

CANADA'S YOUNGEST V. C.

Pte. Tommy Holmes, V. C., the only winner of the Victoria Cross in the 4th C. M. R., was only eighteen years of age when he won it, and is the youngest V. C. in Canada, and one of the four youngest in the British Empire.

Pte. Tommy's career with the 4th C. M. R. was unique. He joined the battalion just before the Vimy Ridge battle in April, 1917, and went over the top for his first taste of the war. And right in the thick of things he got wounded and was shipped to Blighty.

His wounds healed, he was sent back to the battalion just before the Passchendaele show. He hadn't time to get into the trenches and taste a little war on the quiet.

No. Bang he went into the hell of Passchendaele.

And the best description of his deed that day is described in the soldier's picturesque language by a comrade who testified when Pte. Holmes' decoration was recommended.

"We scrambled safely over 'D' Co. and the sunken road, and managed to squirm from puddle to puddle a little way farther, when the machine gun fire from two pill-boxes ahead made us all, to a man, do the Annette Kellerman in to the nearest shell hole.

"Now these two pill-boxes ahead were about fifteen yards apart. Between the two were mounted two Hun machine guns. Every time our shells would hit near them the Hun gunners would duck into the pill-boxes and pop out again before we could budge.

"So there we were, the whole company, driven to ground. The two Hun machine guns cracked and swished and plopped all around us. We could peep over at them, but let a man move, and down he went."

"It looked like checkmate for us. Minutes passed. We kept peeping over every time the swish of bullets passed away.

Suddenly from out of a shell hole, a little, slim, doubled-up khaki figure shot like a bullet, and then disappeared. All peeping eyes turned to this astonishing spectacle.

"Then up and down again it went! 'Great Scott! we yelled, it is somebody making a run for the Huns!'

"All eyes were peeping now. Every few seconds up and down would bob that figure, up out of one slime-filled shell-hole, down into another. And each jump carried him closer.

"Finally the Hun gunners saw him. The two guns began to chatter over the spot where the slim khaki shape should next appear.

"But he didn't appear. Long seconds passed. The guns began their swooping. Up popped the figure and down again.

"It was a mad moment. We were yelling by now. Had they got him?

"No. There he pops again, and he is nearly within bombing distance of the Huns!

The Huns were now thoroughly terrified. Their guns chattered and croaked frantically. And there they sealed their own fate. For machine gun belts have to be changed, and the thrilling moment arrived when both Hun guns had to change at the same instant. Their racket ceased.

"Up leaped the slim khaki figure yonder, an arm high in the air. With a great rush and a slide through the horrible slime he swung that high arm and a bomb sailed gracefully through the air. It lit fair between the Hun guns. Like a streak the khaki figure sped into the cloud of the explosion. The guns were smashed, the crews mangled, and out of the pill-boxes came nineteen prisoners.

"When we reached the spot, cheering and yelling, we found that the slim khaki figure belonged to young Tommy Holmes."

ONE THING SHE REGRETTED.

"The bachelor bishop of London," said a returned war correspondent, "is known as the 'chorus girl's friend.' London chorus girls only make about \$5 and \$6 a week, and the bishop often comes to their help when they're down and out. The bishop gave a holiday dinner last month to about 100 show girls. I was invited to drop in, and a lovelier sight I never saw. The girls were so young and so pretty and gay. It was hard to believe they were all hard up. It doesn't seem right for a young and pretty girl to be hard up, does it? Two of the prettiest of the chorus girls were talking near me. 'Isn't this a scrumptious feed' said the first girl. 'Isn't it, though?' said the second. 'I only regret one thing—I've just had my corset mended.'"

Don't be too modest. Because of its modesty the lowly violet is often trampled underfoot.

Any woman can keep an expensive account, but only about one woman in a hundred can make it tally with her cash account.

A ninety-eight cent clock has one advantage over a \$1,000,000 corporation: It's hands never strike.

