to Smith that he enlisted in the 8th C.M.R. during the week of February 19th as a private. While in the training camp at Ottawa he was given the one stripe.

While employed with the British Whig, Smith proved himself to be a good linotype operator. He entered the printing business on April 10th, 1897, at the Express office, at Coborne, under the late George Keyes, where he worked over five years until 1902, when he went to Peterboro to fill a position on The Times. While employed at the latter office he learned to run the Rogers type-setting machine. Later he went to the Peterboro Review.



LANCE-CORPL. WM. ALFRED SMITH

PRIVATE WALTER SWANN, who at the present time is unfortunately a prisoner of war in Germany, was formerly employed as an assistant in the mailing department at the Whig. While carrying on his duties in this connection, he found time to attend the Kingston Business College, from which he graduated with high honors.

When the call was sounded last August for Canadians to go to the front and help England in the great war, Swann was in Regina. Realizing that as he was a single man, with few responsibilities, he felt it was up to him to enlist, and he did, going overseas with the 12th Battalion. When the contingent was moved from Salisbury Plain, the 12th Battalion was left as a reserve battalion, so he was transferred to the 7th Battalion and went to France.

He took part in all the engagements from the time the contingent went into action until April 24th, when he was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans. It was when the Canadians were forced to retreat that the bullet struck him and brought him to the ground. After being wounded he was compelled to lay in a ditch for twenty-four hours until he was picked up by the Germans and taken to a Red Cross hospital, where his injuries were attended to.

Later, recovering somewhat from his injuries, he was removed to another hospital. Writing home to his mother he tells her not to worry, as he is all right.



PTE. WALTER SWANN

ALTHOUGH just a few months over sixteen years of age, "Jack" Halliday, of the job department of the Whig, went up to the 21st Battalion orderly room last November and was accepted as a bugler in that battalion. He is at the present time at Sandling Camp, England, waiting for the orders to leave for the firing line.

Bugler "Jack" Halliday, who is the son of William Halliday, of the village of Portsmouth, realized that it was his duty to leave home, although it was against the wish of the parents at first. Upon seeing that he was determined to go to the front, the parents consented and signed the papers.

As soon as he joined the 21st Battalion the officers saw his worth as a bugler, and for that reason he was selected as one of the staff buglers, and sounded all the calls.

From the time that Halliday was about fourteen years of age he took a great interest in military affairs. For the past few years he was a bugler in the 14th Regiment Bugle Band.

IF HONOUR CALLS, WHERE'ER SHE POINTS THE WAY,
THE SONS OF HONOUR FOLLOW AND OBEY.