

HEAVY SLAUGHTER AS BRITISH GUNS RAIN SHELLS

AMAZING ADMISSIONS BY GERMAN OFFICER

Twenty-Two Divisions Concentrated on Narrow Front for Drive on French, but Their Plan was Forestalled and Expected Victory Turned to Disaster.

Somme Offensive Prevents Enemy's Intended Blow Elsewhere—Diary's Tale of Narrow Escapes and Severe Losses.

The diary of a captured German officer, Lieut.-Col. Bedall, commanding the 16th Bavarian Infantry Regiment, is full of surprising admissions which are in strange contrast with the optimistic character of some of the Berlin communiques.

The most amazing revelation is that the Germans had made an enormous concentration on a narrow front at Rora, further to the south, of 22 to 25 divisions for an assault on the French lines. Their purpose was anticipated and foiled by the Anglo-French offensive on the Somme front, which was weakly held by only five German divisions with two or three in reserve.

The rest of the story is one long account in detail of the slaughter and havoc wrought by the British artillery, the "overwhelming superiority" of which is admitted.

One Unit Losses 3,000 Out of 3,800 Men

Extracts from the diary of Lieut.-Colonel Bedall, commanding the 16th Bavarian Infantry Regiment, Tenth Bavarian Division, who was taken prisoner by the British on July 13 during the operation on the Somme, describe the experiences of his troops during the first twelve days of the "great push."

On June 20, the diary announces (says Reuter) that "the British began to bombard Baginne with guns of very heavy calibre."

"Overwhelming"

Later, Colonel Bedall assembled the battalion command in the following terms:—"After a very intense bombardment of the entire Second Army front, and under cover of the ground haze, the long-expected English offensive has begun. With an overwhelming superiority of artillery, the English have maintained, for eight days, an infernally violent bombardment, and this, in part, with guns of the heaviest calibre (28 cm.) and with naval guns."

"This has enabled them, at the outset, to obtain partial successes south of the Ancre rivulet, but north of it we have been able to maintain our positions, except for a few unimportant alterations in the line."

"Shot to Pieces"

"The troops who had so far held the line south of Mametz and south of Montauban (Prussians, among them Regiment No. —) had sustained severe losses from the intense bombardment, which had been maintained for many days without a pause, and for the most part were already shot to pieces."

"While, on the German side, the first line, on such part of the Army front as was subjected to the attack, was held by only five divisions with 2-3 divisions in reserve, according to accounts received, on the front Mametz-Rye 22-25 divisions had been concentrated for an attack on a narrow front, reckoned in considerable depth."

"The necessary artillery and infantry reinforcements were to some extent concentrated towards the end of June. Under these circumstances there was a very heavy task awaiting us."

"The position became even more critical, because it afterwards came out that the 6th Bavarian Reserve Regiment, which had been ordered to be thrown into Montauban, had been completely destroyed."

Wholesale Losses

"Of 2,500 men, only 500 survivors remained, and these are for the most part men who had not taken part in the battle, plus two regimental officers and a few stragglers who turned up on the following day."

"All the rest are dead, wounded or missing; only a small fraction fell into the enemy's hands as prisoners. The regimental staff and the battalion staffs have all been captured in their disintegrations."

"The 6th Bavarian Reserve Regiment is said to have surrendered owing to the complete shortage of ammunition, which had all been expended, but maintained an heroic resistance until the last moment."

"These dirty English are said to have slain these brave people without mercy, although the lack of ammunition rendered them all but defenceless, and although by signals they showed their readiness to surrender."

Describing a German counter-attack of July 3, the diary says:—"A report came in from the two battalions which were now fighting that they were bearing the brunt of a very intense bombardment, and were also under machine-gun fire, so that it was evident that they would be annihilated unless the timely intervention of the 12th Reserve Division eased the position of the 16th Regiment. Also that the support of our artillery must be more effective, seeing that at the present time it could not be said to satisfy imperative needs."

"I therefore made an earnest appeal to this division, but at first it insisted on the continuation of the attack with had no chance of success."