Canadian Y.M.C.A. Finances

What Your Money Did Last Year What Y.M.C.A. Plans to do This Year

ON May 5th throughout Canada, the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Associations inaugurates a Red Triangle Campaign to raise \$1,100,000. Before asking for renewed endorsement, it is desired to render full account of the funds subscribed in response to the appeal of one year ago, and to thank the public most sincerely for the generosity that made possible the Y.M.C.A.'s work for the soldiers throughout the war.

The Consolidated Financial Statement of the Y.M.C.A. for 1918 has been duly audited and found correct by Price, Waterhouse & Company,

of London, England, and Oscar Hudson & Company, Toronto. A full copy of this statement may be obtained at any local Y.M.C.A. building, Red Triangle Club or Red Triangle Campaign Headquarters in Canada.

We present herewith a complete summary of our finances for 1918, covering our entire service in France, England, Scotland, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Northern Russia, Siberia and Canada, where the Association served, and is still serving, Canadian men and boys. We also outline our 1919 Budget.

Y.M.C.A. Receipts During 1918.

Balance on hand, January 1, 1918	\$ 415,847.87
Refund from Overseas	240,382.74
(For goods in transit as at Dec. 31, 1917)	
Public Subscriptions, 1918	3,112,242.10
Gross Canteen Sales	6,181,583.45
Room Rents and other Revenues Overseas	52,935.89
(Beaver Hut, London, Y.M.C.A. Hotel, Paris)	
Overseas Contributions, Interest & Exchange	43,473.27
Room Rents to Soldiers in Canada and all other revenues	20,677.14
Total Receipts	\$10,067,143.46

Disbursements:

The scope and variety of the entire service in so far as expenditures can reveal them are indicated in the items which follow:

1.—Cost of Goods Sold in Canteens— \$5,076,098.36

2.—War Service Overseas - \$2,843,935.46

Huts, tents, marquees, canteens' up-keep and equipment, rents, lighting and heating, \$626,177.92	Y.M.C.A. work among French, other Allied soldiers and Allied prisoners of war, \$100,000.00
Free distribution athletic supplies and prizes, \$233,793.44	Salaries, pay and rations (officers, non-commissioned officers and civil staffs, and board for civil staffs and volunteer workers), \$317,071.55
Khaki University for Soldier Students, \$500,000.00	Headquarters and local headquarters, France and England, \$100,221.90
Other educational work overseas, \$6,141.52	Dept. of Records and information, \$4,859.94
Transportation, transport, equipment and running expenses, \$117,066.06	International Y.M.C.A.'s Hospitality League (for reception and entertainment of troops passing through London), \$9,487.62
Free cinemas, concerts, lectures and musical instruments, \$260,855.99	For Canadian prisoners of war in Holland and Canadians on Мурман Coast Expedition, \$7,558.96
Stationery, magazines, religious and other literature, \$171,088.25	Loss by fire, shell fire, pilferages and breakages (\$50,873.50 less reserve provided in 1917 for this contingency), \$146.23
Free distribution hot and cold drinks, chocolates, biscuits and cigarettes (in France and Belgium only), \$136,281.49	Unpaid accounts and commitments \$13,440.00
Cash gifts, \$163,368.79. Being 5% of gross canteen sales to soldiers in France, to be spent on extra rations, comforts, etc., and including cash gifts to units in England.	Special relief work in England, \$1,275.80
British Y.M.C.A. work for Imperial soldiers, and Chinese, \$75,000.00	

