
SOLDIER OF FORTUNE

Sergeant Graeme Moncrieff, 52nd Battalion, Once Had Part in Raid Over Mexican Border

Sergeant Graeme Moncrieff, of Toronto, who arrived in Port Arthur last night by Canadian Pacific from Toronto to visit his friend, Sergeant La Soeur, of the 52nd battalion, is a veritable soldier of fortune. He was formerly a squadron sergeant-major in the United States cavalry.

He was on active service during the Mexican trouble, and one night the Mexicans captured one of the U. S. cavalry men, abused him, cut off his ears and sent him back, mutilated, to the American camp. A squadron of American soldiers, headed by a lieutenant and Squadron Sergeant-Major Moncrieff, went over to the Mexican quarters and cleaned up things generally, killing fifteen of the enemy. For this insubordination the lieutenant was dismissed from the service and given twenty years' imprisonment. Sergeant-Major Moncrieff "got his" too, but after serving three months of his time he was pardoned by President Wilson, and came to Winnipeg, where he joined the 52nd as a "ranker." At the front, however, he obtained non-commissioned rank, and is now back in Canada again.
