

## GRIM BUSINESS OF "MOPPING UP"

STORY OF A TRENCH CLEARING SQUAD.

Typical of the Gallantry That Distinguishes Canada's Troops at the Front.

The business of war apportions its risks with a fine sense of sporting fairness. The big gun crews, miles behind the first line trenches, are no safer than the men in the listening posts of No Man's Land. Anyone actively identified with the fighting incurs risks. Not the least among these is that of "mopping up," says Major Wallace Owen, of the 49th Battalion, Edmonton Regiment.

One of the most notable incidents of the war was that of "trench clearing," episode which won for Private J. C. Kerr of the Canadian Forty-ninth Battalion overseas force the coveted Victoria Cross. Kerr is credited with the capture of sixty-two Germans. The report of the achievement gave the pro-German element and the chronic skeptics a fine chance to scoff. "One man with sixty-two prisoners," they jeered, and then commiserated the naïveté of the British in letting such a story go through.

The facts are so remarkable, and yet so satisfactorily explanatory of the seeming miracle, that they are worth recording. Kerr was a member of a "trench clearing" squad, one of those interesting little units who brave great dangers to accomplish the grim work of war that falls within their peculiar province.

Bayonet Man Leads.

Ordinarily there are ten or eleven men to a "trench clearing" squad—the first bayonet man, whose risk is the greatest and whose duty it is to anticipate the lurking Hun in any corner of bay or traverse; the second bayonet man, whose obligation is to serve as a sort of understudy for the first; the bomb thrower, bomb carrier, non-commissioned officer, and rifle grenadier.

Where the first bayonet man gives warning the bomb thrower deftly tosses a bomb or two into the section of trench ahead. The dugouts receive the same attention. The work of "trench clearing" must account for every German, either as a prisoner or as otherwise disposed of.

Required Quick Action.

After clearing out the section of captured trench running parallel with their own lines, "trench clearing" parties are not averse to following the twisting fortunes of a foe's communication trench. In anticipation of such unwelcome curiosity the Huns build "blocks" across these narrow thoroughfares. A "block" is nothing more nor less than an earth mound or other obstruction that serves to halt the oncoming enemy.

In this instance a block had been placed across the trench and beyond it a company of Germans halted with a feeling of relative security. The "trench clearing" party encountered it just as the Huns cut loose with rifle and grenade fire from beyond the barricade. It was a situation requiring quick action. The little party would have been wiped out but for immediate and energetic measures.

Runs to Foe's Trench.

Kerr realized as much. He also utilized the customary surprise factor that Fritz considers such a terribly unsportsmanlike trick. Springing out of the trench, he ran along the open ground until he was around the block. Then on the very edge of the trench he pumped a rapid rifle fire into the soldiers nearest the block. Those who had been firing over the obstruction crumpled up in the bottom of their own trench.

The hull in the German defense was sufficient to enable the bombers to emulate Kerr's action. From the sides of the trench they hurled bombs down into the crowded Germans. The combined rifle and grenade attack was too much for the foe. They surrendered. Sixty-two of them were marched out and past the "block," right back to our own lines, and turned over to the "Princess Pats" then in reserve.

Won the Victoria Cross.

Kerr, who had lost a finger in the fight, accompanied them without bothering about even a temporary dressing for his wounded hand. The incident illustrated such a fine type of valor and resourcefulness that the intrepid Kerr was awarded the highest of all England's military decorations.

He was officially credited with instrumentalities in the capture of sixty-two Germans. I think the array of facts are such that few would care to question his meriting the distinction. Without Kerr's quick decision and daring initiative the others—probably equally as brave—would have been wiped out before they could evolve a course of action.

Spraying, if thorough applications are made, will practically insure a clean crop of fruit when unsprayed orchards produce almost no marketable fruit. This applies to the small home orchard the same as to the large commercial orchard. We must spray and otherwise combat the insects and diseases of the orchard if we are to expect any returns. The day has passed when an orchard will take care of itself and produce crops of fruit free from worms and disease.

## WEAK, NERVOUS PEOPLE

Such Sufferers Can be Restored by Building Up the Blood.

Nervous people who have not yet developed a disease that can be recognized and treated by the medical profession have the greatest trouble in finding relief. Irritation, headaches, sleeplessness, nervous dyspepsia, all these discomforts make life miserable, but are endured rather than run a doctor's bill without definite hope of an improved condition.

