

HOW BRITISH WON LES BOEUFS

Fiery Charge Carried German Position

New Troops 'Went Away Like Lions With Their Tails Up'—A Proper Celebration of Anniversary of Loos

(Philip Gibbs in New York Times.) With the British Armies in the Field, Sept. 25.—(Dispatch to The London Chronicle)—Today is the anniversary of Loos. We celebrated that first victory which began to reveal our strength in attack by greater victories today in the capture of Morval and Les Boeuks.

The German armies were active this morning. Two flocks of them came over behind our lines. They were daring beyond their rule, skied all our anti-aircraft batteries, and flew through the blue sky, speckled with our shrapnel bursts and crowded with our own planes, in order to see what was happening along our roads. Whatever the flying men saw, the enemy could not prevent a new thrust. It struck them violently, and two more of their strongholds are in our hands, another is closely invested, and many prisoners are marching down under British guards.

From early morning until the sun went down red this evening I did not see a cloud in the sky. It was perfectly blue, without an islet or feather of cloud, but with a golden haze rising from the fields. Our bombardment had begun long ago when I got up among our batteries. It had been going on all night. It was the prelude to the battle which was to begin at half-past midnight. If it had been the first day of a great offensive, like July 1, this infantry attack would have been remarkable, for it was forced home by battalions of men fighting with high spirit. Counting after nearly three months of incessant battle on a grand scale, it is an achievement which proves utterly not only the terrific weapons we have forged, but the reserves of strength we can now draw upon, but the enduring valor of our men.

There are men among them—many of course—who have been wounded three times since July 1, but in again today, and who came out again wounded, with unbroken spirits. If any army in the world can beat that it may be proud of its courage. And some of our new reserves, filling up the gaps made in the older ranks, were fighting there also under shell fire of the same kind for the first time.

"We were a bit nervous of the new chaps," said a veteran who was wounded in the Ypres salient in the old bad days. "Nervous for nothing! Bless you! They went away like lions with their tails up. They were beautiful to fight with."

"It was hard fighting—hard. Here fighting. The enemy did not yield easily on his first and second lines, though afterward, when our men were on top of them, they ran if they could. He had massed many machine guns against our troops, expecting them to come, and the order was given to the Germans to hold the ground until they were dead. His guns were quick to barrage the ground between our lines and the German machine guns and shells of light shells also kept the British back. They kept them back in one or two places, but along the line of Morval and Les Boeuks our men went through the curtain of fire and the trenches and villages in a rapid, irresistible assault.

I can give only a few glimpses of the fighting, its general outline, and some particular instances matched here and there out of the confusion and turmoil that goes on behind the walls of smoke.

Took Two Pivotal Trenches

On the right the attack depended upon getting a short line of trench in order to make a right detour. This was done without much trouble, and very quickly after the time of the assault. Here on the right the whole of the plan depended upon getting a pivot upon which the line had to swing up to two trenches called Lemo and Borvil, to the southwest of Morval, and there were anxious moments until the news came that the pivoting point had been successfully won.

The two trenches were attacked by a body of troops already sorely tried by great and successful achievements elsewhere. They were tired in body, but their spirits were alert and keen. They went forward grandly with great impetuosity, taking what they first set out to take, although they had great trouble for a while with a German strong point at the junction of two trenches before mastering the position and going on North of them another body of men stood fast until those on their right came into line and then advanced upon Morval.

Again, further north, our men went away to Les Boeuks, having to cross a trench and two sunken roads on the way to the village. The whole of these operations were carried out with the greatest success, except at one point, where machine guns in strong placements caused a temporary check.

By 3:30 o'clock all on the south-west front of Morval and the whole village of Les Boeuks were in our hands, and at 5 o'clock our armies reported the German gunners withdrawing their batteries. Higher up, between Les Boeuks and Gueneucourt, not so much progress was made, the enemy being able to hold some of the ground in the part still maintain a defense in the village of Gueneucourt, although the British troops had forced their way into the skirts in the face of the fire of machine gun bullets.

In the second German line, both in front of Les Boeuks and Morval, the enemy soldiers fought till our men were right upon them. They fought with rifles and bombs, pouring out a very heavy fire, and then at the last moment threw up their hands or ran.

"We saw them hopping back between the descriptions given by one man, who after this glimpse of running men fell back into a German trench with a bullet through his head. The new army troops went over No Man's Land like a walk in Hyde Park, in the opinion of a regular soldier, whose eyes glowed when he spoke. "It was just splendid to watch them, quiet and cool and taking their time, and in a hurry, no scarce; when men dropped every man getting on fire of the same kind for the first time."

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Mystery of Years

Former Bangor Woman Investigated Murder of Her Uncle

Shot in California; Mrs. Freeland Howie Tells Dramatic Story of Mining Life; Ligation Over Property

(Bangor Commercial) Back to her home state of Maine after three years' stay in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, the richest gold mining country in the United States, where she went to clear up the mystery of the tragic death of her uncle, Jeremiah Goodwin, a wealthy miner, and to establish her claim as his lawful heir, Mrs. Freeland Howie of Bangor, formerly of Bangor, related to a Commercial reporter on Tuesday morning a dramatic story of life in that Mecca of the Forty-niners.

Her uncle, one of the richest bachelors of the prosperous mining town of You Bet, where hydraulic mining was carried on up to ten years ago, died in a revolver duel with one of his employees, Roy Clark, on March 3, 1913. At least, that is the story told by the wife of Clark, a German woman, who had fascinated the wealthy miser so that he wrote love letters to her and provided for her and her husband. On that March morning three years ago she telephoned to the officials of Nevada county that two men in her house had shot each other.

Arriving at You Bet, the sheriff found two men dead, each with a revolver in his hand. The woman claimed that in a quarrel they had had a pistol battle and each succeeded in killing the other.

Roy Clark had met the German woman who is reported a person of considerable fascination, in Nevada City, and there married her. She was born in Germany and had acquired considerable education in art, music and languages.

To Californians, she told a story of having been a governess in the royal families of Greece, Germany and England.

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"It would seem," says Mrs. Howie, "that a case of this kind would demand a rigid investigation. But the authorities didn't look into the matter at all. They didn't even preserve the testimony of the woman in the case." Their laziness in California in matters of this sort is a survival, I believe, of the rough pioneer days, when men were killed in revolver fights quite regularly.

There is a cemetery in the town of You Bet, which, I was informed, did not contain a single occupant who died a natural death—they were all shot, hung or killed in the mines.

"My uncle died in March and I went to California in May, only to find that his rich mining property had been sold by order of the judge. They do things quick out there, and they don't seem to care much about the legal claims of eastern relatives. My lawyers told me that there were millions of dollars in that mine, but it went for far less than that. It is located but a few miles from the Empire Mine, the richest producing gold mine in the United States; in fact the entire Grass Valley, in which the mine is situated, is the greatest producer of gold in this country."

"After the death of my uncle, Mrs. Clark sued his estate for \$80,000, claiming that amount to be due her for his alleged shooting of her husband. This contention did not hold in common law, that the estate is liable for the actions of a dead person, but she carried it to the supreme court, and it cost us a great deal of money to fight the case. She said she sued for \$8,200 for wages of my uncle. She won in a lower court, and I might have carried it to the supreme court, but I was weary of the ceaseless litigation, which ate up practically all the proceeds of the estate, and King, and Crane and Gull Islands, off the coast of Cornwall, near Lunenburg, decided to come home to Maine to clear up the mystery of my uncle's death has never been cleared up and probably never will be, for the only witness was Mrs. Clark, and she has remained unshaken in her story."

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