

## SELECTED RECORDS FROM THE LAST YEAR OF THE WAR

# 1918

## DOCUMENTS SÉLECTIONNÉS DE LA DERNIÈRE ANNÉE DE LA GUERRE

By 1918, the First World War had been raging for almost 3 ½ years. Canadians had seen major battles and significant casualties and conscription had been enacted. Victory – and the end of the war – was not assured. Twelve months later the war was over and many Canadians remained in Europe to assist with the transition from war to peace.

This display features a selection of letters, diary entries and photographs documenting nine Manitobans serving overseas in 1918. These Manitobans include soldiers, officers and a nursing sister. The letters and diaries were written in the trenches, in hospital beds and in training barracks and provide both censored and uncensored accounts. The photographs provide a glimpse of the individuals and their surroundings. This display traces the progression of the year and the war, through winter, spring, summer, fall, Armistice (11 November) and the weeks following.

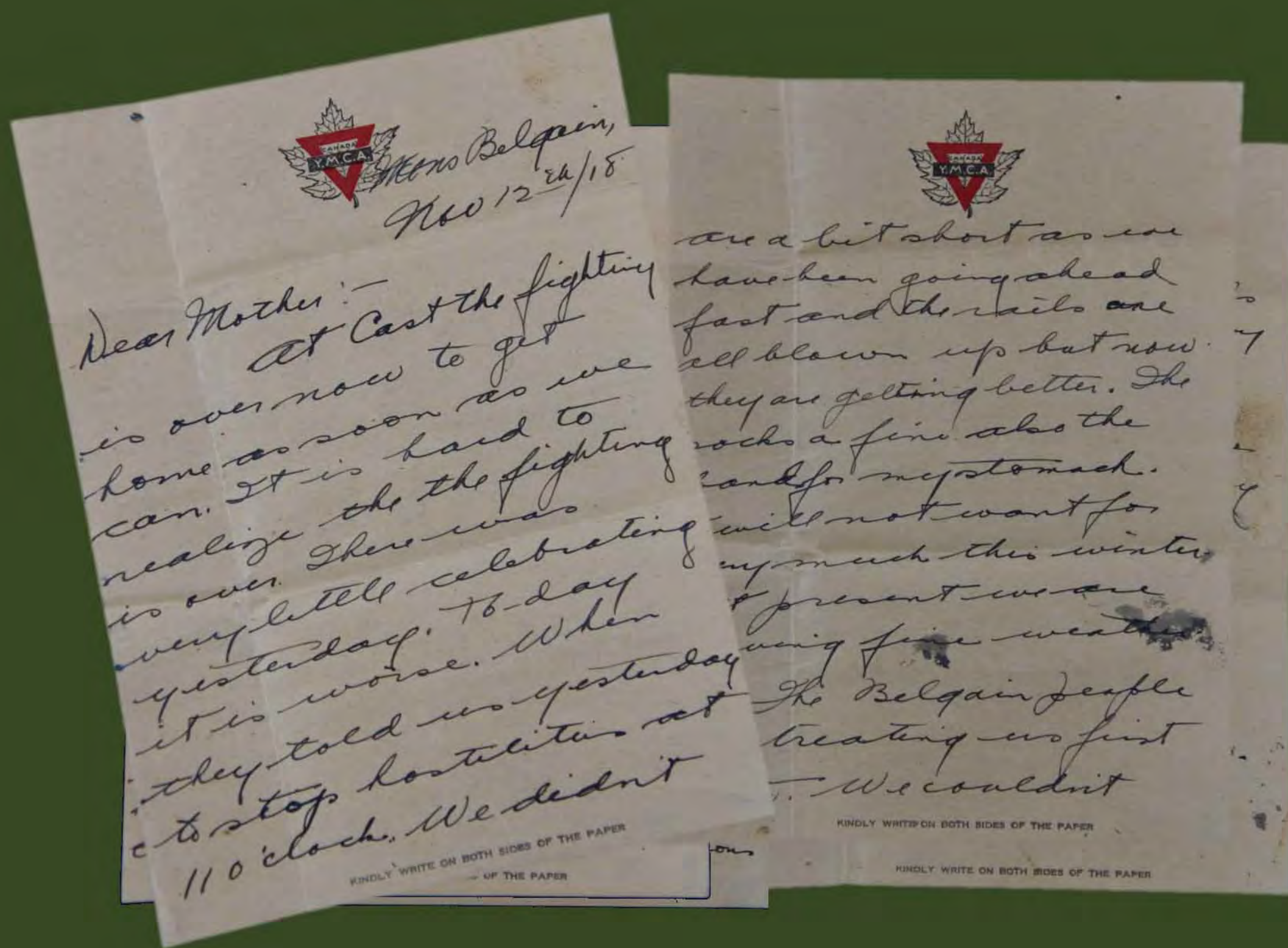
These records are a small selection of records from the Archives of Manitoba related to the First World War. Search the Keystone database or visit our research room to find out more about these and other collections of records from the time of the First World War.

