

FROM PRIVATE TO ACTING-MAJOR

IN the supplement to the "London Gazette" dated August 16th, containing a list of awards to officers and men for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field, the following appears:

"Sec. Lt. A. Capt.) Douglas Barker Watson, Midx R.—When Acting Adjutant he performed most valuable services to his headquarters, crossing a ridge three times in daylight through heavy machine-gun and rifle fire to obtain exact information as to the situation and dispositions of his battalion. He successfully accomplished his task under very difficult circumstances."



ACTING-MAJOR W. B. WATSON, M.C.

The gallant officer, who is only 31 years of age, was born on the 26th March, 1896, and educated at King Alfred's School, Wantage. He joined the services of the Freight Dept. of the Canadian Pacific Ry., Charing Cross, in December, 1913, and when war broke out he enlisted as a private in the 16th West Middlesex Regiment. He was gazetted Sec.-Lt. on the 13th Sept. of the same year, was mentioned in despatches amongst others by Gen. A. J. Murray, C. in C., Egyptian Expeditionary Force on the 18th March, and in the "Gazette" on May 25th it was stated: "Capt. D. B. Watson, M.C., to be Acting Major, whilst Major on Headquarters of the Battalion."

War Record of C. P. R. Men.

In spite of the fact that day and night the trains and steamers of that great Imperial organization, the Canadian Pacific Railway, have been occupied in the transportation of soldiers and war materials, and that the huge workshops of the company have been turning out vast supplies of munitions of war instead of engines and rolling stock, no fewer than 8,000 men in the service of the company have gone to the front. In every theatre of war they are to be found—in France, Italy, Russia, the Balkans, Mesopotamia, Africa. Of these 8,000 men (apart from 100 who are serving in the Navy) 1,200 have been killed or wounded, among the killed being Capt. the Hon. A. T. Shaughnessy, son of Lord Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R.

The C. P. R. and Dominion Express staffs in Great Britain before the war numbered 213, of whom 173 were of military age, and of those 173 no fewer than 154 have joined the colors. Among those who have paid the supreme sacrifice have been Lt. A. E. Voysey, Chief Assistant to the European Manager, and Lt. W. B. McArthur, M.C.

The honors won by officials and employees of the company make a long list. Lt.-Col. C. W. P. Ramsey has been made C.M.G. The D.S.O. has been awarded to Lt.-Col. G. S. Cantlie, general superintendent of car service; Lt.-Col. F. A. Gascogne, superintendent of car service, Montreal; and Maj. J. A. Hesketh, assistant engineer, Winnipeg.

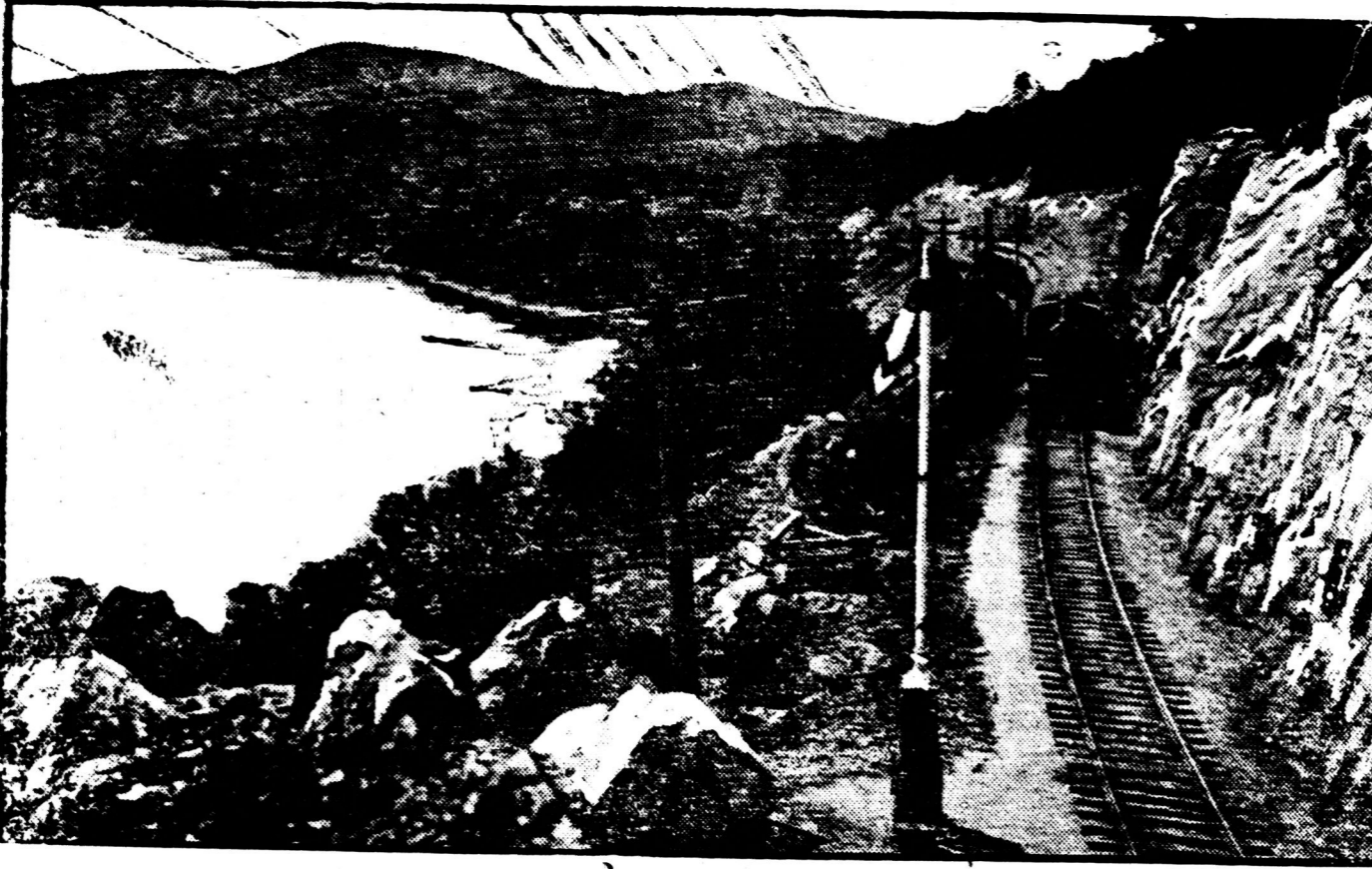
The Military Cross has been gained by Temp. Lt. C. F. Casey (killed), Lt. J. A. Hamilton (killed), Lt. E. Irvine, Regt. Sgt.-Maj. J. Jeffrey, Maj. W. M. Kirkpatrick, Lt. W. B. McArthur (killed), Lt. W. H. McMurray, Lt. J. K. Matheson, Co.-Sgt.-Maj. H. Neighbour, Lt. A. M. Robertson, Sgt.-Maj. D. Stuart, Capt. L. B. Uawis, Lt. W. B. Watson, and Lt.-Col. F. A. Wilkins.

