

# THE TWO GENERALS

## IN CASUALTY LIST

Brig.-Gen. Williams and Major-Gen. Mercer Popular Officers—  
—Former Served in South Africa.

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Major General Mercer, commander of the Third Division, who is reported missing after the determined attack on the Canadian lines in Flanders, was Colonel of the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto before the outbreak of war, and had a law business in that city. When war came he was placed in command of the Second Brigade of the First Division which was sent over from Canada.

He proved equal to the confidence that was placed in him and distinguished himself in various heavy engagements in which the Canadians took part.

When the Canadian forces at the front were increased by the sending over of the Third Division a few months ago, General Mercer was selected to command it.

### Shared in Danger.

On Friday when he was last seen he was sharing with the men the dangers of the front line-trenches, which he was inspecting. This inspection was all the more necessary because of the very difficult ground for trenching which the Canadians are holding.

General Mercer, before the war, was recognized as a very capable officer and he took a very active interest in military affairs. In 1913 he was among the Canadian officers who accompanied General Sir Sam Hughes to Europe to witness military manoeuvres in several countries.

### Brig.-Gen. Williams.

Brigadier-General Victor Williams, who is also reported missing, was in command of a brigade of the Third Division. When war broke out he was Adjutant-General at headquarters in Ottawa, and was a very popular officer. He saw service in South Africa and afterwards was in command of the Royal Canadian Dragoons of the permanent force at Stanley Barracks, Toronto. Some five years ago he was brought to the headquarters staff here.

When the first Canadian expeditionary force was assembled at Valcartier, General Williams, then Col. Williams, was made camp commandant. Later he went to England and was engaged

In organization work and the training  
of the Canadian troops in England.  
When the Third Division was formed  
he was made a brigade commander.