

CORPORAL AND THREE COMRADES CAPTURE 103 GERMANS

Terrified Group of Huns Found Huddled Up in Dugout After Vimy Ridge Bombardment.

London (New York Herald Correspondent.)

In thirty or forty years from now, back in his home town in Canada, a grizzled veteran of the Great War will be sitting on his front porch or in the lobby of the Imperial Hotel repeating the story of how he with three comrades captured 103 Germans in one lot during the battle of Arras. To make the story more interesting he will add that he was a corporal in one of the Canadian regiments and that he was wounded and very weak from exhaustion.

The group around him will not knowingly and will exchange glances in admiration of his imagination. The yarn will be looked upon as one of those which veterans persist in telling, and which, like wine, improve with age.

But the singular part of this story will be that it is true. To this the British Office records will attest, for the exploit has been investigated and confirmed in every detail.

After the British artillery completed pounding the first line German trench with heavy exploding shells and lengthened its range to spot the retreating Germans last Easter Sunday morning, the infantry Canadians and English "Tommies," started out to do their part. They double-quick to the trenches with rifles, bayonets and hand grenades to capture prisoners and put an end to those stray Germans who still had fight in them.

Sniper's Bullet Stings Him.

The Canadian corporal was well in the front rank. He carried four grenades as well as his rifle, but had not gone far before a sniper's bullet stung his arm.

"Ouch!" he exclaimed, but he kept on, unmindful of the pain and the loss of blood. A Canadian private was at his side.

In a few minutes, stumbling their way over huge shell holes and broken wire entanglements, they came to the opening of a German dug-out, with winding steps leading down into blackness. It seemed as though the artillery had missed this altogether.

"I'll toss one of these grenades down there for luck," the corporal told the private. "It'll make it merry for any of them Huns that may be hiding there."

There was a terrific explosion and a great gust of smoke. The Canadians leaned over, peering down into the darkness, to see what had happened. To their surprise they heard German.

"Here goes another," the corporal said, tossing the second grenade into the hole. When the smoke cleared away they still heard the voices.

"Let's go down there," said the private.

"Sure," replied the corporal "but get some help first. They may overwhelm us."

Just then two English "Tommies" came along. The corporal, who was growing weak from his wound, explained the mission and the "Tommies" agreed.

The four started single file down the winding stairway into the dark, the corporal, with a grenade in each hand, leading the way. At the foot of the stairs they found themselves in a dug-out of unusual size. They had no electric flash-light, but one of the party had a bit of candle which he lighted. The flickering flame dazzled vision for a minute or two, but presently revealed a subterranean passage leading around a curve. The party followed it very carefully.

German Group Revealed.

Suddenly the full interior of the refuge was revealed. There against the back wall, were huddled a large group of Germans, evidently stricken with terror. They said nothing. The British soldiers stopped and the corporal stepped forward.

"If one of you fellows budges," he said in plain English, "I'll blow up the whole damned lot!"

"We're through," said one of the Germans as all of them put their hands above their heads.

The corporal did some hasty thinking. He could see plainly that he and his party were well outnumbered, although he did not know at the time that the ratio was twenty-five to one. Then he hit upon a scheme.

"Advance, three at a time," he commanded, "lay down your arms and pass out. You're my prisoners. If one of you makes a false move I'll kill you all with this grenade. Ready, now—the first three."

Three Germans moved forward cautiously, laid down their rifles and side arms and took positions along one side of the dug-out.

"Three more," came the command, and three more stepped forward. The procedure was repeated thirty-three times, and then the party was taken up the stairs and back to the British lines as prisoners. There were ninety-nine German prisoners and four officers who, by the way were mad with rage when they learned that their command had been captured by four British soldiers.

When the corporal got back to the British lines he collapsed from loss of blood. He was taken to a field hospital and brought to London a few days ago. The wound is not serious and he will be out again in a few days.

Canadian Corporal's Story.

