

BY HEROIC FEAT FRENCH FORCE DESTROYED GUNS

Crept Up To German Entanglements Under Cover of Storm, Tunneled Under and Reached and Mined the Guns, Blowing Them Up

NORTHERN FRANCE, Jan. 9.—In a recent French official communique appeared the following curt announcement:

"We have advanced in certain districts and have captured one of the enemy's trenches and some farm buildings which have been hotly contested for some time. Two machine guns were destroyed. There is nothing further to report."

Behind this bald statement lies a story which shows the conditions under which the war is being waged. South of La Bassée were two German machine gun positions which up to then had defied all efforts to take them, or even render them untenable.

These guns held the only road and also covered the approach to a farmhouse, which in its turn harbored a nest of snipers. Several futile attempts had been made to dislodge them from the house, but the machine

guns each time were too much for the attacking force.

Decided To Do The Job.

The French Colonel in command in this particular place decided first of all to dispose of the two guns and then attend to the farmhouse. As luck would have it, a great storm of wind and rain broke over the country, and under cover of this disturbance the elements sappers went to work to give the coup de grace to those two guns. They managed to get through their own line of defense entanglements without attracting notice, and then by dint of crawling inch by inch, nearly smothered with mud and slush, they got across the intervening space which separated the enemy's barbed-wire from their own.

Here the real work started. As may be imagined, the German wire was at its thickest and deepest around these positions, and so it was quite useless to attempt to cut a way. In the first place, it would take too long, and in the second, even if they did get through, the chances were that they would be detected before they could set the mines. These indomitable men of the army did the only thing left they tunneled. They could not go over the wire and they could not go through it, so they went under it.

Working in Dark

Do not imagine that these men simply drove a tunnel through to the position they wanted under the guns. No, this job had to be done between the hours of dark and dawn otherwise it would have been at once detected. They simply scraped and dug their

passage under the bottom of strands of wire, cutting where it was necessary.

All the time during the advance and electric cable was being paid out and carried forward with the workers. This cable as well as supplying the current necessary to explode mines, acted as a sort of guide rope should it be advisable to retire in a hurry. Cheery, pleasant sort of work in a howling storm, was it not, especially when the slightest mistake might mean death poured forth from a hum-zzles over the parapet of the trenches? But luck was with them that night, especially with one bold spirit, who managed to crawl up almost to the parapet of the trenches most to the parapet itself, shielded by the roar of the gale and the splash of rain and to return with the news that apparently the Germans had retired into their dugouts, but it was impossible to detect whether a guard had been left behind with the guns.

Slowly and carefully the engineers, lying almost flat to earth, started to scrape out a hole for a mine, which was eventually placed in position and connected. Then the retirement began, one man at a time guiding himself slowly back to safety by means of his touch on the cable—back to the place where in a hole in the ground the cable drum and batteries rested. There were a few minutes' careful work by two men who stayed behind to fire the charge. The others, their part of the work done, had returned to their own trenches, and then the connection was made. There was a dull, rumbling roar with a burst of flame, a noise that even the fury of the storm could not smother, and that was the end of the guns. Almost before the rumble died away a company of Turcos was at death grips with the Germans in the farm house, and made very short work of them. Just before dawn the Turcos were reinforced, and a strong assault carried the trench where the guns had been.

It was then found that the previous night's work had made sad havoc among the occupants of the dugouts. Those who were not killed or maimed had been buried alive when the walls blew in.

In the afternoon both trenches and farmhouse were retaken by the Germans, only to fall again into the hands of the French in the evening after a very sanguinary struggle.

Florizel in England

S.S. Florizel is now in England. She makes another trip there from New York and is expected back here about the latter part of February to fit out for the icefields.

GERMANS TEACH THE SCHOOLBOYS CULT OF HATE

This is Proven by the Contents of a Letter Written by a Schoolboy to His Father in the Trenches in Flanders Virulent Anger Against Britain

"I am able to transmit to you the translation of a letter written by a German schoolboy of fifteen to his father, who had been fighting in the trenches in Flanders.

It is an absolutely authentic document, and it is noteworthy in that it shows that hatred of England and the English is an essential part of the school curriculum in Germany. It is also interesting for the sidelights thrown on social life in Berlin at the present moment.

"We all dread the coming of the day which in former years was a pleasure and a blessing to us. Everybody says that Christmas this year will be awfully sad in Germany, especially as the war is not yet finished, and our enemies, though badly beaten, not yet annihilated!

"Every one is sad and despondent. The shops in the Leipzigerstrasse are full, but people only buy for the men at the front. The poor people who make a little money every winter selling Christmas-trees are doing no business at all.