3.—War Service in Canada - \$951,339.61

Huts and equipment, rentals, etc., \$208,416.68	Transportation, transport equipment and running expenses, \$13,219.21
Free athletic supplies, \$17,121.02	Educational work, health and sex hygiene, \$10,893.31
Free distribution stationery, reading matter, games, etc., \$31,915.02	Expenses sending workers overseas, \$8,555.77
Free cinemas, concerts, lectures, musical instruments, etc., \$30,664.64	Department records and information, \$9,988.26
Y.M.C.A. service on transports, munition plants and internment camps, \$68,859.38	Salaries, pay and rations of workers, \$165,874.31
Boys' farm service programme, \$50,541.65	Headquarters and local headquarters expenses, \$53,384.93
Baracks, hospitals, discharge depots and troop trains, \$55,026.50	Allowance for unpaid accounts and commitments, \$45,000.00
Y.M.C.A. service to Canadian Expeditionary Force to Siberia, \$15,000.00	Organization and collection expenses in connection with Financial Campaigns, 1918, including printing and advertising, \$167,178.93

4.—Regular Work of the National Council— \$150,615.80

Part of above is Military Administration and the remainder National supervision of Territories, Boys' Work, Student, Industrial and Railroad Departments, funds for which were subscribed in conjunction with Military Funds by agreement of regular contributors.

5.—Young Women's Christian Association— \$100,000

(Amount raised in 1918 Campaign for work of Dominion Council of Young Women's Christian Association for girls, soldiers' dependents, etc.)

Total Receipts, 1918	\$10,067,143.46
Total Expenditures, 1918	9,121,989.23
(See details above)	
Total Balance on hand	\$945,154.23
Balance in Canada	\$248,740.44
Balance Overseas	696,413.79

(Balances were chiefly made up of canteen stocks in hand or in transit.)

NOTE: The net earnings of canteens were spent entirely on service to the men, and in order to carry on the full Y.M.C.A. programme overseas in 1918, \$1,432,896.69 was sent from Canada, and, in addition, \$500,000 for the Khaki University and \$75,000 for the work of the British Y.M.C.A. for Imperial Soldiers and Chinese.

F. L. RATCLIFF, Chairman Finance Committee.

What Soldiers Say About the Y.M.C.A.

Lt.-Col. W. P. Purney, Dominion President, Great War Veterans' Association, Sydney, N.S. Jan. 23, 1919.

"There is no bone of contention between the G.W.V.A. and the Y.M.C.A. The Y.M.C.A. has done a work that no other institution could or would do. Speaking as president of the organization, and for our members, I wish the Y.M.C.A. God-speed in their splendid work."

Philip Gibbs, War Correspondent, London Chronicle.

"I want to pay a very big tribute, my warmest tribute to the work of the Y.M.C.A. Very quickly after each battle these men of the Y.M.C.A. brought out their tents and equipments, by means of which they could give hot cocoa, coffee and cigarettes to these men in the lines, and words cannot say what a cup of coffee meant to men plucked in white clay like those I have described. I remember seeing and marveling at the rapidly with which the Y.M.C.A. got up their tents and equipment under Vimy Ridge, within a few hours of the capture of that place."

Major General Sir David Watson, Quebec, P.Q., Commanding Officer, 4th Canadian Division.

"The Y.M.C.A. over here is doing a most noble work, and I am proud of the work that is being carried out by the Canadian Y.M.C.A."

No. 456825, Pte. F. Freeman, 21st Battalion.

"On behalf of the boys who travelled from Halifax I really take pleasure in thanking you for the splendid work done by your representative on the train. Judging by unfavorable reports, I, while in England, had been prepared for a neglected welcome of returned soldiers. But I am glad to say they are more than well looked after on the road to their homes, and in Halifax."

T. A. Hector, Regina.

"I would like to take this opportunity before finally leaving the Military Service of thanking you and the Y.M.C.A. organization, first for the many good things I enjoyed in France, and secondly for the cheerful, helpful work during the journey homeward. I voice the appreciation of many others."

Signaller L.D. Smith, Belmont, Manitoba, 43rd Battalion.

"Let no man now say anything against the Y.M.C.A. to me, or he will get what for I can catch him. It is in France we found the great need of the Y.M.C.A., and, believe me, it is a Godsend to the boys in the trenches."

Driver E. L. Milton, Vancouver, B.C., 45th Battery.