Many other dramatic incidents of latest developments around Arras are being told by the wounded soldiers who are being brought to the base hospitals around London. This is the story of another Canadian corporal who was wounded at Vimy Ridge:

About noon the weather suddenly cleared, the sun came out, and we could see ahead of us a great plain, stretching away like the prairies, as far as your eyes could see. We could plainly see the shells from our heavy dropping in all the villages of the valley. Right and left down below, we could see our boys going forward, with our barrage marching before them a wall of smoke and fire miles along. We could see it stop sudden over a line of trenches, and then later march on again like a great wave. Then our boys would drop into the trench—what was left of it—wait there, cleaning up stray bodies in dug-outs, till the barrage lifted again and then go on.

"But it was in a way the finest thing you ever dreamt of, because so exact, like steam hammers or trains. You couldn't see who pulled the string but would see that how-ever did it made no mistakes; not so much as a yard. We could see some of our boys were falling, but wonderfully few.

"Just about then we spotted a big Boche ration party, loaded to the ears straggling up a ravine in front of us. Our officer detailed half a dozen to go round each flank of this gang, and that way, without a shot fired, we rounded up 180 Boches with their stores. They had been told to find some Boche regiment, and had just got lost, wondering around dodging shells. They told us our raids each night had rattled them badly.

"Just after Fritz put up an observation balloon, within five hundred yards of us, so near that we looked off at it with rifles and machine guns; may be the first time infantry have tackled a sausage in this war. It broke away from its moorings almost directly, and was drifting toward us. We could see the two Boches trying to parachute down but they couldn't get clear till they were very low and they turned over and over in the air first, feet up, and then head up, and they must have been aspoosed, though we didn't see them land.

"We were a bit strayed then from a machine gun in a Boche plane. Couldn't see the beggar, only his shadow on a cloud, but he pipped a few of us, and that was how I got my two packets."

TWO NEPHEWS FALL IN ACTION IN ONE MONTH.

Mr. Chas. Rogers, 44 Queen St., was greatly shocked when he learned by today's despatches that his nephew, Richard Rogers of Welland, had fallen in action in France. It is only a month since Richard's brother, Pte. Ernest Rogers was killed. The two boys were both employed in the Imperial Bank prior to enlistment and belonged to a fine type of manly, patriotic young Canadians.

ERROR IN NAMES.

In the report of the case in the Supreme Court here this week of "Martin vs. Maynes," the name of the solicitor for the defendant was given as W.C. Mikel. This was an error. The solicitor for the deft. was Mr. A. Bernard Collins, of Tweed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE LATE O. S. HICKS

From The Markham Economist and Sun we copy the following report of a memorial service out of respect to the life and work of the late O. S. Hicks, well-known in Belleville and in the district surrounding:

The Methodist Church Markham, was crowded on Sunday night last when a service was held to the memory of the late O. S. Hicks. A large party of the body of the church was occupied by members of the local fraternal lodges, the Freemasons, Oddfellows, and Orangemen all being strongly represented. The late Mr. Hicks was Noble Grand of the Oddfellows and treasurer of the Orange lodge, whilst he had formerly been County Secretary and was also a Past Master of the Orange Order. He was also acting Justice of the Peace and a member of the Village Council. As an ex-school teacher he had always taken a deep interest in the young people and was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School. His activities and sympathies were wide and varied, and it was therefore no wonder that Rev. A. McNellie had so large a congregation before him. Preaching from "For a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind and a covert from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as shadows of a great rock in a weary land," he likened the character and life of the deceased to the pictures drawn by Isaiah and gave a strong personal testimony, which he was sure was shared by those present, as to the strength of purpose and splendid helpfulness of their late brother. No man within his experience fitted in with his text more than the late Mr. Hicks, and no man was more full of the spirit of helpfulness and friendliness than he had been whilst he had always a high sense of duty. The training of the young was to him a sacred duty. In all his many activities he measured up to Isaiah's conception of a man. Rev. Jos. E. Wilson gave a short address after the sermon as to his long acquaintance with deceased and his great helpfulness and sympathy. Special appropriate music was very ably rendered by the choir.

LETTER FROM PTE. LANG

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oram, Gilbert Street, have received the following letter from Pte. Fred J. Lang, Stirling of the 67th Battalion in France. The writer speaks encouragingly of the progress being made at the front:

No. 220240, Pte. F. J. Lang
A. Coy. 67th Battalion,
Canadians
/ B. E. F. France.

April 28th, 1917

Dear Friend:

I now take the pleasure of writing a few lines to let you know that I am quite well and happy and I hope you are all the same.

