

OTIA NEWS

N. S., July 15.—Mr. ... is visiting his ...

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HIT, NOT HARMED,

Was British Corporal Laurie in a Storm of Bullets.

Bayonet Twisted, Rifle Splintered, His Clothing Cut and Toe of His Shoe Torn Off at Athara, but They "Never Touched Him."

The proverb that every bullet has its billet is very wide of the mark.

To have the bayonet on the rifle a soldier is carrying is a bullet, the butt of the same rifle splintered by another bullet, the toe of the shoe shot off by a third ball, and the man's clothing almost torn off by others is a chapter of lucky accidents that reads like an extract from the thrilling adventures of those time-honored heroes who kill their enemies by wholesale and never receive a scratch themselves.

"I suppose I have been reported as slightly wounded, and pictured as an interesting invalid. Well, I was struck, but the effect was so small that I have often been worse hurt in a football match.

"Before I entered the zareba I was not struck, but shortly afterwards a bullet took off the toe of my left shoe without hitting my foot, the shoe being a size too big for my foot, and the bullet being stopped by an iron bolt which went into my body but for my rifle being there. Then a nigger in a trench led drive at me with a spear, missed my ribs by an inch, and then grazed the back of my hand just enough to make it bleed.

"When I reached the river bank, which was nearly perpendicular, a shot came from the bottom and hit my right foot, and a little to the left, which caused the wound I was supposed to have got, and was so curious that I entered through the lid of my right ammunition box, which was open, went into my right coat pocket, smashing a penknife and two pencils, tore four holes in my shirt, made a surface wound two or three inches long on my left breast, and came out near my left shoulder through my coat and ammunition pouch braces.

"The afternoon I strolled over to the field hospital and got a piece of dressing on, and it has never troubled me at all; in fact, it was a farce to put it on a wound, and was done without my knowledge by the color sergeant, by everybody, wonderfully lucky in getting off as I have done, while other poor chaps were given no chances."

"CORPORAL LAURIE," "Seaforth Highlanders."

Eight Years' Contract. Gigantic Undertaking by London Engineers.

A RANCH GIRL'S CHOICE.

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SMOKE PROTECTION AGAINST FROST.

The following letter from T. M. Richards of Boca Raton, Fla., James E. Ingraham, land commissioner of the Florida East Coast railway, will prove of interest to fruit growers.

Refering to our conversation concerning protection against frost for vegetables and pineapples, I would suggest the plan commonly in use, and very successfully so, in parts of Carolina and Virginia, as follows:

In the fall, some weeks before danger of cold, one should procure a supply of pine sawdust from the mills. Around each field of, not more than four acres, (and two acres is better) the sawdust should be deposited in conical piles, fifty feet apart, and two bushels of sawdust in each heap.

These heaps should be placed all the way around each lot, so the wind may shift to any quarter. When the thermometer shows danger of frost, at three o'clock in the morning let men take cans of common kerosene and go to each alternate heap, make a little opening in the top of the heap, pour in one or two tablespoonsful of kerosene, and set it on fire. It will not blaze much, but by giving a little time for the oil to spread before firing, the sawdust will smoulder and burn slowly until it is all consumed, all the while smoking forth volumes of thick smoke, which will protect the plants from the direct rays of the sun, and prevent them from scalding.

Last winter's freeze in many instances demonstrated that the sun was responsible for the damage in nearly every case. Wherever there was shade through the forenoon no plants were injured. This was also the case among the orange groves in the interior. This plan has proved extremely successful where tried.—Jacksonville (Fla.) Times-Union.

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