En 1918, la Première Guerre mondiale faisait rage depuis presque trois ans et demi. Les Canadiens avaient participé à des batailles importantes et subi des pertes significatives. La conscription avait également commencé. La victoire – et la fin de la guerre – n'était pas encore garantie. Douze mois plus tard, la guerre était finie et de nombreux Canadiens étaient demeurés en Europe pour aider à la transition de la guerre à la paix.

Ce présentoir comporte une sélection de lettres, d'entrées de journal et de photographies se rapportant à neuf Manitobains ayant servi outre-mer en 1918. Parmi eux, on trouvait des soldats, des officiers et une infirmière militaire. Les lettres et les journaux ont été écrits dans les tranchées, des lits d'hôpital et des casernements de formation et fournissent à la fois des récits censurés et non censurés. Les photos nous donnent un aperçu de ces personnes et de leurs environnements. Ce présentoir montre la progression de l'année et de la guerre, au cours de l'hiver, du printemps, de l'été, de l'automne, l'armistice (11 novembre) et des semaines qui ont suivi.

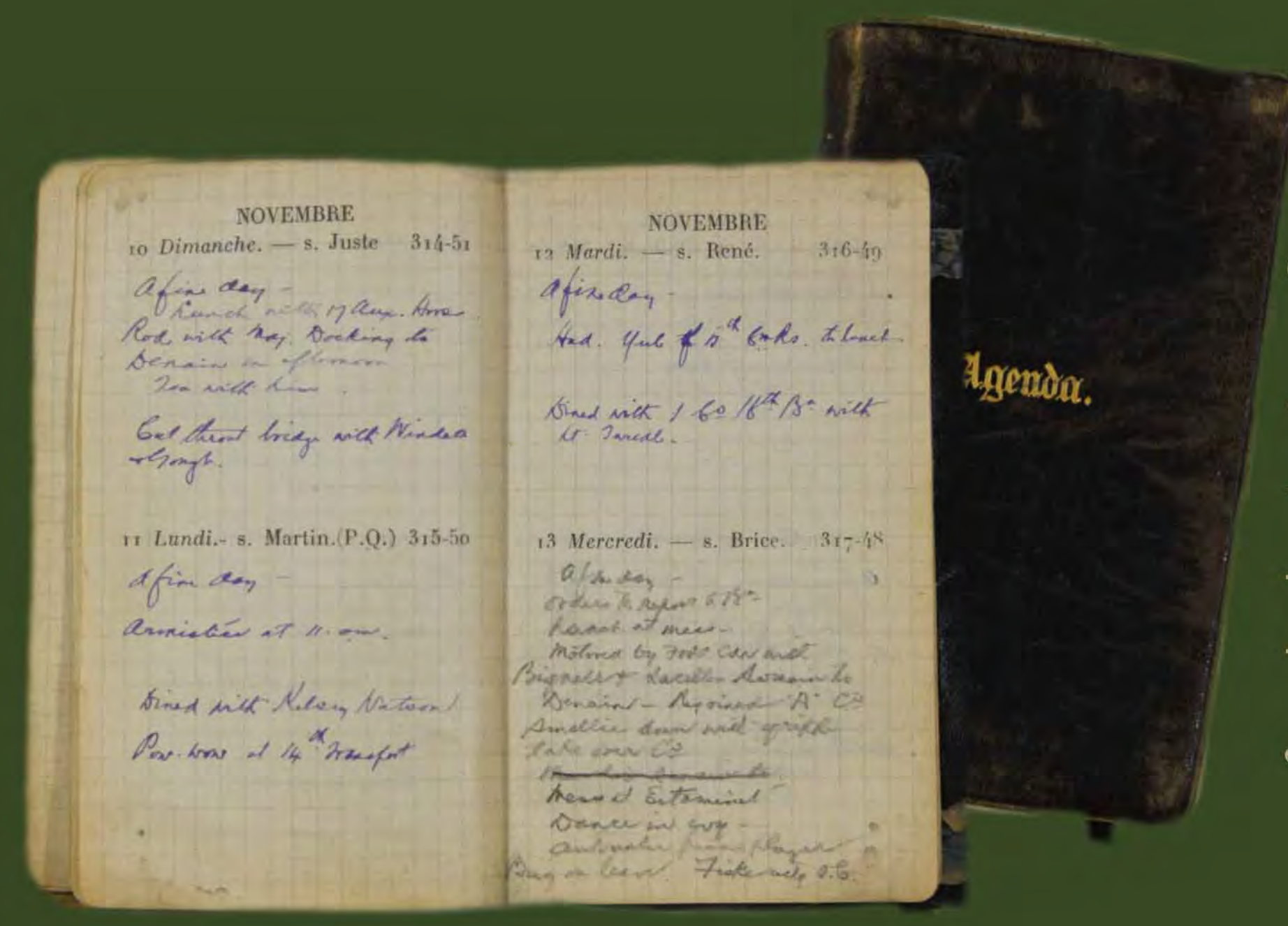
Ces documents ne sont qu'une petite sélection des documents des Archives du Manitoba relatifs à la Première Guerre mondiale. Recherchez dans la base de données Keystone ou visitez notre salle de lecture pour en apprendre plus sur ces documents et sur d'autres collections de documents datant de l'époque de la Première Guerre mondiale.