Kaiser's Economy.

"Even the Kaiser, who gives a party every year to his servants in Potsdam, is said to have told them that she could not afford the expense this year. So there will be very little rejoicing here.

"The gourmets are very sad about it. They cannot get geese because geese come from Hungary. They cannot get plum-puddings because plum-puddings come from England. Even bread and butter must be used carefully, and those who will not husband the flour are heavily fined.

"We have had to give notice to our poor servant, Maria. All our friends have done likewise with theirs. Poor servants! What are they going to do next month, as they cannot get work—thousands of them?"

'Some' Problem.

"I have been doing well in school. Last week the teacher gave us an essay on: 'How can Germany get the

mastery of the seas and lay down the law to Britain?' This essay was given to all the boys in my class, and, I believe, in all the schools of Germany, at the request of the Ministry.

"I got a second prize for mine, as I had worked out a scheme for blockading the coasts of our worst enemy with Zeppelins. This appealed to Herr Moritz, our teacher, and he promised that my copy, as well as that of two other boys, would be sent to the Ministry, who may send them to the General Staff, and perhaps to our most gracious Kaiser.

"We are told that what the empire wants is ideas, and there are plenty of ideas as to how to get rid of the British, in millions of German heads.

Cultivating Militarism.

"Our schools, of course, are busy with the war, and with the war alone. We get three lessons instead of one in German history every week. Often, during our recreation our teachers call us and say: 'Those who would rather hear me speak of Frederick the Great or of the war of 1870 than play, can come with me.' And immediately marbles and other games are abandoned, and we all flock to a class-room.

"The reading of the morning papers sometimes shakes our courage, as we see how hard it is for our soldiers to advance. But our teachers see to it that we do not lose our nerve, and they make us feel good in telling us that the Fatherland is looking to us to take up arms for Germany later, if necessary.

Announcement Far in Advance.

"To-day our German master told us that the troops were in Kales, that he had been told from an official source. Is it true? What a blessing if it were, and what a Christmas present to make to the German nation!

"This week our master in history instead of giving his lesson in the class-room, took us out into Unter den Linden next to the statue of Frederick the Great to inspect a number of Russian and Belgian cannon taken at Liege and at Tannenberg.

"He told us that we should never forget how much blood and money these cannon had cost to our dear Fatherland. We all cried when he told us that.

"We shall remember every incident of this war, and make our enemies suffer for it! The last Britisher must pay for all the brave Germans who have fallen in this war, and I beg of you, dear papa, have no pity with them!

Lasting Hate for Britain.

"Britain has been at the root of this war, all the German schoolboys are told, and therefore, it must be so, extend over the coming generations.

And so the hatred for Britain will be that is what our grand Kaiser wants!

"We have to hate our enemies bitterly. This is the only thing that can help us to forget all the sadness that lies around us. Most of the people I know have had some relative killed in the war.

"Berlin is full of Iron Crosses. Ladies wear them on their dresses as ornaments, and the men wear them on their Tyrolean hats, where they used to put a bit of edelweiss or a feather. In the big shops, at ertheim's, at the Kaufhaus, at Tietz's, the windows are filled with them. Every child in every school wears one at least.

"I hope you will soon get to London. How proud would mother and I be if our dear papa were the first German to march into England and destroy everything on his way! I think we should all die for joy and pride. But that would be too much for us, and our old God has probably decided otherwise."

"Good luck, good health, and kill as many as you can of our enemies. There will always be too many life."

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P. C. O'DRISCOLL, Liquidator.
Jan 12, 1915.

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Dec. 10, 1914.

COAKER ENGINE

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SAYS FISHERMAN.

Mr. W. F. Coaker, M.H.A.

Dear Sir,—Just a few lines concerning the Coaker Engine that I purchased from the U. T. Co. this spring. I have used this engine all the summer without any trouble or difficulty; it really works like a clock.

We had our traps twelve miles from the schooner and that engine used to go there twice a day for a month, making its forty-eight miles a day back and forth, and used to tow another trap boat with her, which made a difference of about seven miles in forty-eight, so she actually ran fifty-five miles per day while at Belle Isle.

At Mugford's Harbor she averaged about thirty-five miles a day from the 14th of August to the 10th of September. I would not change this engine for any other six horse power engine on the market, either for speed or simplicity of operation. I passed motors this summer up to nine horse power. I haven't seen one to go with her this summer.

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ELIAS KEAN.

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Before Removing we are conducting a GREAT SALE and we have cut the prices to make it easy for you to buy and save money.

Removal Sale Colored Blouses

THESE include an enormous range of the Newest Styles—all manufacturer's samples—all imported this season.

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