Every sufferer should know the danger of such a condition to the nervous system. Nervous debility and even paralysis may result if the tone of the nerves is not restored.

The one big fact that brings hope and relief is that the nerves can be restored by building up the blood. It cannot be too often repeated that only through the blood can nourishment or medicine reach the nerves. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills make the blood rich and red and quickly restore vitality and energy to a weak, nervous system. A nervous person who gives these pills a trial is almost certain to see good results, and what is more, the benefit will be lasting because the trouble is attacked at its root; building up the blood restores the nerve force. That is why people who occasionally take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills always feel bright, active and strong. Mrs. Wm. McIntyre, Gananoque, Ont., says:—"For a number of years I was always tired and listless. The least noise would so startle me that I would tremble and shake; my heart would flutter, and I would feel as though I were choking. I was almost wholly unfit for housework, and always so nervous that life was almost a burden. I tried several medicines, but they did not help me in the least. One day I received a pamphlet describing Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and decided to give them a trial. I am glad now that I did for after using eight boxes they have so strengthened and built up my run-down, nervous system that I can work with pleasure and feel refreshed after a night's sleep. I sincerely hope some similar sufferer may benefit by my experience."

If you are weak, nervous or feeling "out of sorts," give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial and you will be surprised to see how quickly the nervousness will pass away and your former energy return. You can get these pills through your medicine dealer, or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

The True Celtic Wit.

A good story of an episode that befell him in Dublin a little while before the war, is told to a London newspaper by Adm. Sir Cecil Burney, who was commander of a division at the battle of Jutland.

Accompanied by a friend, he was strolling along the quays when conversation turned on the alleged gift of repartee possessed by the Irish common people. His companion ventured to throw doubt upon that gift, saying that he believed that it was only a legend.

"Well," retorted Sir Cecil, "I can tell you this, that if you care to test your theory by making some jesting remark to anyone you like round here, you'll get just as good as you give."

"We'll try it!" said the other, and walked over to where an old woman was displaying some fruit for sale on a stall. Taking up a fine melon and addressing the old lady, he said gravely, "You grow pretty good apples over here, mother; but in England we have them twice that size."

The old lady looked up, surveyed the joker coolly, and replied in a tone of pity, "Ah, what for should I be wastin' me breath to talk to wan that takes our Irish gooseberries for apples."

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"There's a Reason"

## JOFFRE PRESENTS A MEDAL.

And Right Bravely It Was Received By a Real Hero.

Since early morning, writes Mr. Gerald Brandon, ward sixty-seven had seethed with suppressed excitement, for this was to be a red-letter day in its history. The calmest patient was Paul Villiers, who occupied bed No. 9—and yet M. Villiers had special reason to be excited, for he was the cause of "Papa" Joffre's expected visit.

After lunch the ward was furnished up by la petite miss until not a speck of dust remained. Flower vases were borrowed from adjoining wards, and pictures of Washington, Lafayette and the distinguished visitor were draped with French and American flags.

At two o'clock la petite miss, who had been standing guard in the hall, tiptoed in.

"They are here!"

The door swung open, and a broad-shouldered figure in faded blue entered.

"Fixe!" cried Sergt. Levallois from his bed in the corner, and every patient stiffened under his covers, to lie at attention in honor of the generalissimo.

"Repos!" said Joffre kindly; and as the wounded men, with sighs of relief, slid back into comfortable positions, the hero of the Marne approached bed No. 9 and began to read from an official paper:

"Corp. Villiers of the 146th Chasseurs, noncommissioned officer of unusual bravery and initiative, remained at his post in an observation station under heavy bombardment and continued to transmit valuable information after having been gravely wounded. Cited in the order of the day of the entire army, and awarded the military medal and the war cross with palm."

The general stooped over the bed and pinned the medals on Villiers' breast; then he kissed him on both cheeks and shook his least wounded hand warmly, while he questioned him about his hurts, his family, and his plans for the future.

Villiers, overcome by emotion, could scarcely answer, although the general, smiling at him in a fatherly way, tried to put him at ease. Then Joffre's eyes noticed a widening splotch of red that spread slowly on the hero's breast.

"See, doctor," he said to a member of the hospital staff, "the boy has a hemorrhage. Perhaps he is not yet well enough for so much excitement."

