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## CANADIANS TAKE ARLEUX-EN-GOHELLE

### Successful Rapid Charge Results in Advance Over a Mile Deep on Mile and Half Front --- Manitoba Battalion Suffers Severely When Held Up by Barbed Wire --- British Troops Carry the Enemy Positions as Heavy Artillery Slaughters Thousands of Germans Ordered by Their Officers Into a Shambles --- Hand-to-Hand Fighting Develops Utmost Ferocity.

LONDON, April 29.—Bitter fighting continued throughout last night and today on the front of the British offensive. Reuters' correspondent at the British headquarters says that the Germans apparently have a good idea of the principal points against which the British effort is directed and which must be carried before it will be possible for the British to go ahead again. The Germans are throwing in fresh troops to defend these positions as rapidly as it is possible to hurry them up.

The British troops have captured Arleux-en-Gohelle and German positions on a front of more than two miles north and south of that village, says the official report of Saturday night.

By R. T. Small, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press  
BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, April 29, via London, 11.05 p.m.—There was more desperate fighting along the British front today, and the Germans, evidently spurred on by declaration from Field Marshal Von Hindenburg that they must hold their present positions at all costs, are making a resistance more stubborn than any heretofore encountered.

The attack began with the coming of dawn. It extended in an easterly direction from Vimy ridge at its northern hinge and ran southward to the Scarpe. Progress was made everywhere, and the so-called Oppy-Mercurio line, which protects the Drocourt switch to the Hindenburg line, was pierced again.

The Canadians, who had been more or less resting since they swept the Germans off both slopes of Vimy ridge on Easter Monday, made a brilliant assault against Arleux-en-Gohelle and captured that village and held it against all counter-attacks. The British also crossed the German lines just west of Oppy, and there has been fierce fighting about that village all day.

By Stewart Lyon  
CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, via London, April 29.—From a ridge above Farbus, whence a view could be obtained of the Arleux-Oppy slope, upon which the Canadian and British advance was made, I watched the tremendous spectacle of the last fierce burst of fire from hundreds of guns. It was Vimy Ridge over again in that respect.

German counter-attacks are expected. The British to the south advanced simultaneously from their position near Gravelle against the fortified village of Oppy, which lies midway between Arleux and Gravelle.

Just as in the last pitched battle the hottest fighting centered around Monchy, now Rouex is the scene of the severest fighting," the correspondent continues. "The Germans appreciate the tactical value of Rouex as a complement to Monchy and are sacrificing troops in droves in the effort to keep the British out, but the concentrating of big British guns is making the Germans pay a heavy price for their opposition."

Our troops also progressed north-east of Gravelle and the western slopes of Greenland Hill, between Gravelle and Rouex. South of the river we have gained ground north of Monchy-le-Freux.

RUSSIANS RECOVER GROUND IN CAUCASUS  
Turks Fail to Hold Ground Captured Near City of Erzingan.

By Stewart Lyon  
CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, via London, April 29.—Sunday afternoon, and no counter-attack upon Arleux has yet been made, after the hard fighting in the village yesterday morning, much of it with the bayonet, in cellars and among the ruins of the houses which were knocked to pieces first by our guns.

By Stewart Lyon  
GERMANS MAKE NO COUNTER-ATTACKS FOR SIXTEEN HOURS AFTER CAPTURE OF ARLEUX—DOMINION TROOPS CONSOLIDATE POSITIONS.

By Stewart Lyon  
ADVANCE OF A UNIT  
The bite taken out by the Canadians this morning was about 2,500 yards in length, with the penetration of the enemy's line at the deepest point of 1,800 yards.

Share in Brilliant Operations  
The first attempt to penetrate the German wire on the northern end of our front was not successful because of the network of houses at Arleux, as well as the heaps of shale around the pit mouths which sheltered nests of machine guns, the fire from which made an advance too costly.

Sunday's Report  
The British troops captured a German trench system south of Oppy on a front of about a mile, after heavy fighting this morning, says the official report issued on Sunday from British headquarters in France.

During the night a strong enemy counter-attack upon our new positions north of Arleux-en-Gohelle was broken up by our fire. Fighting continues at several places north of River Scarpe.

CONSCRIPTION'S FOES BETWEEN IN NEW ZEALAND ELECTIONS  
Wellington, New Zealand, via London, April 29.—The Liberal party has been defeated in the municipal elections in New Zealand.

U.S. TROOPS IN FRANCE JOFFRE'S EARNEST HOPE  
Expeditionary Force Will Hasten End of War and Cement Franco-American Ties, Says Marshal—Germans Dread British Prowess.

It is estimated that seven hundred men were caught in the open while marching in four columns towards Fresnoy, and fearfully cut up by the concentrated artillery fire directed upon it by an aerial observer, who afterwards reported that he was practically destroyed.

Some of the prisoners are of the Hanoverian Battalion. Their officers wear blue armlets with the word "Gibraltar" on them, in commemoration of the part they played in defence of the rock when Britain's King was also King of Hanover.

AUSTRIANS TAKE POST UPON ITALIAN FRONT  
Vienna, April 29, via London.—Following is the official statement given out here today:

### WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

FIELD MARSHAL HAIG thrust out rather violently against the German positions north of the Scarpe River and south of Lens on Saturday at dawn, and also the Germans resisted desperately the British troops moved forward everywhere on the six-mile battlefield. By yesterday evening the British had captured Arleux Village, with trenches of about 3600 yards frontage north and south of the village; also trenches northeast of Gravelle, besides those between Gravelle and Rouex, and north of Monchy-le-Freux, on Saturday and yesterday. They stormed a trench system of about a mile across south of Oppy Village. Before Rouex, where the British also advanced, the Germans are offering their principal resistance. They perceive that this point, in a bend of the Scarpe and a complementary position to Monchy, is a vital one for them to hold, so they are using up troops wholesale in an attempt to stem the rising tide against them. North of Rouex and south of Gravelle the British carried the western slopes of the eminence known as Greenland Hill, and they advanced beyond the summit to within easy range of some important cross-roads. In all the British made nearly 1000 unwounded prisoners. The ferocity of the fighting made the numbers captured smaller than usual.

The British lines, as modified by the latest fighting north of the Scarpe as far as Arleux-en-Gohelle, now bulge out into the German defences in such a manner as to make Lens and its environs form a salient projecting into the British lines. The Loos salient threatens Lens from the northeast, and the Scarpe and Arleux salient now threatens Lens from the southeast. Pressure from Loos and from Arleux-en-Gohelle directed against the neck of this salient will eventually compel the evacuation of Lens and will open up a new salient in the German lines for attack north of Loos and southwest of Lilla. The fighting promises shortly to become even more intense and to extend to a much broader front than even the present front of more than 100 miles.

These latest British gains have also the important result of bringing the British lines north of the Scarpe River at points a mile closer to

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