

SAILOR ON KENT VISITING IN CITY TELLS GRAPHIC STORY OF SINKING GERMAN CRUISERS

Seaman Fred Wood Gives First-Hand Account of Destruction of Fleet Off Falklands—Part Played by Kent Described by Member of Crew.

Burning every available scrap of wood on board, when the coal in her bunkers ran low, in the last thrilling hour of the 400-mile pursuit of the German cruiser Nürnberg, the British armored cruiser Kent gradually overhauled the fleeing foe, and with murderous broadsides from her guns sent the enemy to the bottom, blazing from stem to stern. This, briefly, is the tale of the sinking of the German raider on December 3, as told by Seaman Fred E. Wood of the Kent, to a reporter for The Advertiser, last night. Mr. Wood is spending a week's furlough at the home of his brother, Sydney Wood, 21 Elmery street, who is a member of the 7th C. M. R. Following her towing work on the seas, the Kent put into the harbor at Esquimaux for coal and repairs. Mr. Wood's leave of absence extends until June 20, when he will return to the ship.

Seaman Wood was also in the fish when the Dresden, after successfully eluding the vigilant British, was cornered and sunk off Juan Fernandez, in the Pacific.

"Our fleet, under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee, was in Port William and Port Stanley, near by, coaling up when the enemy's vessel was first sighted," said Seaman Wood. "My vessel, the Kent, had been detailed off for guard duty. That is, while the coal bunkers were being filled we were on watch for the enemy."

Two Dreadnoughts in Squadron. "Our squadron was made up of two dreadnoughts, the Invincible, which was the flagship, and the Inflexible; also the armored cruisers Cornwall, Kent, Glasgow, Bristol and several smaller vessels. "Scarcely had the Germans sighted us when they turned tail and fled. They seemed to have no desire to fight. The sight of those two imposing dreadnoughts, I guess, was too much for them. No one knew that such vessels were in that part of the world, and the Germans must have met with the surprise of their lives."

British Take Up Chase. "One after another, our ships cleared the harbor and started in hot pursuit of the foe. The Germans were crowding on all steam and gradually drew away into the ocean. The chase began about 6 o'clock in the morning.

"Naturally, our dreadnoughts soon led and by 1 o'clock in the afternoon the Invincible opened fire on the Dresden, which was the last in the line. At once, the raider turned at nearly right angles to the line of flight in an endeavor to escape. A few moments later and the Nürnberg followed suit.

"When this move was perceived there was a rapid exchange of signals in our squadron. The result was soon apparent. The Kent, the Cornwall and the Glasgow left the main pursuit and started on a chase, but we had no time to speculate on the success of our companion ships. We had our work cut out."

A Fine Raking. "The Glasgow picked up the Leipzig and when the Kent, which was slightly behind, came up, was given the enemy a fine raking. Soon after, the Cornwall, crowding all steam, came up and assisted with her heavy guns.

"Our captain saw that the Leipzig was being well looked after and we raced ahead to close in with the Nürnberg, which was making good headway. However, as we passed the Leipzig, we emptied a broadside into her, just to show what we were good for."

Throughout the water, while the miles between the pursuer and pursued gradually were cut down, Seaman Wood continued. It was about 5 o'clock in the afternoon when the gunners on the Kent got the range at 11,000 yards and the big six-inch guns began to roar out messages of death.

German Aim Wild. "Within a few minutes the German gunners started to reply. Their fire was much faster than that of the Britishers. Mr. Wood stated, but their aim was wild. Most of the shots went by their mark. The first shell that found a billet aboard the Kent pierced a funnel, but went clean through, failing to hit the sea.

Length by length the Kent gained on the raider. The range was better now and the voice of the big guns was followed by terrific crashings and booming. As well-aimed shells struck home, one shell hit a funnel amidships and sent it crashing to the deck, a mass of debris. A moment later a gap loomed in the side of the raider, where one of her biggest guns had stood.

Fire Breaks Out. "Then fire broke out on the Leipzig, where the big machines of war had been pouring out incessantly their missiles of death, a blaze leapt upward suddenly and caught in the upperworks. Amidships another fire was raging, driving the gunners from their guns to the stern, the only place where the seething mass of flames had not reached. Yet there was no sign of surrender and broadside after broadside was poured into the vessel till it seemed that no human being could survive that awful sweep of shell.

Within a remarkably short interval, Seaman Wood declared, the German was ablaze from stem to stern. Then

PIMPLES Appeared On His Face and Hands

The primary cause of pimples arises from the blood not being in a good condition. When the blood becomes impure you will find that pimples will break out all over the body, but more particularly on the forehead, nose and chin, and although they are not a dangerous trouble, they make you appear unsightly both to your friends, and yourself. What you need, when these pimples break out, is to get a real good blood purifying medicine such as Burdock Blood Bitters. One that will build up the system by cleansing the blood of all the impurities and poisons which cause the skin to break out in these eruptions.