The surgeon approached wondering, for he knew that Villiers' wounds were in the hip and the arm. Where was this blood coming from? As he jerked open the pyjama coat, Villiers, biting his lip, could not suppress an ejaculation of pain. The sharp pin of the military medal had pierced through his flesh and punctured a vein.

The general poured forth a torrent of self-blame, but Villiers had regained his voice.

"I thank you, my general," he said. "I shall treasure the hurt you gave me more than the medals."

## A SPLENDID LAXATIVE FOR THE BABY

Baby's Own Tablets are a splendid laxative for the baby. They are mild but thorough in their action; do not gripe; are easy and pleasant to take and are absolutely free from injurious drugs. Concerning them Mrs. S. P. Moulton, St. Stephen, N. B., writes:—"I have used Baby's Own Tablets for a long time and have found them the most effective laxative I have ever used for the baby."

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The Advancement of Agricultural Education.

The promotion of welfare of the agricultural community as a basis for the industrial and commercial prosperity of the country, was the object aimed at by the Parliament of Canada, when, in 1913, at the instance of the Minister of Agriculture, the Honorable Martin Burrell, it adopted the measure known as the Agricultural Instruction Act. By means of this Act the sum of ten million dollars was set apart for distribution among the provinces over a period of ten years to provide for a greater extension of instruction and education for those engaged in farming.

An investigation made prior to the introduction of the measure has revealed two outstanding deficiencies in connection with agricultural development. In the first instance, the response to the teachings of colleges of agriculture and experimental farms was too slow to effect an immediate and noteworthy improvement in the conditions surrounding farm life. The second weakness was found in the fact that little or no attempt was being made to adapt the country's educational system to the specific requirements of country boys and girls. The form of instruction was the same whether the child was destined for employment in the country or in the town.

The placing of funds at the disposal of the provinces in the manner indicated has led to a much wider extension of instructional work among the men and women and boys and girls who are living on the land. A marked development of the short course idea has resulted in the extension of courses in agricultural topics and in household science throughout the country. These courses are designed not only for farmers and their wives but for the young men and women who have left school and are about to actively enter upon the affairs of life. In the schools themselves an attempt is being made to develop a system of instruction which will utilize the objects associated with rural life as a medium through which to educate the child. In the higher departments of education, the efficiency of the provincial colleges of agriculture has been promoted, and, in several provinces, at least, schools of an intermediate grade, as between the public school and the agricultural college, have been established. The object of these special schools is to provide vocational training in agriculture and household science. As time goes on and their usefulness is demonstrated, it is certain that, owing to the financial assistance given by the Act, their influence will be greatly extended.

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Silk-making Butterflies.

Product Compares in Quality to That of Silkworm.

There is a species of butterfly, native to British East Africa, that builds communal nests as big as a man's two fists. These nests, attached to branches of the trees on whose leaves the insects as caterpillars feed, are made of a good quality of silk.

Inside the nest, however, are some hundreds of individual cocoons. Thus one might say that the bunch represents the whole flock of butterflies.

But the important point is that the silk of the cocoons is comparable in quality to that spun by the silkworm, and claim is made that it might be utilized profitably for the weaving of fabrics, the coarser material of the nests finding industrial employment as "loss."

Girls! Lemon Juice is Skin Whitener.

How to make a creamy beauty lotion for a few cents.

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quart pint of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold creams. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, whiteners and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any drug store and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands.

Relieving Congestion at Terminals.

Serious congestion in Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific terminals at Toronto and other points, has been obviated by the co-operation of the Canadian Northern Railway in handling over its trunk line between Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal, a large number of cars which the other roads were unable to forward, according to figures issued here yesterday.

Up to Feb. 18th a total of 1256 loaded Grand Trunk cars had been accepted by the Canadian Northern at Toronto and moved east over its lines. Relief was extended to the C.P.R. to the extent of 360 cars, making a grand total of 1616 cars.

It is officially announced by the Canadian Northern that the road will further co-operate with the other line to the extent of 90 cars daily from the Grand Trunk at Toronto; and 40 cars each day from the C.P.R. at Sudbury to be handled over the transcontinental line of the C.N.R. as far as Ottawa.

Thrift.

