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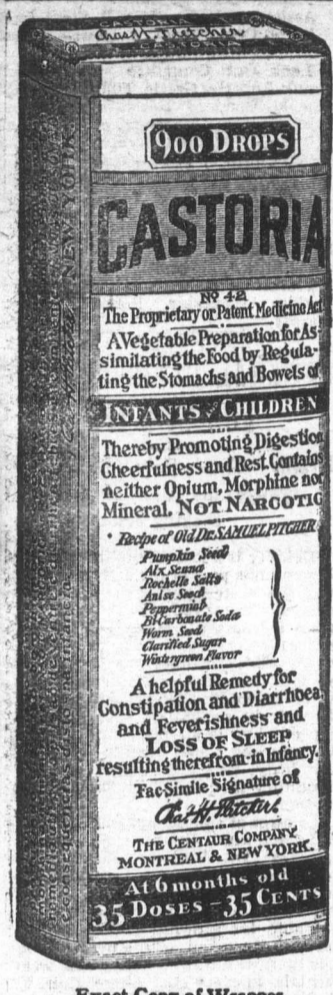
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# Story of Pte. Kinross, V.C.

GERMAN machine guns have given Canada a large number of V.C.'s. One of these was Pte. Cecil John Kinross, who returned to his home in Lougheed, Alta., the first week of January, after three years in the army. His memorable attack on a troublesome machine gun in the enemy trenches was made at the battle of Passchendaele, Oct. 30, 1917.

The attack on Passchendaele by the Canadians, in which Pte. Kinross displayed the fearlessness and skill which won him the highest honor in the gift of the British Empire to her soldiers, lasted from the night of Oct. 28-29 until the night of Nov. 1, 1917. The attack was successful, as history knows, and Passchendaele Ridge was occupied by the British at the end of the engagement, but history cannot estimate how much of that victory was due to such acts of individual courage as won Cecil Kinross the V.C.

The struggle was severe. The Canadian line was withering under terrific fire. One of the sources of this punishment of the line was a machine gun which was pouring its deadly hail into the trenches of the Canadians. Pte. Kinross was seen to make a careful survey of the ground, intervening between the Canadian line and the German line. It was broad daylight. Deliberately divesting himself of all his equipment, except his bandolier, the belt that carried his ammunition, and his rifle, he went over the top alone.

He advanced steadily, under direct fire, towards the enemy line, and single-handedly changed the machine gun. He killed the crew of six and put the gun out of commission. Fired by the example of their comrade the other men of his company made a rush and advanced 300 yards and established a highly important position. He was seriously wounded in the head and arm later the same day. It was not until two months later, while convalescing in Orpington Hospital, England, that he heard that he had been given the Victoria Cross for his work that day in October. He was the most surprised man in his company.

Pte. Kinross is the only son of James Sterling Kinross, J.P., Lougheed, Alta. Before enlisting he worked on his father's farm. He joined the 51st Battalion in October, 1915, at Edmonton. By volunteering to go over with a special draft he got to England the following December, spending Christmas Day at sea. In England he was sent to Shorncliffe, where he was in training until March. He was soon in action in the third battle of Ypres. In June he moved to the Somme, where he was wounded, but was back in the trenches in about a month. From that until Passchendaele he was in the battle line continuously, with the exception of ten days' leave in England, just before the big engagement in which he won the V.C.

The Kinross family came from England to live in Canada in 1911. They settled on a farm near Lougheed. Cecil Kinross was born in Uxbridge, Middlesex, England, about ten miles from London. When he was nine years old his parents moved to Hollies Farm, Lea Marston, near Birmingham. Six years later they came to Canada. One sister is now a nurse in Edmonton. The younger sister took her brother's place on the farm during his absence overseas as so many girls have done in England. Two cousins who had come to Canada the same time as the Kinross family, joined the army early in the war. One of them, D. A. Kyle, was a trapper in the Peace River district when war was declared and walked 200 miles to enlist. The other was James Miller. Both have won the Military Medal. Every relative of the V.C., of military age, was in the army.

Cecil John Kinross started school when he was about six years old. He went to a boarding school near his home, Dewes Farm, Uxbridge. A cheering bit of information for boys of that age now will be the fact that the future V.C. was frequently minus dessert, Sundays, for wriggling in church, while he was in attendance at this school. He did not attend that school until two months later. When his parents moved north Cecil John went to Lea Marston public school, and later to Coleshill Grammar School.

Last spring, obtaining leave from hospital after his wounds were beginning to mend, Pte. Kinross, V.C., visited his old home. Hearing of his coming the town arranged a public reception for him. He was met at the railway station by prominent citizens, carried shoulder high to a waiting motor and driven around the surrounding parishes. The procession was headed by a band and a large number of the boys from Lea Marston and Coleshill schools. The parade ended up at the school, where speeches were made and a presentation made to the boy who had brought distinction to the school.

In the three years that Pte. Kinross was in the army he was engaged at various forms of military duty,

always with that tincture of danger that made the life attractive to him. But of all the phases of work he was happiest when he was just an ordinary "Tommy," and with that curious mixture of refinement and keen and fearless daring, which is found so often in the English make-up, he could say, "This is the life for me."—Carolyn Cornell.

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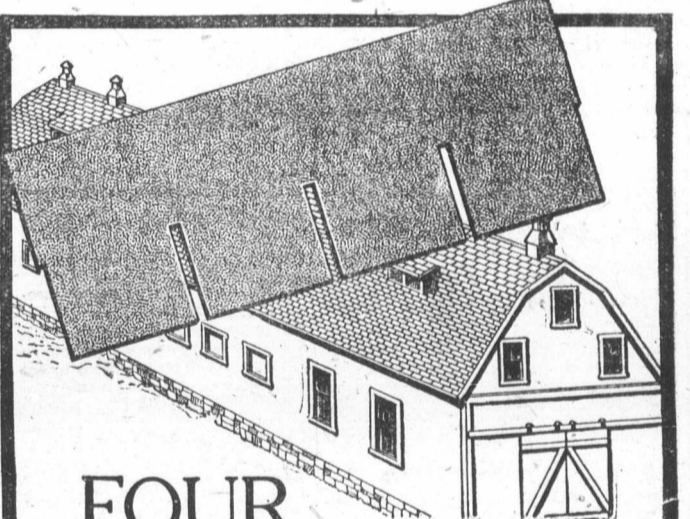
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