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stated Seaman Woods, speaking of the remarkable chase, "but at least 25 knots were crowded out of her boilers. We were low on coal at the start, and towards the finish we were forced to burn targets and every available piece of wood aboard to keep steam up."

For months the Kent scouted in the Pacific for the Dresden, which escaped from the fight, off the Falkland Islands. Once the raider was sighted, but escaped when the Kent ran short of coal and was forced to give up the chase.

Later the Kent was joined by the Glasgow and the auxiliary cruiser Orma, and the hunt was resumed.

Explosion Sunk Dresden. On March 14, about 9 o'clock, the raider was suddenly sighted off Fernandez Island. Although the odds were three to one, the German opened fire on the Kent, which was leading the advance. The reply was a terrific hail of shot from the British warships. The German stood the ordeal for about five minutes. She was ablaze from stem to stern, and was listing badly. Scarcely had the white flag been run up when a tremendous explosion shattered the vessel to pieces. It sank immediately.

The Germans stood by their guns until the last, according to Seaman Wood. "As she went down we could hear the crew singing 'Die Wacht Am Rhein,'" he said. "The raider sunk easily, although riddled terribly. I tried to port guns and secured to the side below the surface. There were at least twenty killed and as many injured. The remainder of the crew escaped in small boats before the explosion occurred."

While at the Falkland Islands Seaman Wood met a cousin, John Walsh of Ireland, whom he had not seen for many years.

Mr. Wood states that the German ships of war have been cleared from the seas, as is probable, he says, that his vessel will be ordered to join the Allies in the Dardanelles, where the indefatigable navy is doing good work against the Turk fortifications with her big guns.

Magazines Blow Up.

A moment later there was a terrific explosion. The fire had reached the magazines and with a mighty roar the ship blew up. Her upperworks were almost entirely blown away. Swiftly the vessel listed badly to port, then downed, the raider sank, proud first. The Kent ceased firing at 6:10 o'clock.

The Kent also suffered in the fight. A gun crew of eight was wiped out by the bursting of a German shell. The lifeboats were splintered and damaged beyond repair. This was discovered when the British attempted to pick up the survivors. No boats were available, and of the crew of 375 men only five were saved. The remainder went to their deaths in the explosion, when the cruiser took its last plunge beneath the surface.

At the beginning of the chase the sea had been smooth. About noon the water became choppy, while at the time when the Nürnberg pulled down her flag both vessels were rolling heavily.

A Record Burst of Speed. "The Kent has a speed of 23 knots,"

SECURES SPECIAL ORDER TO SERVE KING ONCE MORE

Barred From Mounted Rifles
Veteran Enlists in
34th.

16 YEARS IN THE ARMY
Bandsman Smethurst Is Proud
Possessor of Many
Medals.

Pte. Edward Albert Smethurst, one of the cornet players of the 34th Overseas Battalion Band, is an imperial service veteran, who has been smelling powder since he was 15 years of age. He has 16 years' service to his credit, and has fought for the flag in India, Creta, Africa and Egypt. He is the proud possessor of four war medals—King's Sudan medal, and Kitchener's Sudan medal, both of 1898.

When the present war broke out, Pte. Smethurst enlisted in the Mounted Rifles at Toronto. A broken arm that had not knitted properly prevented him from passing the medical examination. He was determined to fight for King and Empire once more, and made a personal appeal to Major-General. Sam Hughes, with the result that a special order was made by the militia department to allow him to enlist in the 34th Battalion.

Enlisted When 15. At the age of 15 the veteran left his home in Manchester, England, and en-

OFFICERS OF 33RD TURN THE TABLES

Defeat Those of 34th in Last
Night's Baseball
Game.

Officers of the 33rd Overseas Battalion last night turned the tables on those of the 34th by defeating them in a return baseball game by a score of 4-3. The last game was won by the 34th 10-9, and now it is proposed to have a final grand championship game to decide the military championship of the officers' messes on Carling's Heights.

The 33rd came from behind last night in the last two innings, winning out after the score had been 2-2 against them.

The batting order of the teams follows:

33rd:
Capt. Jay, centre fielder.
Lieut. Grant, catcher.
Capt. Nelles, pitcher.
Capt. Dowling, right field.
Lieut. Taylor, third base.
Lieut. Henderson, left field.
Lieut. Waldron, shortstop.
Lieut. McQueen, first base.
Capt. Willoughby, second base.

34th:
McRae.
Coleman.
Scruton.
Savage.
McLaughlin.
McKay.
Williams.
Mitchell.
Hart.
Hart.
Lieut. Savage, who caught the first part of the game injured his fingers and had to retire, his place behind the bat being taken by Lieut. Hart.

The features of the game were sensational catches made by Capt. Dowling in right field, and Lieut. Henderson in left field.

Lieut. Duck, of the 33rd, was the official scorer of the game.