Well I suppose you are wondering how we boys are getting wild we here. Well times are getting wild we are making the Germans feel as if there is a war on and I guess they are wishing they had never started it, as they see now that they can't end it and we are going to end it for them.

Well do you ever hear anything of Eddie at all? I haven't seen him for some time and do not know how he is getting along.

Well I guess I'll close with love from a friend.

Fred J. Lang.

DR. REDICK COMES TO TOWN

Had Been Located in Stratford For Past Five Years.

Dr. Wm. P. Redick has arrived in the city and has located on Victoria Ave. Dr. Redick has been located in Stratford for the past five years and comes here highly recommended.

CASUALTIES

Killed in Action—
J. D. H. Winkie, Peterboro
Wm. Stork, Colborne.

Missing—
D. O'Grady, Peterboro

Wounded—
L. J. J. Fyles (Military Medal)
Tanworth
S. J. Curtis, Peterboro
D. McLellan, Kingston
Gunner R.T. Denham, Warkworth

Al—
J. H. Daubney, Picton

ALGONQUIN PARK

Through sleeping car from Toronto, Thursday direct to the Park. Just this out-of-the-way place for rest and recuperation. Splendid hotel accommodation. Handsome publication free on application to C. E. HORNING, Grand Frank Railway, Union Station, Toronto, Ont.

PHILIP PAULEY PAYS THE PRICE

Sergeant of 21st Battalion Killed in France May 9th—Promoted after Courcellette

Mr. George H. Pauley, 39 Octavia Street, received the sad news yesterday that his son, Sergeant Philip W. Pauley, of the 21st Battalion has paid the great price. The message reads as follows:

"Deeply regret inform you 59780 Sergt. Philip Walter Pauley, infantry, officially reported killed in action May 9th, 1917."

Philip Walter Pauley was born in Walthamstow, England on May 11th 1894. He was accordingly slain two days before his 33rd birthday. He came to Canada with his parents and family, who settled in Belleville quite a few years ago. Philip was a member of Christ Church and a faithful member of the Royal Templars of Temperance. He played in both the Fifteenth and I.O.O.F. bands and in civil life was employed at the Springer Lock works as a plater. In Sept. 1914 he enlisted and in the Spring of 1915 went overseas with the 21st Battalion. In Sept. 1915 he went into the trenches and passed through all of the engagements of note on the Canadian front. After Courcellette he was promoted to sergeant. He was a fine type of soldier, standing over six feet high and weighing over 200 pounds. His comrades looked upon him as a Christian young man and had every confidence in him.

Besides his parents he leaves a sister and one brother, George. The deepest sympathy is extended to the relatives in their bereavement.

LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS

Mrs. Wilson, 337 Front Street, has received the following letters from her husband, Frank Wilson, who is doing his bit for the Empire and freedom "somewhere in France":—

April 22, 1917.

Dear Wife and Mother,—

I received your long-looked-for letter on the 21st of April; you wrote it the 2nd of March and addressed it to Ottawa. I wrote you four letters since I left home and it seems funny to me that you did not receive them. I have been in France for some time, so that you may address your letters to me, Pte. F. Wilson, No. 1027638, "D" Co., 7th Batt. C.R.T., France.

Mr. Doyle says the "Patriotism and Production" movement has taught us to an extent not seen anywhere in this country. Every bit of available soil in back yards or in vacant lots in and about Buffalo is doing its share to produce food for the people.

The press is assisting in the various phases of the campaign in every possible way, politics being taboo and forgotten.

COBOURG BATTERY

The Cough Heavy Battery is at present very popular with the young men of this city. Every draft leaving Cobourg has always had a large quota from Belleville. In the seventh draft we had about fifteen men, and in the eighth, which will soon be leaving for overseas, seven men, but the ninth draft, now forming, promises to have the largest representation of the "Bay City" lads than any draft yet.

In addition to the nine names already published, the following have since put on A. C. H. B. uniforms. Messrs. L. Bell, G. Rood, M. Locke, D. Foote, R. Silly and R. Ives.

Seven students from Albert College are also similarly enlisting in the course of a couple of weeks. Several of our men about town are putting on a Cough H. B. uniform today and quite a number will tomorrow.