"Only when I declared that my entire regiment would be lost if permission was going to be withheld from me to break off this costly battle did the 24th Reserve Division consent."

"Thereupon I issued orders to both battalions: 'The attack of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 16th Regiment will not continue. In the course of the day and during the ensuing night the battalions will break off the engagement and withdraw on the second line, Basentin-le-Grand—Longueval, but this second line will be strengthened and held at all costs.'"

Staff's Narrow Escape

"A heavy battle raged all day; villages, roads, trenches and troops came under an intense artillery fire. Only with difficulty could even the regimental staff reach its new battle headquarters after it had left Longueval for that, too, was now exposed to heavy shelling."

"The 1st Battalion, adds the colonel, succeeded in reaching its position in the sector Basentin-le-Grand—Longueval, and maintaining itself there. The retirement towards the morning was effected by splitting up into small groups."

"Towards evening on July 5 (proceeds the diary) a strong English attack matured which had been preceded by several hours of artillery preparation. This attack developed from the direction of Fricourt towards Contalmaison, where the English succeeded in occupying the Jaeger Height, south-west of the village."

"But they were thrown back again by a counter-attack undertaken towards evening by the 18th Infantry Brigade. During the night Basentin-le-Grand was under heavy shell fire, while Longueval was bombed by English aircraft."

"The diary then says:—"In the afternoon of July 6, the English attacked with strong forces coming from the direction of Boisselle on the side of Contalmaison. The 15th Infantry Brigade was this evening, or rather during the night, by a counter-attack to retake the Jaeger Height south-west of Contalmaison."

"Towards midnight the din of battle was very pronounced. It continued with undiminished strength throughout the forenoon."

"Strong English forces, in part conveyed by motor lorries, are coming from the direction of Fricourt towards 'Kuchen' ravine and Mametz Wood about noon, which all points to the continuation of English attacks. Some of these were partially repulsed."

The Prussian Guard

"July 7—The English at once again let off gas. Basentin-le-Grand and the positions of the 16th Regiment were subjected to a lively bombardment on the evening of the 6th inst., which has completely wrecked them."

"On July 7 the line was pierced as far as Contalmaison; 14 companies of the 3rd Guard Division were ordered to counter-attack, coming from the direction of Martinpuich and Piers, and advancing south-west on Contalmaison."

"At 10 p. m., Basentin-le-Grand was subjected to half an hour's surprise fire by the enemy's artillery. This was of unprecedented violence and destroyed the village to such an extent that there is nothing but a heap of bricks to be seen there now."

"In the course of July, there was very heavy fighting in the Mametz Wood, in which No. 1 section of the Machine Gun Co. of the 16th Regiment suffered exceptionally great loss by a direct hit, of 15 men and one platoon commander killed and 12 men wounded."

"Towards evening a furious struggle began in Mametz Wood. This lasted the entire night until the morning. The 3rd Battalion of the 16th Regiment and the 2nd Battalion of the Lehr Regiment were heavily engaged."

"Today a draft of 900 men arrived from the recruit battalion. Each battalion received 100 men to make up for losses."

OFFICE BUILDING AS MEMORIAL TO FATHER OF THE "TYPOS" UNION

Plan of International Typographical Organization to Erect a Headquarters as Monument to Wm. B. Prescott.

Baltimore, Aug. 18.—An office building as headquarters for the International Typographical Union at Indianapolis was suggested as a memorial to William B. Prescott, of the convention of the union today. Mr. Prescott was a former president of the union, and affectionately known as its father. He was also a pioneer in the move that brought the Linotype machine into favor with printers, despite bitter opposition to it at that time.

The resolution was referred to a committee. It is proposed to float a bond issue to pay for the building, which will relieve the union of rentals of \$7,000 a year now paid for offices in Indianapolis.