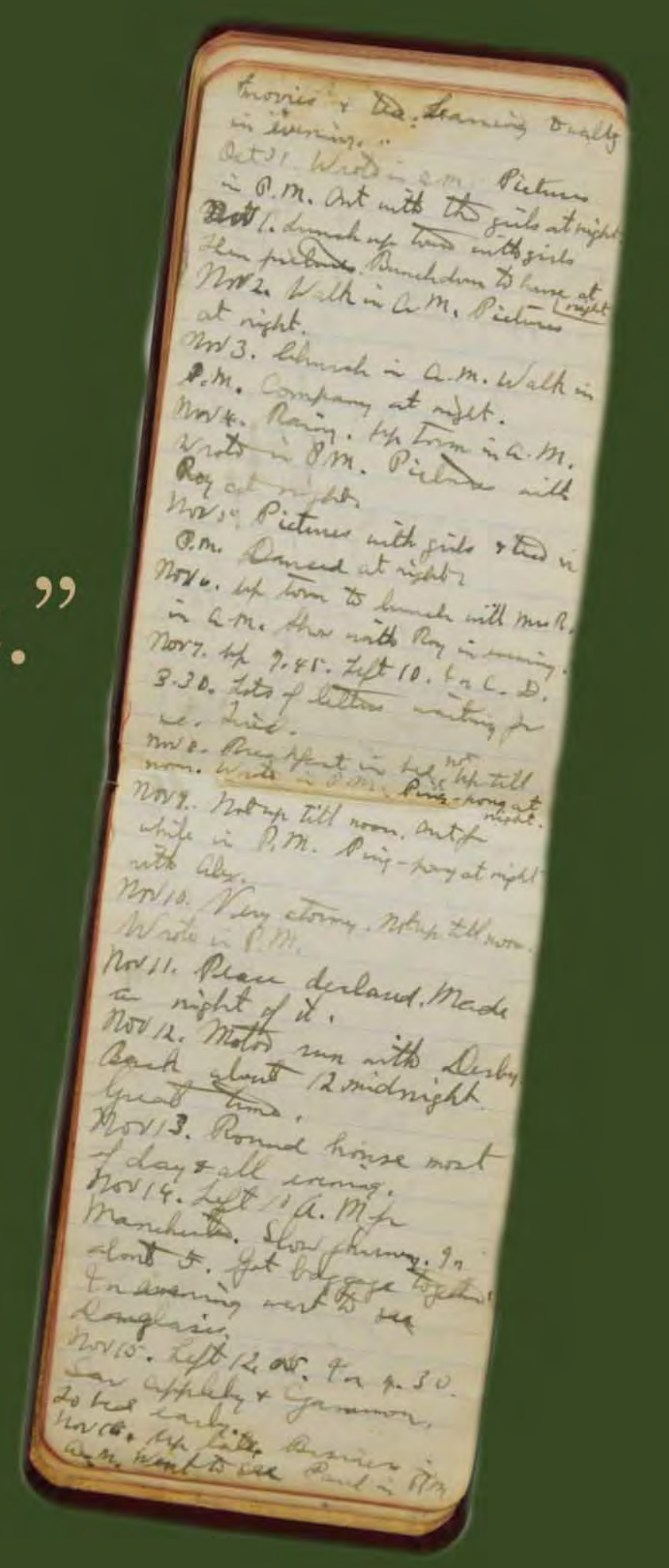
“A fine day—  
Armistice  
at 11. a.m.”