The following have been awarded the D.C.M.: Cpl. A. P. Hancock, Pte. R. Jobling, Pte. R. H. Jones, Sgt. J. R. Langford, Cpl. W. N. Legg, Sgt. D. MacBee, Co.-Sgt.-Maj. H. Neighbour, Sec. Cpl. J. E. Newton, Gar. S. Strickland, Pte. B. A. Stiles.

The Military Medal has been won by Pte. A. Anderson, Sgt. R. J. Campbell, Pte. T. Campbell, Act.-Cpl. D. S. Charleson, Pte. T. C. Christie, Cpl. A. W. Courtney, Gnr. J. R. Coult, Gnr. S. L. England, Sgt. W. Flisby, Sgt. W. Smyth, Pte. H. Hamer, Gnr. A. P. Hourd, L.-Cpl. C. M. C. Hoyt, Pte. D. Hutchinson, Pte. M. S. Kennedy, Sgt.-Maj. R. Kennedy, Sgt. W. G. Landry, Sgt. E. A. McCready, L.-Sgt. C. Moore, Cpl. R. H. Merton, Cpl. R. G. Morrow, Sgt. G. Nuttall, Pte. R. G. Oke, Pte. W. G. Pavey, Pte. T. Roberts, Pte. W. L. Rutledge, Pte. J. Savare, Cpl. S. W. Shackell, Pte. E. Slattery, Sgt.-Maj. D. Stuart, Pte. J. M. Thrasher, Act. Co.-Sgt.-Maj. Westwood, Pte. H. J. Williams, Sgt. R. F. Wilson, L.-Cpl. P. H. Wilney, Pte. J. Wright, Sec. Cpl. W. F. Wright, and Sgt. E. Young. Sgt.-Sgt. C. A. Hewitt has been awarded the Meritorious Medal.

Summarizing, we find the total honors work out as follows: C.M.G. 1; D.S.O. 3; Military Cross, 14; D.C.M. 9; Military Medal, 33; Meritorious Medal, 1. It should also be mentioned that the European manager of the C. P. R., Lt.-Col. G. McLaren Brown, has been appointed an assistant director (senior) at the War Office.

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Algoma and an Author



Sault Ste. Marie.

If an author can be said to be the product of any particular district—and why not, just as much as a variety of flower, or fruit, or grain?—Alan Sullivan, the distinguished Canadian poet and novelist, should be most properly identified with Algoma, that curiously shaped county of Ontario, which stretches from the cities and settlements of the shores of Lake Huron and Lake Superior, up through the 2,900 square miles of the Missisquoi Forest Reserve, to the great furtrading territories three hundred and sixty miles north, where it is bounded by the Albany River, the chief tributary of James Bay. The southern shores of this county were colonized some thirty years ago at the instance of C. P. R. agents, by hardy pioneers from the older counties of Kincaid and Bruce, but the city of Sault Ste. Marie has its roots in the remotest past, as it was a trading post for the voyageurs, who travelled for the furtraders of Montreal into the far West. Alan Sullivan, whose father was Bishop of the Algoma Diocese, was at one time engaged in the work of construction and building the Algoma branch of the C. P. R. between Sudbury and the Sault Ste. Marie, and was the local color in several of his short stories. "It was fascinating," he says, "in those days to watch the psychological even of the arrival of the track, or there. They brightened up, and looked at their farms with new eyes. They were in tune with the world that hitherto had seemed so distant." The bush men, the miners,



Alan Sullivan.

the hunters, the mail carriers, the Indian agents, and the trappers have provided rich material for Alan Sullivan's stories, some of the best of which have been collected in the volume called "The Passing of Owl-Eye." More recently he has enlarged his field, and in his latest volume "The Inner Door," he takes for atmosphere the labor movement in a small industrial town. But the town is still in Ontario, a fact that makes it all the more interesting to the Canadian reader, who takes an interest in the now rapid growth of a distinctive Canadian literature.

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