WILL RETAIN THOSE WHO MADE GOOD UNDER OLD RECRUITING PLAN

Officers for Carrying Out the Government's New Scheme Will be Selected Next Week

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—Recruiting officers to carry out the new scheme of recruiting which is being elaborated by the present recruiting establishment is done away with, it is intended to retain in the service those who have made good in recruiting. The new scheme has largely been planned by Col. C. S. Maclean, who is likely to have the main direction of it.

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"Basentin-le-Grand was repeatedly shelled today, but during the night less so than usual."

"On July 11 the Colonel continues:—"During the day very intense and methodical shelling of the regimental sector from 9 a. m. till late evening by guns of very heavy calibre, including 28 cm. Basentin-le-Grand suffered terribly, but the sector held by the 3rd Battalion of the Lehr Regiment suffered no loss (on our immediate right). Basentin-le-Grand is today a scene of war and devastation which cannot be improved upon."

"The 3rd Battalion of the 16th Regiment found the situation in Mametz Wood to be very unfavorable, and suffered severely in consequence."

"During the day the regimental sector was bombarded in the usual way, and Basentin was also much damaged. Heavy fighting in Trones Wood."

TURKS LOSE HALF FORCES NEAR KATIA

Losses in Recent Clash with British Troops East of Suez Canal 9,000 men, Including Prisoners.

London, Aug. 18.—In the recent operations around Katia, east of the Suez Canal, the losses sustained by the Turkish forces were estimated at about 9,000 men, including prisoners, or virtually one-half the force, according to a further report by the Beyrutan operations, given out by the war office this evening. The report says:—"The pursuit of the enemy was maintained until the 13th, and it is now possible to form a more accurate idea of the enemy's strength and losses. The enemy force amounted to probably 18,000 men. We took prisoner forty-nine officers and 3,871 men; the known killed amounted to 1,231, and wounded are estimated at 4,000, aggregating, in round numbers, about 9,000."

"The following war material also was brought in: One Krupp 75-battery of four guns, complete, with accessories and 4,000 rounds of ammunition; 2,300 rifles, with 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition; 100 German machine guns, with 100 boxes of ammunition; large quantities of material and equipment of all kinds; 800 camels and 100 horses."

"During the retreat the Turks burned a large quantity of stores at Bir el-Ahmed, and abandoned two field hospitals."

CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Aug. 18.—**INFANTRY.** Wounded. Lieut. E. Minsler, Stanhope, P. E. I. John Westwood, 190 Campbell Road, Halifax, N. S. **MOUNTED RIFLES.** Previously Reported Missing, Now Unofficially Prisoner of War. Arthur F. Burden, Kingsport, N. B. **INFANTRY.** Wounded. Geo. L. Johnstone, Douglastown, N. B. Pioneer Thomas McDonald, Springhill, N. S. **MOUNTED RIFLES.** Wounded. Lieut. Stewart I. Simpson, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

SNOW IN WEST

Calgary, August 18.—A northeast storm, accompanied by heavy rain and low temperatures, which swept over southern Alberta today, moderated tonight. The temperature averages 48 degrees, which is a rise of three degrees since noon.

Reports from Banff, Cochrane and points west are to the effect that considerable snow has fallen. Occasional snow flurries were reported from other places in the district.

Comment of the Financial Press

(McDUGALL & COWAN.) N. Y. Journal of Commerce—"The financial district seems inclined to take a rather more pessimistic view of the railroad labor situation."

N. Y. Sun—"The market presents all the earmarks of a bull affair."

Financial American—"Although reactions and advances are frequent the market is in absolute bull control."

Wall St. Journal—"There is not a single element in the situation which was not present ten days ago. The stock market change is one merely of psychology."

"U" CAPTAIN DECORATED BY THE KAISER

Gets "Order of Pour Le Merite" for Sinking 100 Allied Vessels Valued at 30 Millions Sterling.

Amsterdam, Aug. 18, via London, Aug. 19.—In recognition of his sinking one hundred vessels of the Entente Allies, Walter Forstmann, commander of a German submarine, has been given the Order of Pour Le Merite by the German Emperor, says a Berlin despatch, received here. The ships sunk by him, including war vessels, aggregated 300,000 tons, and their total value is estimated at 30,000,000 pounds sterling, the despatch adds.