She was comely and a widow, and, moreover she was Scotch. She mourned Macintosh, her late husband, for eighteen months, and then from a crowd of suitors chose honest, homely MacIntire for her second.

"I'm no guid enough for ye, dear!" he whispered. "What for did ye choose me o'p' a'ae mony?"

"Ah, weel, ye see, your name's MacIntire."

"Yes, but—" began the bewildered suitor.

"A'ye ken," finished the widow, "all my linen's marked 'MacI.'—that's why, Donald."

Gunns Shur-Gain Fertilizer

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## Quiet Life.

Happy the man whose wish and care A few paternal acres bound, Content to breathe his native air In his own ground.

Whose herds with milk, Whose fields with bread, Whose flocks supply him with attire, Whose trees in summer yield him shade, In winter fire.

Blest who can unconcernedly find Hours, days and years slide soft away In health of body, peace of mind; Quiet by day, Sound sleep by night; sweet and ease Together mixed; sweet recreation And innocence, which most does please With meditation.

He Knows Just Why He Admires Them

Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Mrs. Mercedi.

She Had Been Ill Two Years and Could Find No Cure. That's Why Her Husband Is Enthusiastic Over Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Fort Smith, Alberta, March 11th (Special).—Among all the thousands of Canadians who praise Dodd's Kidney Pills for the good they have done, there is no more fervent admirer of the great kidney remedy than Isidore Mercedi, of this place.

"Yes, it always gives me pleasure to say a good word for Dodd's Kidney Pills," Mr. Mercedi says. "My wife was sick for two years. We could not find anything to restore her to health. Then we found a pamphlet telling of several persons who had been cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills."

"My wife used just two boxes of them and she is perfectly well, to the great surprise of all our neighbors. They can tell you the same thing. I cannot recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills enough."

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Unselfish.

"Auntie was trying to teach her spoiled nephew to be unselfish."

"Did you do as you were told, Billy, and give your brother the best part of that apple?"

"Yes, aunt," said the youngster. "I gave him the seeds. He can plant 'em and have a whole orchard himself!"

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere.

Cooking bags are paper bags used for steaming or warming up food. Common store bags make good ones. Biscuits, etc., are put in these. Then the bags are sprinkled lightly with water, tied up at the end and put in the oven for five or ten minutes.

THE BELGIAN NEED.

A letter has just been received from the wife of the French Ambassador to the Belgian Government at Havre, saying: "Can you not raise funds for our poor Belgian prisoners? or even if you could go to the hotels and restaurants and ask for their waste bread; when first dried in the oven it keeps well, and is far better than anything they get from the Germans."

Andrew Carnegie was once asked which he considered to be the most important factor in industry, labor, capital or brains? The canny Scot replied, with a twinkle in his eye, "Which is the most important part of a three-legged stool?"

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Breathes there a man with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said, "This is my own, my native land!" Whose heart hath ne'er within him burs'd As home his footsteps he hath turn'd From wandering on a foreign strand?—

—Sir Walter Scott.

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Hard boiled eggs that are to be served cold in salad should directly after cooking be placed in cold water. This will prevent the outside of the yolk from turning dark.

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WITH THE FINGERS!

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DOES YOUR STOMACH CONTAIN A GLASSFUL OF ACID?

96 OUT OF 100 DYSPEPTICS HAVE DANGEROUS ACID IN THEIR STOMACHS, WHICH MUST BE NEUTRALIZED IF GOOD HEALTH IS TO BE MAINTAINED.

If you held a teaspoonful of hydrochloric acid in your mouth for only a second you would not be surprised at its burning and inflaming all the tissues, yet an eminent specialist states that 96 out of 100 dyspeptics go about with a glassful or more of this powerful acid in their stomachs, and they wonder what causes the burning and aching and why they suffer the discomfort after meals.

To put wholesome food into an acid stomach only increases the discomfort, because the acid mixes with the fresh food and turns it sour, making a lot more acid. The acid condition causes food fermentation, which irritates, distends and inflames the tender stomach lining, and it is not surprising that specialists say acid stomachs are dangerous. This decidedly dangerous and uncomfortable condition can be overcome either by following a strict diet or, and this is far easier and more quickly effective, by taking a teaspoonful of water after meals in a quarter glassful of water after meals to neutralize the acidity. The latter course is much more satisfactory because it corrects the acidity and banishes discomfort without any need for diet.