Bombardier Bullock and Gunner Madill are in charge of the local recruiting for this ninth draft, and if you don't see them on the street call at the Y.M.C.A., or phone Major McKinnon, O.C. Cobourg Heavy Battery, Cobourg, Ont.

INSPECTED BELLEVILLE MUNITION PLANT

Professor Gwillim, of Queen's Univ. one of the National Resources Council of Canada, and Lieut. Gerald Ponton, Canadian Engineers, now expert with the Explosives Department of the Imperial Munitions Board, visited Belleville Steel and other works on a tour of inspection yesterday, and proceeded north. The resources of Hastings and adjoining counties, aided by the Hydro-Electric, should now be utilized.

Pte. Wells of the 25th Battalion has been granted a certificate in signalling.

ACTIVE SERVICE EQUIPMENT

Major Birks Supervisor of Y.M.C.A. Work Overseas For Two Years Addressed Citizens

The Military Branch of the Y.M.C.A. is much in evidence at present and deservedly so. Last night unexpectedly Major Gerald Birks of Montreal, who has been at the front in charge of the military work of the great "Brotherhood of the Triangle" passed through Belleville and was persuaded to remain over night. He met and addressed several representative gentlemen of the city, as many as could be reached hurriedly by telephone, at the Y.M.C.A. parlor and gave a very instructive and inspiring exposition of the methods and results of the wonderful campaign of the Canadian Branch near the front lines of the great struggle. The Canadian representatives have this advantage that, true to their traditional association with the militia, they have been identified with the soldiers directly, those in control having been given military rank by Sir Sam Hughes, so securing greater efficiency and a more rapid forward movement in all changes of front or position. The practical way in which good advice and good influence have been mingled with good cheer and good creature comforts was exemplified by Major Birks by a chronicle of facts and by numbers of tributes from Generals commanding which were most convincing of the merits of the great work. They do not lower the spiritual to the material but they raise the material to the spiritual, and cultivate good comradeship with men as they find them and they are at their best at the front fighting for no abstract idea but for their homes and dear ones. The need of tobacco was vigorously defended and the social side emphasized. The work is manifold—concerts, music, games, writing materials, canteens, hot drinks; all paper, and all in various ways, co-operating with the War Contingent Association and the Red Cross, but only when requested to do so. All these make up a sum total which will require in the future a still larger amount in contribution from the Canadian people; for the benefit and cheer of whose Canadian soldiers this living organization exists and works. A splendid tribute was paid to the great results of the English Y.M.C.A. in London and at the Base Stations.

Mr. Sinclair occupied the chair of the informal meeting. Mr. Burrows, joke and Colonel Ponton and Dr. Scott moved and seconded a cordial vote of thanks to the visitor, who continued his journey home to Montreal with his father and mother this morning to continue the campaign.

RAWDON WILL CASE

The Case of Wannamaker vs. Livingston Was Tried at the Spring Non-Jury Sittings of the Supreme Court of Ontario

The Spring Non-Jury sittings of the Supreme Court of Ontario held by Hon. Mr. Justice Kelly was occupied Tuesday, Wednesday and part of Thursday with the trial of Wannamaker vs. Livingston.

The late Elizabeth Simpson owned a farm and had about \$10,000 in cash. She made a deed of the farm to her nephew one of the defendants to take effect till her death, and spent several hundreds of dollars in improving it. She then made a will devising the farm to this nephew and bequeathing \$1000 to each of two nieces and the balance to a sister. These parties were the defendants. Later she put all her money in a Joint Account in the bank to the credit of herself and the sister named in the will and then gave \$1000 to one of the nieces. At the death of Elizabeth Simpson the sister withdrew all the money from the bank in the Joint Account so that there was no property for the will to operate on so that one niece got nothing. Another sister of deceased brought the action to set aside the gift of the farm and of the \$1000 and of the Joint Account and also the will on the ground that they were obtained by undue influence and that deceased did not have sufficient capacity. Over 30 witnesses, principally from the township of Rawdon, where the deceased lived, including three medical witnesses were examined. At the close of the argument the Judge reserved judgment to consider the mass of evidence and the law cited. W. C. Mikel, K.C. for Plaintiff; Porter & Carney for Defendants; G. G. Thresher for Defendant Detol.

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