

BEEN ILL IN HOSPITAL

IMPRESSIONS OF MACEDONIA
BY CAPT. A. E. LAVELL.

Grim Endurance and High Spirits of
British Soldier Stand Out—Road
Building.

The following letter was received
by the Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick, pastor
of Brant Avenue Methodist Church,
Brantford, from Capt. (Rev.) A. E.

Lavell, formerly of that church, but
now with the C. E. F. overseas. It
was written from the Western Gen-
eral Hospital, Liverpool, to which
Capt. Lavell has been confined with
a very serious attack of malaria.

As most of you know, I have been
spending the last six weeks in this
hospital in a very hard fight with a
very malignant form of malaria. For-
tunately I am now convalescent, and
expect soon to leave here. But for
a few days it looked as if you and I
should not see one another again. I
knew nothing about it when the

matter was at its worst, being uncon-
scious and delirious. I am thankful
indeed that the outcome is as it is.
Of course, when I am entirely recov-
ered, that will not unfortunately be
the end of the malaria. But this is
the price of campaigning in the Bal-
kans. Some, especially those living
in huts, which I did not, had a fair
chance of escape. But everyone had
to run the risk of malaria and dysen-
tery, and of these many died. When
the history of the Saloniki expedition
is written, I think it will be found that
no front was filled with more kind of
dangers than this. Nor was any
where more devoted courage shown
by the soldiers. I have this to be
thankful for—that my malaria attack
held itself off until I reached Eng-
land. It was bad enough here, but
the boys who had it in Macedonia
with the thermometer 104 degrees in
the shade, had it far worse.

The British Tommy.

"Looking back on my experience
in the East, I think the following im-
pressions stand out as being lasting.
First, comes the marvellous fighting
qualities of the British soldiers. In
action or in patient endurance, when
all is well or when everything—in
weather, fighting conditions, disease
—is as bad as it can be, he is won-
derful and quite unbeatable. I have
heard him singing when all would
have expected was grim endurance.
Second, the noble and self-sacrificing
work being performed in aid of the
Serbian refugees. I shall never for-
get a visit to an Anglo-Serbian hospi-
tal in the spacious but rough cellars
of a massive stone building in Mon-
aster, Serbia. Dimly lighted—the
little windows were blocked with
round stones, because of the falling
shells—with mud floor, and rough
walls, the place was made light with
the cheerful and kindly activities of
the English nurses. Babies and old
women, torn by the Boche's shells,
and women and children with various
forms of illness, including typhus, lay
there and were tended by these young
sisters and the magnificent English
surgeon who was in charge. This
was but one of the many of the her-
oic but unknown and unnoticed
deeds of this war.

Road-building.

"Third, the thoroughness and ex-
tent of the work of the British Engi-
neers in the making of roads. In St.
Paul's day there was possibly one
fair road built by the Romans to con-
nect their possessions. But when the
British landed in this campaign
there was hardly even a respectable
trail, except right in Saloniki. No
military operations can be carried on
successfully without means of trans-
port, and for transport in these days
of immense motor lorries and heavy
artillery, where speed is essential, and
the volume of traffic necessarily
great, no roads can be too good. And
the hundreds of miles of roads built
by the engineers in Macedonia across
swamps, on high mountain sides,
across streams and ravines, will com-
pare with any roads I have ever trav-
elled on—smooth, solid, well-drain-
ed and permanent. The grades are
a little steep here and there for ordi-
nary traffic, and sharp curves make
you hold your breath, but the A. S. C.
drivers take all this as if on a level
street.

Military Equipment.

"Fourth, the completeness and im-
mensity of the general military equip-
ment. Of course, that is character-
istic of every front these days.

"Of my own work you will have to
form your own ideas. To the best
of my ability—which I realize is not
much—I tried to serve the troops in
every way I could. In comparison
with the amount there was to do, I
did very little. But I did enough to
make me glad I was there to serve,
and any price I had to pay was light
when compared with whatever I was
able to attempt and accomplish.

"What lies before me I do not
know. I have volunteered for France,
but this illness will keep me in En-
gland at least for the winter. I shall
now be attached to the University of
Toronto Hospital, and I know I shall
enjoy the work with them at Basing-
stoke in Hampshire."

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and drape of true artist's genius."

Testimony of alleged attempts to
dynamite railroad bridges and
tracks at Nipigon, Ont., was brought
out in the Kaltschmidt trial at De-
troit on Thursday.

Mortgage burns, at choir recital,
Princess Street Methodist Church,
Tuesday evening, Dec. 13th. See
details on window cards.

The Quebec City Council unani-
mously decided to subscribe twenty
thousand dollars to relieve the suffer-
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