"Y" DRAWS BIG CROWD

400 Attend Entertainment There Last Night.

The concert and entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. tent last night drew the biggest crowd of the camp. More than 400 soldiers were in attendance.

At the close of the usual picture show an impromptu concert and "sing song" was arranged, and as usual the men enjoyed it with the true heartiness that characterizes their work as well as their play.

CHANGING CAMP LINES

More Tents Being Erected to Accommodate 33rd Recruits.

It's moving day in the lines of the 33rd Overseas Battalion today. Additional accommodation for the many new recruits that have been taken on the strength of the battalion in the past few weeks has made necessary the enlargement of the battalion lines. The result has been that considerable shifting of tents is in order to secure the needed canvas homes for the overseas soldiers.

GOSSIP OF THE CAMP

In order that moving pictures may be shown in the recreation and entertainment section of the 34th Battalion, the cinema floor has been constructed in regular theatre style. Two feet has been dug from the back of the cinema and placed in the front in order that there may be a graduated fall for the rows of seats.

The Band of the 34th has returned from its leave of absence, and is getting in its daily practice work once more. There is a daily improvement in the band's work.

Pioneer sections of the different battalions and fatigue parties are working under the direction of the engineers to construct the tent floors that are to be put in all tents.

New recruits of the 33rd are: Charles Danby to A. Frank E. McKellar to D. Harry Tarrar to D. Victor Faulkner to D. Robert Harmon to D. George Dean to C. Daniel Coogan to C. John Jenken to Machine Gun Section. A. E. Copeland to C. John Darling to C. G. Norton to C.

Although the wind this morning was nothing like the storm of earlier in the week, it was sufficient to snap off a tent pole and cause the collapse of one of the "bells" in the lines of the 33rd.

Work was started today on the stringing of the lights for the camp of the 34th. Four big lights are to be put up, as well as service to the tents of the officers and the hospital tents.

Capt. Percy Cowell, of the 33rd, has been granted leave of absence from 1 o'clock Saturday until 2 p.m. Monday.

IN NEW QUARTERS

33rd Canteen Enlarged and Recreation Room Added.

The canteen of the 33rd Battalion has been transferred to new and larger quarters. The old canteen tent, and the stretcher bearers' marquee were torn down last night and the assembly tent of the 33rd Huron Regiment, which was Lieut.-Col. Wilson's command, erected in their place.

The canteen proper is occupying the front of the tent, while in the rear a commodious hall has been provided for a recreation and reading room.

The new canteen quarters are not only much larger, but will allow the presentation of concerts and entertainments.

33RD OFFICERS PICKED

Next Four to Take Special Course Announced Today.

The officers from the 33rd Battalion who will go to Ottawa on Monday to take the special musketry course at the Rockcliffe Ranges have been announced. The four who go next week will be the second "section" from the 33rd to take this special training. They will be Major McCrimmon, Captains Thornley, Willoughby and Cowell,



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THE DIARY OF MARS

Following their success in the Baltic regions, the Russians now claim a considerable victory in Galicia. The Austro-German forces which are attempting to advance on Lemberg from the south are said by the Russian war office to have been defeated in a battle along the Dniester, near Zurawna, to the east of Stryp.

An unofficial dispatch from Geneva states that the Teutonic forces were driven back at two points on the Dniester.

The first large battle of the Italian campaign is now under way, having been brought on by the attempt of the Italians to force the Isonzo River, running north from the Gulf of Trieste.

Two British fishing smacks in the North Sea were attacked and sunk by Zeppelins. Submarines sank the British steamer Strathcarron of 2,800 tons and a Russian bark. No loss of life is reported in any case.

Dispatches from Cologne and Geneva mention heavy fighting, particularly near Gorizia, on the east side of the city, 22 miles northwest of the city of Trieste. The Cologne report states that the Italians were repulsed at this point, as well as near Gradisca and Montebelluna. Capture of Montebelluna by the Italians was announced officially from Rome yesterday. According to the Geneva advices, the battle has not been decided. Austrian losses in the Gorizia fight are placed at 8,000 to 10,000.

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Some of the soldiers now in the ranks of the infantry battalions here who have served in British arsenals may be transferred from their respective units to work in the Canadian arsenals and shell factories now turning out munitions of war for Great Britain and her allies.

Permission has been granted by the officers to allow the men to transfer into what is considered an equally important branch of the service.

Advertiser Illustrations. COL. CHARLES WORTH, who has been the women of England, as well as the men, should fight for their country. She has organized the Women's Volunteer Reserves, and they are being drilled for regular field service.

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WHAT ABOUT HONORS FOR CANADIAN HEROES?

Question To Be Asked in House of Commons on Monday.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.] London, June 11.—In the Commons on Monday next, Donald MacMaster will ask the War Minister "when we may hope to have a list of honors and promotions in the Canadian force as recognitions of their distinguished services and patriotic sacrifices."