

**FORT WILLAMTE DIES FOR EMPIRE**

# CORPORAL W. J. HUSTON OF FORT WILLIAM DIES OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN TRENCHES

Brief Telegram to His Mother  
Tells How He Died in Ser-  
vice of His Country

WAS WELL KNOWN CURLER

To Mrs. E. R. Huston, 631 N.  
John street, Fort William:  
Deeply regret to inform you  
report received Lance-Corporal  
William John Huston, Princess  
Patricia's Canadian light infan-  
try, died of wounds, January  
twenty-fifth.

Adjutant-General.  
Ottawa, Feb. 3, 1915.

The war has been brought right  
rights home to Fort William by the  
receipt of the above message this  
morning by the mother of "Billy"  
Huston, who went to the front with  
the Princess Pals, he and W. M.  
Draycott being the two representa-  
tives of this city in the crack regi-  
ment, the latter being wounded and  
the former now reported among the  
honor roll of those who have died for  
their country.

The news was received with the  
greatest sorrow by all who had  
known him during the twelve years  
that he spent in this city, where he  
was contractor, alderman, school  
trustee, and all-round sportsman.  
There was not a sport that was in-  
vented which did not have a staunch  
supporter in Billy Huston, whether it  
was horse racing, field games, ath-  
letics or rifle shooting, and he was  
proficient in everything he touched,  
being an athlete of immense skill  
and strength. It was, however, in  
rifle shooting that he easily distanc-  
ed all local marksmen, and it was  
this that won him a place among the  
picked men who were chosen to form  
the Princess Pals. He took an ac-  
tive interest in the local rifle associ-  
ation, which owes no little of his  
success to his enthusiasm, and he  
possessed numberless trophies won  
on the ranges.

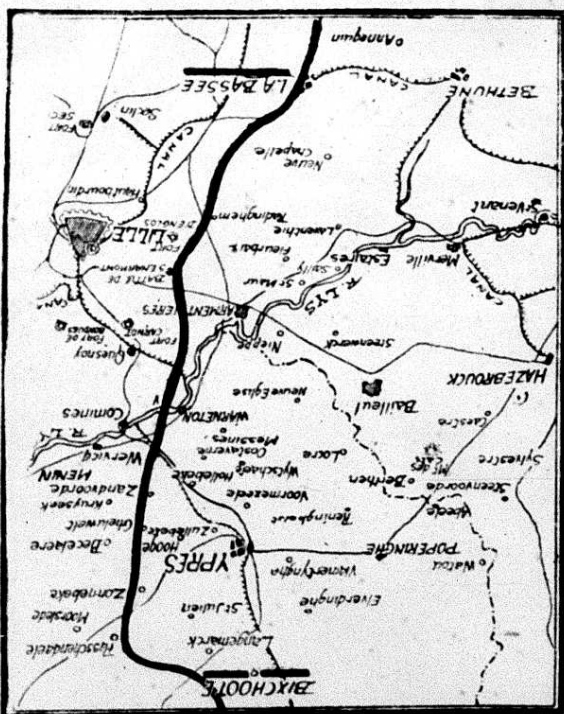
Coming as it does during the midst  
of the Fort William bonspiel, the  
news of his death will bring home to  
many of the curling fraternity the  
memory of the jocular skip of "Hus-  
ton's aids," who not only made for  
themselves a local reputation but left  
their mark on the prize list in the  
Windsor bonspiel, Billy being as  
keen a curler as he was in every other  
thing he laid his hand to.

His friends can picture him in the  
trenches, with never flagging spirits  
and unflinching courage, and may be  
sure that his light-hearted nature  
made many a good chum on the firing  
line who will feel the loss of  
their comrade about as much as his  
older friends in Fort William.

## HUSTON'S LAST LETTER

The Times-Journal has just receiv-  
ed a letter written by Corporal Huston  
in the trenches, in which he de-  
scribed a battle scene and a narrow  
escape from destruction by a shell.  
He described the incident as follows:  
"The shells and shrapnel were light-  
ing only about twenty yards in the  
front of our trench. One shell plung-  
ed into the trench on our right and  
covered some of our men with earth,  
but no one was hurt. At one part of  
our trench we were only forty yards  
from the German lines. One shell  
burst right over where I was stand-  
ing which ripped away a portion of  
the back of one man's great coat,  
but did no serious damage. That's  
the time to duck. It is quite a sen-  
sation to be right in the midst of  
a clear blue flame and the roar of  
thunder all around your head. But I  
can say there were no white faces  
around me. No one seemed to be the  
least bit nervous and we kept pop-  
ping away. We were, however,  
glad to be relieved after fifty hours  
in the trench."

## WHERE W. J. HUSTON FELL



The above map of the battlefields of northern France and Belgium shows Bixchoote, the scene of the heroic fight put up by the Princess Patricia regiment, in which Lance Corporal W. J. Huston of this city re-  
ceived wounds from which he afterwards died. Curiously enough the  
Times-Journal had just received a letter from Corporal Huston in which he  
described a battle scene wherein a shell burst close to him and tore the  
coat off another soldier's back.

## BRITAIN WELDS RING OF IRON AROUND GERMAN TRADE INLETS; WARN NEUTRALS THAT SHIPMENTS NOW WILL BE SEIZED

### WHAT CHURCHILL SAID



WINSTON CHURCHILL

PARIS, Feb. 3.—"For the first time  
in history, England can say the sea is  
free," declared Winston Spencer  
Churchill, Great Britain's first lord of  
the admiralty, in an interview with  
Hugh Leroux, editor of the Matin.

Future Cargoes Will Not Only Be  
Confiscated, But No Com-  
pensation Made

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Ambassa-  
dor Page at London cabled the state  
department that the British fleet had  
been ordered to treat cargoes of grain  
and flour destined for Germany or  
Austria as conditional contraband, sub-  
ject to seizure and confiscation. This  
step, the ambassador explained, fol-  
lowed the announcement that the  
German government had decreed con-  
fiscation of all grain and flour to con-  
serve the nation's food supply.

Since the publication of the German  
order, the ambassador here, Count  
Von Bernstorff, has virtually assured  
the American government that no  
foodstuffs imported from the United  
States or other neutral countries  
would be subjected to seizure, and  
press despatches have announced the  
issuance of a modifying decree mak-  
ing such exemptions by the German  
government.

Ambassador Page said the British  
government had informed him that  
because the steamer *Wilhelmina* now  
bound for Bremen with grain and  
other food, had sailed before the is-  
sue of the German decree, an excep-  
tion would be made in her case. The