

# HUN RAIDERS FIRED BOY'S PATRIOTISM

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## Brother's Letter Angered 16- year-old Lad to Point of Enlistment

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## FATHER SERVED 21 YEARS

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## Pte. J. W. Brown, Reported Dangerously Wounded and Seriously Ill, Comes of Fighting Stock

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A letter from his brother in West Hartlepool telling of the coast raid of German cruisers, during which non-combatants were killed and much more property destroyed than officially reported, so fired the patriotism of sixteen-year-old Pte. J. W. H. Brown that he immediately offered himself to the recruiting officers. No sooner had his mother told him that his brother had been nearly killed without justification than he exclaimed, "Well, mother, here's one that won't stand for it, I'm going to kill a few Germans myself."

He was taken on by the Irish Rangers despite his youth and sent to guard the interned prisoners at the Spirit Lake Camp. A year of this inactivity proved sufficient, and when the 148th was organized he obtained permission to transfer and ultimately went overseas with Lieut.-Col. Magee, being later drafted into a first contingent until while still only seventeen. Saturday Mrs. Brown, who lives at 15 Jardin street, received word that he was dangerously wounded, and Wednesday a second telegram told her that he was seriously ill with wounds in the arms and legs. Previous to enrolling he was employed in the Northern Electric.

Pte. Brown came of a fighting family, and yesterday his mother told with pride of her boy's enthusiasm and of her late husband's 21 years in the Imperial service, which included the Afghanistan campaign and ten years' service in India. An uncle and his three sons are fighting side by side in France, and many other relatives are in different branches of the service. Mrs. Brown spoke of the heavy sacrifice in consenting to her boy's enlistment, but added: "What would happen if we didn't give our boys in this great struggle?"

### PTE. CHARLES ERIC MORRIS.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris, of 116 Paris street, that their son, Pte. Charles Eric Morris is seriously ill in No. 10 Stationary Hospital at St. Omer, where he was admitted April 1st after having accidentally sustained a fractured spine. An enquiry to Ottawa for additional details failed to give the ex-

tent of his injuries or the manner in which they were received.

Pte. Morris, who is twenty years old, went overseas with Lieut.-Col. Peers Davidson's unit, and has never been previously wounded. His last letter spoke of his good fortune in coming through the heavy fighting of March 1st without injury, but all description was deleted by the censor, the scissors coming right after the remark, "Well, mother, many things have happened here since I wrote last," and his closing sentence told of the death in action of James Ingram, of Rozel street. "He was killed, poor fellow, while assisting wounded men in," he wrote.

Pte. Morris was turned down several times on account of his eye-sight, which obliged him to wear glasses, and when after much persistence he did reach the front, he was employed first in routine work, in the paymaster's office, and later as a medical orderly. He had applied for the N.C.O. course, but was too young. Later he was employed with the stretcher bearers in the trenches, not engaged in the actual bringing in of the wounded, but in doing what he could to see that they were properly attended to before he started back to the base, his medical experience making him invaluable in this service.

Pte. Morris was twenty years of age, and prior to enlisting was employed as stenographer in the C.P.R. Car Accountant's Office. He was well known in many circles, and was treasurer of the Sunday School of Grace Church, Point St. Charles.