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Dear Friend :

As Chaplain of the 160th I wish to convey to you Good Wishes and New Year's Greetings from the men of the Bruce County Battalion.

We are all looking forward cheerfully and hopefully to the strenuous duties and tasks which 1918 holds in store for us.

Last week our battalion received a bright and helpful message from the people of Canada, through the Rev. Dr. Neil, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, and I assured him that you could rely upon our men remaining true to the higher principles instilled into them at home, that I believed the great majority would return to their homes and loved ones better and stronger men because of their sacrifice during this great war.

We are proud of our battalion's recent record. In many respects it stands at the head of the Division. As you no doubt already know it leads by a big margin all battalions both in England and in France in its subscriptions to the Victory War Loan. Not only was this a very loyal and patriotic thing to do, but it is significant of the sobriety and carefulness on the part of the men.

It is a pleasure to me to know that more men attend the Khaki College from our battalion than from any other unit in camp. It may also interest you to know that last Sunday night at our Good-night Service one hundred and sixty-five men were present.

Our men are very eager and impatient for the fray, and to watch them in their drill, bomb throwing, anti-gas protection tests, musketry and other forms of training, one is impressed with their "determination to win," their "will to victory." Our Brigadier tells me that very few battalions in camp can compete with them in a march past.

I heartily agree with those outside our numbers who are constantly assuring me that we have an exceptional group of men. Under the very efficient and genial leadership of Major Moffat, our acting commanding officer, our men lack nothing. He does everything possible for the welfare of all men under his command, and they fully appreciate the constant thoughtfulness of their kindly commander.

I am fully persuaded that Bruce County has every reason to be proud of the 160th Battalion. They greet you and wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

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Chaplain 160th Battalion.