Struck by Automobile. Last night at 8:40 o'clock Mrs. Alfred Clark, aged 59 years, stepped off the sidewalk on Union street in front of Col. Guthrie's automobile which was driven by Sergt. Fred Wright. The lady was knocked down and received a painful injury to her shoulder. She was taken to her home 168 Queen street in the automobile accompanied by Police Constable Melnis, and Dr. Skinner was summoned and attended to the injuries, which are reported as not being of a serious nature.

JAMES THORPE RECALLED.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 18.—James Thorpe, Indian outfielder, obtained by the Milwaukee American Association club from the New York Nationals last spring, was recalled today. He will report at the end of the season.

HOSPITALS RELIEF USED AS CLOAK TO COVER UP FRAUD

New York Minister Collected \$7,000 Under Pretense that Money was for Allies' Hospital Relief Fund.

New York, Aug. 18.—The Rev. Chaas. T. Baylis, head of the Allies' Hospital Relief Commission, was indicted by the grand jury today charged with grand larceny. The indictment grew out of an investigation into the disposition of a fund of about \$7,000 collected by Dr. Baylis from wealthy persons, and which, it was alleged by the district attorney, was not used for the purpose for which it was intended.

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Fantastic ornaments will trim our hats this winter.

WELL KNOWN RAILWAY MAN DIED YESTERDAY

Donald McDonald, District Passenger Agent of C.G.R., Dies in Hotel Dieu, Montreal.

Montreal, August 18.—Mr. Donald McDonald, district passenger agent of the C. P. R., died at Hotel Dieu here this evening, after an illness of three months from heart trouble. Mr. McDonald was born at St. Hyacinthe, Que., fifty-five years ago, and was in the service of the Intercolonial Railway for thirty-five years, of which period he was superintendent at L'Ange for about thirty years. He came to Montreal four years ago as district passenger agent for the I. C. R. A widow, one son and one daughter survive him. The interment will take place at L'Ange on Monday.

The Adjutant-General, Major G. Hodgins with Mrs. Hodgins, O. was in the city yesterday evening from Aldershot to his home in O. His visit to the city was an unusual one. Speaking of the camp at shot he said that it was a good and the brigade quartered there in great haste. General and Hodgins will leave tonight for O. Lieut. Grant Smith, son of Mrs. W. G. Smith, died yesterday at Ottawa, where he will take a mechanical transport.

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Sergt. Cook Charles W. 288th Kiltie Battalion (Sam's) Own left last night for Arleton, to join his unit. He was attached to the headquarters of the New Brunswick command at a time before being appointed 288th.

Capt. S. P. Gerow was in the yesterday saying good by to commanding officer and by the captain to the last visit of the captain to St. John for some time he expects soon to go overseas.

NO RECORDS WILL GO DOWN THIS WEEK

Only One Man Signed Roll Yesterday—Dis Slump in Recruiting.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Harry S. Northrup, Barneveld, N. B. For No. 9 Siege Battery.

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EMPEROR FRANZ JOSEF 86 YEARS OLD YESTERDAY

Birthday of Aged Austrian Monarch Celebrated with Elaborate Scale in the Imperial Capital.

Berlin, Aug. 18, via London, Aug. 19.—The birthday of Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria-Hungary was celebrated today on a large scale in military and diplomatic circles. The emperor began with a service in St. I. church at noon, which was attended by the Austro-Hungarian diplomatic corps and many Austro-Hungarian officers stationed here. The emperor's eighty-sixth birthday papers extol the aged monarch, saying that the Austrian emperor may be spared to see the century and the world's rebirth.

KIDDIES WORK FOR RED

City Red Youngsters Desire to Aid by Bazaar With Meager Materials.

To show that how even children try to do their best in endeavor it is worthy of a passing notice that near attacks formerly occupied by and Schmitt, City Road, youngsters were seen busy afternoon trying to help. A posted which read, in simple "For the Red Cross" the people had a table, with a few up to an association.

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