"The prices charged by the Y.M.C.A. canteens are rivalled by no other canteens, and more than that they sell Canadian goods—Canadian cigarettes, Canadian maple sugar, milk, fruit, and cereals. I cannot see anything wrong with the Y.M.C.A., and if the people at home knew its real value to the boys at the front they would give it all the support it needs."

Corporal G. Waterman, Vancouver, B.C.

"I think that this idea of a representative of the Y.M.C.A. on the homecoming troop trains is an excellent one, and I hope that it will be continued until the last Canadian comes home."

Y.M.C.A. Budget for 1919

THE total budget of the National Council of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. this year calls for an expenditure of \$2,869,669. The cost of the Y.M.C.A. work for the soldiers overseas, estimated at \$1,350,000 for eight months ending August 31st, will, it is expected, be provided for by the balance of funds on hand overseas, by the liquidation of overseas assets and 1919 canteen earnings. The budget in full outline is as follows:

1. Overseas Work for Soldiers Until Conclusion (To be financed by balance on hand, liquidation of assets and 1919 canteen earnings overseas) \$1,350,000

2. Service to Returning and Returned Soldiers - \$973,549

Red Triangle Service on Transports, \$120,000.	Red Triangle Service to Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force, \$50,000.
Red Triangle Service at Disembarkation Ports, \$50,000.	Appropriations to Local Association for Military Work, \$88,500.
Red Triangle Service on Troop Trains, \$30,000.	(This furnishes dormitory accommodation, bathing facilities and other privileges for enlisted and discharged men.)
Free distribution apples, chocolate, cigarettes, games, etc., to soldiers coming home, \$148,000.	Sex Education, Internment, Camp work, etc., \$28,750.
Service to Canadian Military Hospitals, Camps and Barracks and in 11 Red Triangle Clubs, \$398,849.	Administration National and Divisional Headquarters, \$59,450. Total, \$973,549.

3.—National and Reconstruction Work— \$466,120

Extension Y.M.C.A. work among Boys, \$80,035.	For Supervision of Districts, \$84,100.
Extension Y.M.C.A. work in Counties, \$35,055.	For Canadian Training School for Y.M.C.A. Officers and Recruiting and training, \$20,000.
Extension Y.M.C.A. Industrial and Railroad work, \$62,400.	For General administration, office, accounting and miscellaneous items, \$143,735.
For promotion of physical work and Sex Education, \$16,275.	Total \$466,120.
For student and general Religious work, \$24,520.	

Y.M.C.A. Requirements, 1919

Total Y.M.C.A. Budget	\$2,869,669
Items 1, 2 and 3, above	\$2,789,699
Expenses of 1919 Campaign	80,000
Required for Work Overseas (as above)	1,350,000
Required for Work in Canada (as above)	\$1,519,669

Plan for Meeting Needs

Overseas	
Balance on hand overseas	\$696,413.79
Estimated 1919 Canteen Earnings	500,000.00
Proceeds, sale of Equipment overseas (estimated)	150,000.00
Total available for Overseas	\$1,346,413.79

In Canada

Required for Work in Canada (as above)	\$1,519,669.00
Balance on hand in Canada, January 1, 1919, 248,740.44	
Outstanding 1918 Subscriptions	400,000.00
	648,740.44
Contingencies (New Red Triangle Clubs, etc.)	\$870,928.56
Net Y.M.C.A. Budget	\$893,000.00

Summary of Red Triangle Campaign

- (a) Net Y.M.C.A. Budget, as above - \$893,000.00
- (b) Young Women's Christian Association - \$175,000.00

(This part of the Red Triangle Fund is being asked for the work of the Dominion Council of the Young Women's Christian Association, including care of soldiers' dependents coming to Canada.)

- (c) To British Y.M.C.A. - \$32,000.00

For Canadian representatives on reconstruction work in Poland and France.

Total Objective - \$1,100,000.00

National Council, Young Men's Christian Associations of Canada

The Red Triangle Campaign is under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency, the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., P.C.

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