

## **Glenbow Archives**

### **M-7484-6, Hugh Murray McQueen's First World War letters**

[newspaper clipping: Murray McQueen's obituary]

#### **Hugh McQueen Killed**

Resigned Commission in Order to Go to Front More Quickly.

Hugh Murray McQueen, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McQueen, 34 De Lisle avenue, has been killed in action. He was born Sept. 1, 1894, matriculated from Petrolea High School, and attended St. Andrew's College in 1912-13. While at college he earned his place on both intermediate and senior football teams. He was also in the hockey team.

He took a commission in the 70<sup>th</sup> Battalion, C.E.F. To insure a place with that battalion when it went overseas on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1916, he reverted to the rank of private. His determination to get to France as quickly as possible prompted his transfer to the 58<sup>th</sup> Battalion, with whom he crossed the Channel soon after his arrival in England. He went all through the heavy fighting in the summer of 1916, and was wounded at the Somme. Recovering, he returned to France, but was gassed during the winter campaign. While convalescent in England he was offered an appointment on the instructor's staff. This he turned down because he believed himself too fit for such work. During the last six months he saw much strenuous fighting, and was continually in the trenches until killed in action on Sept. 30.

Great sympathy will be felt for his parents, who are now in Peru in connection with Mr. McQueen's interests in the oil fields; his two sisters, Jean and Margaret; and his brother, MacNeil. Mr. McQueen is vice-president of the International Petroleum Co.