Clarence Boswell, 11  
November 1918



“Nov 11.  
Peace declared.  
Made a night of it.”

James Uhlman, 11 November 1918



“The Belgian people are treating us  
first rate. We couldn't wish for bet-  
ter. Beds with white sheets every  
night. We are billeted right in their homes.  
They are very sociable and do everything they  
can for us.”

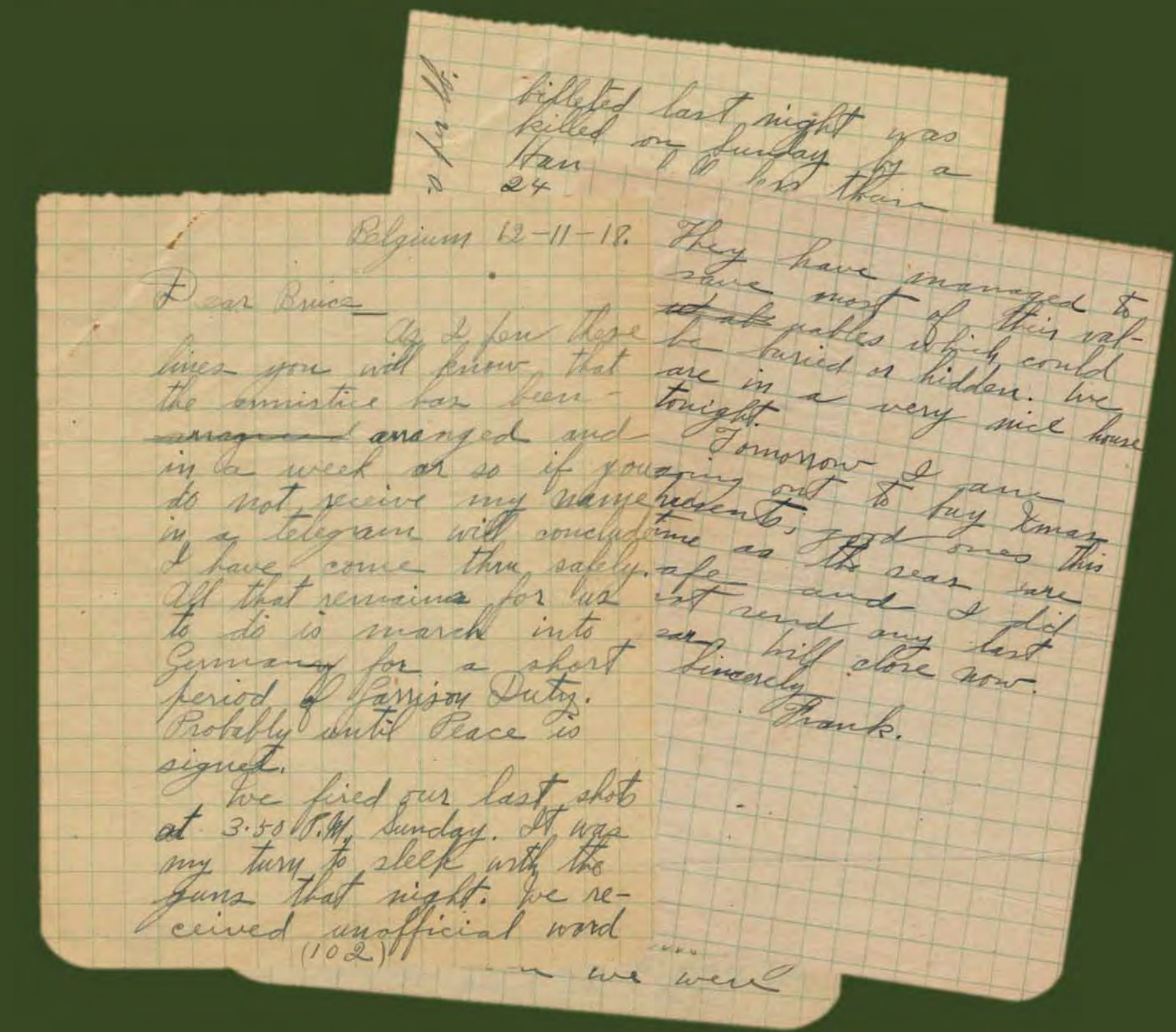
Campbell Millar, 12 November 1918

# ARMISTICE 11 NOVEMBER 1918

“VICTORY is Ours - ...

