

# AT VIMY RIDGE

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(By Lacey Amy, special correspondent of the Times.)  
With the Canadian Forces, France, July 28—Vimy! Of a thousand memories, sad and glorious, of a thousand valiant deeds, of a thousand years in the world's stirring history!  
Vimy, a star to Canada's crown, the wealth of a national sun, which the god of war or peace will never make to get! Vimy, the cemetery of brave bodies, but the monument of their undying glory. The height that registered an unconquerable army's protest against the way of the Hun—registered it at a cost we mourn today, but will thrill with to greater deeds tomorrow! A small name, that all the world might

Speak it, that centuries of generations ensue by its great adventure may repeat its story to their children in bated tones of reverence!  
Vimy—destructible—destroyed! But eternal in the essentials of the mortal life! A spot to worship in, not to weep in!  
Yesterday I wandered almost alone over Vimy Ridge. In all that world of silent record was only my companion, and a mile farther back my car. It was a quiet pilgrimage to the tomb of buried greatness. Behind the lay the long level slope up which the Canadians charged on that April day. A gentle slope, that, where farmers might plow and reap, and women stand at set of sun gazing out beneath shaded hand for the man or child of the homes God makes happiest on the peaceful slopes of life.  
Standing high on the heights that bound the plains is the jagged tower of Mont St. Eloy, now only an unsightly ruin that marks the excesses of two dire epochs in France's history; and

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dimly about its feet are the remnants of what was once a cozy little village that slept in the dose of uneventful rural existence. Further heights beyond, that looked down on scenes never to be completely chronicled.  
In front, over the edge of the slope, the abandonment and wilderness of fighting areas, where men lie deep beneath the earth in watch for each other, where guns spit visible fire and audible missile, where shells burst softly in reddish clouds that once were walls and steeples. Down there is destruction in its wildest orgy. Givenchy, Souchez, Grenay, Liervin, Lens, and a score of tiny suburbs that one time revelled in their independence—all now mere ugly piles of debris from which flame bits of broken red walls that hope on, but hope in vain. For the black embers of what were once roofs and floors, the mingled white of chalk and the red of brick dust, tell the tale of fate.

Many of the old landmarks remain, the sights the Canadians looked down on when they topped the Ridge and saw the German in full retreat after his disastrous rout. The mine-heads are there yet, tangles of unsightly metal; the white chalk of shell-torn hamlets; the well-known towers beyond Lens; the square steeple of Sallaumines Church. There is the Green Crassier, which the Canadians took and lost and took again, and were finally driven from by the encroaching waters of the damned Souchez River; an insignificant mound of slag, but it reeks with blood.  
In the dim distance chimneys smoke for German sustenance, a strange strip of peace bounding the ravages of war. All along the line are bursts of fire, and clouds of dust; and dimly against the wind rises the muffled roar of them. It is like mock warfare with blank cartridges that emit flames and smoke for the spectacle from the Ridge behind. But the signs are too awful to encourage the illusion. There are no whole roofs, no

unshattered walls. The long avenue of once picturesque trees that marked the much traveled highway from Arras to Lens is a grim line of war-blasted veridancy beside which the road is grass-grown and torn. In all that vast scene is not a spot of human life, not a blade of cultivated growth. Yet it is held in the grip of thousands of men who listen across narrow streets to the threat of thousands of foes, or look over strips of water into the muzzles of deadly guns.

But my thoughts are with the chaos about me, not behind or before. The Ridge is like the anger of a Deity, the wanton playfulness of heartless gods who make pawns of the weak men and nature. On the verge of the heights is the wilderness of mountain wastes to which man travels as an awed spectator. A child could not whip a mound of clay into such confusion even in miniature. A million men on that edge of height could not tear such rudeness into earth. A million shells, a hundred mines, battalions of khaki workers, these have delivered there for years. And now one may not even walk across the ground for the water-filled holes, the hidden tangle of barbed wire, the mass of weeds and flowers, the peeping gnats of jagged and unexploded shells. Will man ever level it again? Will the far-seeing edges of the Ridge ever bear fruit? Will the gathered pools of the craters and shell-holes ever flow down to the Souchez River where they belong?

Further back a few hundred yards I walked across the overgrown waste, where the brown and drab of earth is closely veiled in the green and red, and white and yellow of nature's burial shroud. Dodging round shell-holes where the water would drown, twisting in and out of neglected trenches, untangling myself from unseen wire that dogged my feet, bursting through rankest growth that resisted this breach into the sanctity of a tremendous earthly monument, I visited the resting places of a thousand brave Canadians. All along the slope are the great white crosses, the barbed wire enclosures, that mark a score of cemeteries within sight.

Here was The Pimple, where the 11th Brigade fought its fight against clustered machine guns to swing along the north end line with the south. And the 11th has its many cemeteries sacred to its fallen men. The great cross marking each bears on its sides the names of the men who paid for a world's emancipation. And clustered round are the graves of the men themselves, with their clean white headpieces.  
Some who were unknown are buried there as reverently as their fellows: "To the Memory of Twenty Unknown Canadian Soldiers." An upstanding oak tree speaks of Private "John," who "was killed in action, April 9, 1917, and is buried hereabouts." Friends of the fallen have come to mourn beside the graves and have left their messages of farewell and respect. Beside the name of one for whom I was searching a good friend had written in pencil: "Western Irish. A good chum." A simple epitaph with a world of meaning.

They sleep well there, the boys of Vimy. To the greatest requiem ever rung down the aisles of a world-wide cathedral they slumber in the comforting arms of a world's reverence. The whine of shell, the boom of gun, the whir of the war-god's wing, wrap them but deeper in repose. Fields of soft red clover fold them in, and the waxy yellow of buttercups, the white of daisies, poppies have ceased to bleed for them. Grief should end for the valiant dead of Vimy Ridge. Hereafter is but the joyous hymn of praise that God gave Canada's sons. Out there on Vimy Ridge they lie, heroes in a hero's sepulchre. And the clover and the buttercup bend low to whisper to them what the mortal voice of the world cannot speak.

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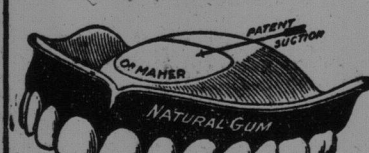
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