

To Private Robert-Major
2nd Depot Battalion

Dear Rob;

We, the friends and neighbours of your family, your own friends and former playmates, being aware of your departure from our midst, and feeling regret at your absence, (which we sincerely hope will be but brief), yet knowing that it is in defence of a noble cause that you are going, desire, in some tangible way, to express to you our feelings concerning your departure.

Most of us present; have grown up along with you, and have found in you, first; a playmate, later, a friend, — always, one who was willing to join in, and promote any movement; that might be in progress among our young people. Also, we have known your character to be one of sterling worth, and of soundest qualities; — a fitting representative of our Canadian youth, — one, who will do credit to his country. These feelings, which we entertain for you demand utterance. As a more tangible mode of expression, than that of mere empty words, we ask you to accept this wrist watch

We hope that, as you fare forth, you will carry
with you, only pleasant thoughts and memories
of us all, and know that our thoughts
will follow you in your farthest journeys, with
the best of wishes, and the most earnest of
prayers, for your safe and early return.

Your friends & well-wishers.

Per Lewis Gamwood.