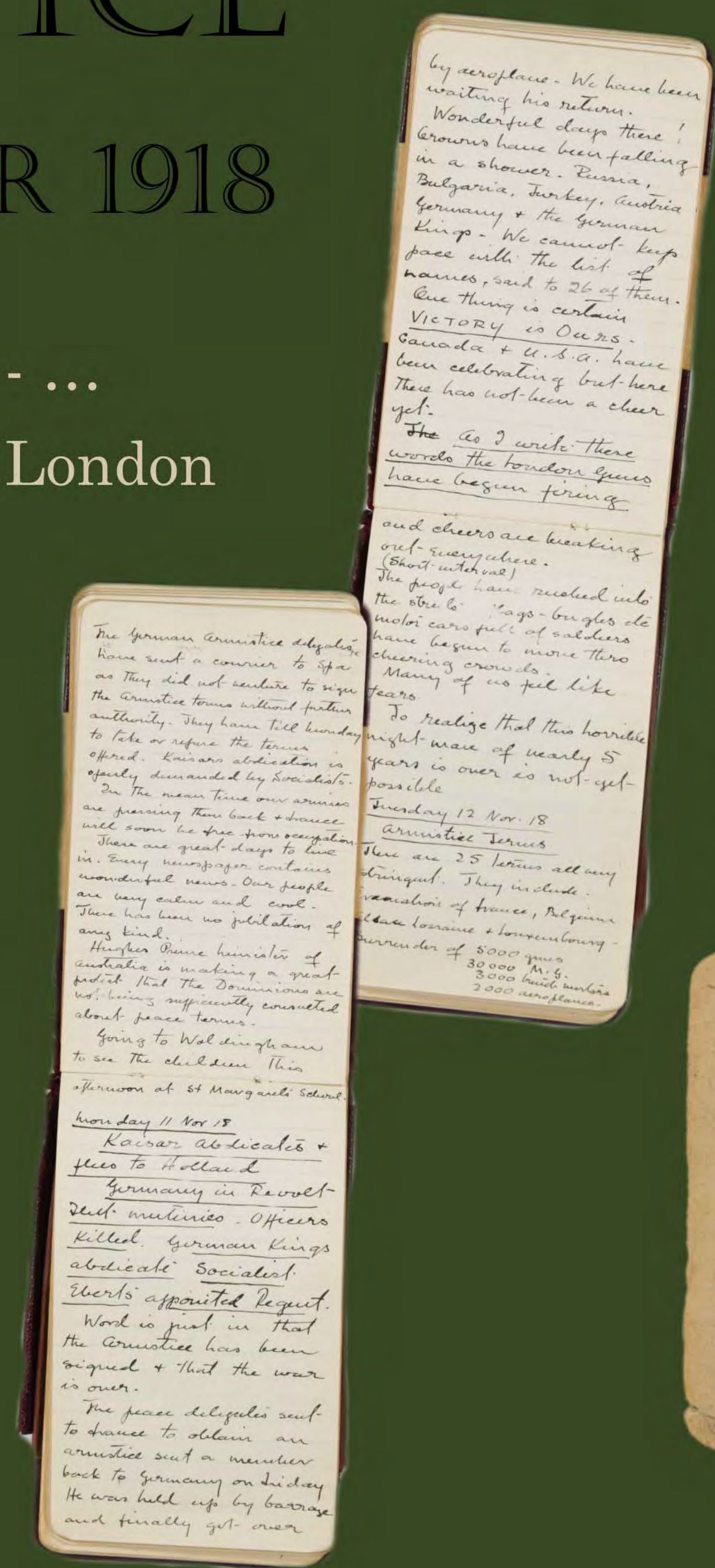
As I write these words the London  
Guns have begun firing  
and cheers are  
breaking out every-  
where... To realize that this  
horrible nightmare of nearly 5  
years is over is not yet possible.”

R.M. Dennistoun, 11 November 1918



“As I pen these lines you will know that the armistice has  
been arranged and in a week or so if you do not receive  
my name in a telegram will conclude I have come thru safely.”

Frank Leathers, 12 November 1918



“Yesterday we marched  
right through the city of  
Mons and the Germans  
were getting out on the  
other side. ... One woman gave  
me some fried potatoes and I ate  
them on her steps...”

George Hambley, 11 November 1918

