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## THE VALOR OF INDIAN ARMY UNDER GAS

### Eye-Witness Describes Work Done at the Second Battle of Ypres. How Mir Dast Won the V.C.

London.—The dauntless courage and unwavering tenacity of the Indian troops during their first experience of German asphyxiating gases are described by the Indian Eye-witness in a long despatch covering the second battle of Ypres, which began on April 22 and lasted until May 1. The officer-narrator describes the German aim as "part of a gigantic endeavor to reach the coast, combined with a fervent desire to play up to a gallery of wavering neutrals."

The Lahore Division of the Indian Army reached Ypres after a long and trying march on April 25. "The assault on the German trenches commenced shortly after 2 p.m., and our men advancing by short rushes, reached the crest of the first slope without a check, but owing to heavy shell fire the casualties were already numerous. Within 300 yards of the start Lt.-Col. Rennick, commanding the 40th Pathans, fell mortally wounded. He was dragged into a ditch by the adjutant—Lieut. Campbell—where he lay till dusk. His last thoughts were for his regiment, and as he was put on a stretcher he said, 'Please send two of my pathans with me. If I die on the way to hospital I should like them with me.' Can it be wondered that our Indian troops will follow such officers into the jaws of Hell?"

#### Under Terrible Fire

"On reaching the first crest the line came under a terrific machine-gun and rifle fire. The effect of this tornado of bullets is graphically described by a machine-gun officer who says that the line was advancing steadily when suddenly whole bunches of men fell as if a scythe had been drawn across their legs. Nevertheless the line pressed on, officers and men falling everywhere.

"The majority of the machine-gun detachments of the 40th Pathans were hit and the guns were held up. Sopyo Mukhtiar, who had reached the shelter of a small ditch in advance, immediately volunteered to go back and try to bring up a gun. To do this he had twice to cross a space of some 250 yards, which was being swept by enfilade machine-gun and rifle fire. He succeeded in his attempts and returned under a hail of bullets carrying the gun.

"The enemy let loose dense clouds of asphyxiating gases, from which the French Colonials and the left of the Percepore Brigade were the chief sufferers, although the whole of our line was more or less affected by it. At such a short distance the density of the gas was more than any troops in the world, unprovided with any form of protection against this foul device, could stand; and they were forced to give way. Their retirement affected a great part of our line. By this time the ground was covered with the bodies of killed and wounded, while numbers of men were either unconscious or were writhing in the extremest agony from the effects of the gas which the Germans claim to be a most humane method of warfare."

#### How a V.C. Was Won

"Jemadar Mir Dast, 55th Coke's Rifles, attached to the 57th Rifles, remained with some of his men in the British trench in spite of the volume of gas and the ceaseless point-blank fire which the enemy poured upon them. After dusk he was ordered to retire, which he did, collecting a number of men on the way, and subsequently assisted in bringing in eight wounded British and Indian officers under heavy fire, being himself wounded in doing so. For his most conspicuous gallantry throughout the action Jemadar, now Subadar, Mir Dast has been given the Victoria Cross.

"Lieut. Henderson, of the 1st Manchester Regiment, on his company commander being wounded, took command and led the remnant of the company up to about seventy yards from the enemy, where they held on until relieved next morning. These men had advanced for nearly a mile over open ground, on which shells were falling like rain, which was swept from end to end by machine-gun and rifle fire. Sadly reduced in numbers, they attained to within a few yards of their goal, a goal which they would undoubtedly have won. Here they were met with the first report of a fendish enemy—half-shrouded by the poisonous fumes of the gas, they yet succeeded in holding their ground through a terrific twelve hours. Truly, one would have to look far to find a more striking instance of self-sacrificing devotion to duty and British bulldog tenacity."

#### A Gurkhas' Gallantry

Relating instances of gallantry on April 27, he narrates: "Rongman Phalman Gurung, 1st Gurkhas, on seeing his company commander, Capt. Evans, shot, stayed with him, dug a hole, threw up cover round it, and under a heavy fire carried Capt. Evans to it, thus undoubtedly saving his life. For this he has received the Indian Distinguished Service Medal.

"Sikeman Ramkrishna Thapa, 1st Gurkhas, has been awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 3rd Class, for the following act of gallantry. While the battalion was advancing to the trenches he was ordered to lay a telephone line behind it. Twice he had rushes, reached the crest of the first slope without a check, but owing to heavy shell fire the casualties were already numerous. Within 300 yards of the start Lt.-Col. Rennick, commanding the 40th Pathans, fell mortally wounded. He was dragged into a ditch by the adjutant—Lieut. Campbell—where he lay till dusk. His last thoughts were for his regiment, and as he was put on a stretcher he said, 'Please send two of my pathans with me. If I die on the way to hospital I should like them with me.' Can it be wondered that our Indian troops will follow such officers into the jaws of Hell?"

