

(From Dr. Cushing's diary, August 30, 1917).

"They were just beyond Pilkem, between Langemark and St. Julien, two to three hundred yards this side of Hindenburg Trench, and were preparing to move the four batteries up today. Major Batchelor, Revere, and eighteen men were bridging over a shell-hole in preparation for the move of the guns in their battery. It was about 4.30 in the afternoon and there had been no shelling. They were so busy they did not even hear the first shell, which dropped among them and wounded ^{or killed} eight out of the twenty.

It was difficult to get back, but they finally were brought to the dressing station at Essex Farm on the canal - a 3000-yard carry, and then a short distance in a light railway - then the advanced post of the 131st Field Ambulance in front of Canada Farm, and then by ambulance to No. 47 C.S. which was 'taking in' - a matter of four hours."

"This will take me home"
"A'right, me"