#### Guns Recovered

"The first Gurkhas had succeeded in establishing their position in advance of those French guns which had been abandoned and the guns were withdrawn during the night.

"An unarmed German got out of the enemy's trenches and walked slowly over towards the French line. Just as he arrived there and was about to get into the trench he was shot by the Germans. At this juncture the 15th Sikhs sustained a very severe loss by the death of Brevet Lt.-Col. Vivian and Major Carden. Col. Vivian had to rush with his company over a fire-swept zone to join the regiment. Just as he arrived he was shot through the body. His loss was keenly felt, as he was an officer in whom the regiment had the greatest confidence.

"Fear appeared to be unknown to him; and it is related that on one occasion, being anxious to ascertain whether a trench was occupied by the enemy, he crawled up a ditch to the enemy's parapet and, being unable to see sufficiently well from there, he proceeded to climb a tree which overlooked the trench. The trench was occupied, as he soon ascertained when the enemy commenced firing at him from a few yards distant. Hearing a bullet strike the tree immediately behind him, he thought it had passed through his body, and dropping out of the tree, he managed to crawl back to our trench. There it was found that the bullet had gone through the many clothes which he was wearing, as it was then winter, and had

## Calls on Taxpayers to Demand Statement

Dear Sir.—Good roads is a slogan heard from coast to coast. When the cry first came out, and for a few years following, grating in the road contracts all over the U.S.A. and Canada, was rampant. It would be well to sound a note of a warning at this time when a move is being made to improve certain sheets in St. John's, and so dig into the motives and ambitions of "the bunch."

Methods employed up to date are by no means new and the taxpayers of St. John's should demand a statement covering the cost per square yard or foot for excavation, for stone base, for tarfiller and for top dressing and also for rolling the various layers of material. To any one familiar with road construction, the progress made so far on a small piece of street near the Court House does not encourage one to think of anything like a cost coming within the usual average for such work. Too much expert, not enough practice, highly priced employees and for what duty it is difficult to tell.

Gentlemen, dispense with the dead-weights, get down to business and in turn reduce the cost per unit of population. Please do not use the costs on this piece of work as any criterion of what such work usually costs with proper supervision.

Foreign municipalities have learned the necessity of hedging in the road contracts and also road contracts for street improvement, sewers, pipelines and such works of public nature, with protective paragraphs making practically useless for the greedy contractor a get a look in. In consequence the public funds are conserved and made to bring in dollar for dollar.

MORE ANON.  
St. John's, Sept. 24, 1915.

## Big Increase In Canada's Debt

Ottawa, Sept. 15.—Canada's net debt has increased during the fiscal year ending March 31 last by the huge sum of \$113,379,233.07. The net debt, according to the financial statement for the fiscal year, just issued stood at \$449,376,083.21 on March 31 last against \$335,996,850.14. The total gross debt at that time was \$700,475,017.28 and against this stands \$251,098,934.07 in investments, province accounts and other assets.

At the end of the fiscal year, the total expenditure on all accounts, including war amounted to the enormous sum of \$242,912,510.06. Of this \$135,523,208.54 was for ordinary or consolidated fund expenditure for the running of the country.

Some \$414,732.93 was expended on railways, canals and public works of a permanent character, \$5,191,507.48 on railway subsidies and \$30,753,475.01 on war appropriation accounts.

As against the expenditure of over \$240,000,000 the revenue has totalled \$133,073,481.73. Customs netted \$75,941,219.72; Excise, \$21,479,790; Post Office, \$13,046,664.68; Public works including railway and canals \$12,963,487.18 and miscellaneous, \$9,852,379.36 making a total of \$133,073,481.73. This leaves a deficit between total disbursements and revenue of over \$100,000,000. To cover this there was \$81,073,684.21 of temporary loans to which \$61,473,684.22 represented the amount advanced by the Imperial Government for war purposes. The funded debt payable in Canada, amounted to \$764,960, and payable in London, to \$338,369,979.07. Dominion notes were issued to the large amount of \$187,056,118. Savings banks have in possession \$54,001,718 of the people's money.

struck the tree without causing him any more harm than a mark on the skin.

#### Major Carden's Death

"Major Carden met his death in going to the assistance of Captain Mir Dast, who was mortally wounded. He was put in a stretcher and, as he was being taken away, both bearers were hit and dropped him. Two more men picked up the stretcher and Major Carden was then hit again.

Throughout the 27th, the troops were subjected to an extremely severe test. "The deployment and advance had to be executed in full view of the enemy, who kept up a very heavy artillery and rifle fire throughout the day. In spite of this and the employment of asphyxiating gas, against which they were then unprovided with any protection, the troops fully maintained their reputation for gallantry and steadiness. That they failed to attain their entire objective was due to the fact that it was impossible. The gallantry of the division has added yet another page to the record of the Indian Army Corps in this war."

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