

The Battle Fields of France *Continued*

will do justice to that noble 800 who went over the top that memorable July morning. The trenches on the Memorial Field are to remain in their original form just as they were on July 1st, 1916.

Major Nangle will revisit all the ground over which our regiment travelled and where actions were fought, and



The greatest war crater situated at Loos—Mr. Bryant at bottom, next Mr. Murray, then Mr. Sellers, Mr. Coaker on the top edge.

will take a cinema of all that may be interesting to Newfoundlanders and worthy of a place in the Regiment's Records.

We visited the ravine and took a photo of it (which is subjoined) which will prove interesting to many.

From Beaumont Hamel we retraced our steps to Albert and on by the Bapaume Road turning off at Latars we soon reached Guedecourt. There is a sloping hill and our lads had to face that slope, which they did, and drove the Germans from their trenches, taking no prisoners and with the famous War Cry "Remember the 1st of July," they avenged those who died on that day, giving no quarters nor expecting any. I know of one of our lads who survived the July drive who bayoneted seven Germans who wanted quarters but received none. In all the fighting of our regiment, I doubt if any turned out more satisfactory or successful than the Guedecourt action.

Just before we came to the slope we passed the spot about where Lieut. S. Norris was killed by a shell; it is quite near the road. No one knows where his remains are, as his body was not recovered.

It was on this slope Capt. Donnelly, Lieut. Cecil Clift,



The entrance to Monchy.

Capt. Gus O'Brien, Lieut. S. Ebsary and many others of our heroes fell. None of the above named were laid in graves. We reached this spot late in the evening and had very little time to investigate, as we had to reach Cambrai for shelter that night. Guedecourt is about ten miles South of Beaumont Hamel and standing on the slope of Guedecourt the high land at Beaumont Hamel can be seen.



The Caribou Monument, five of which will be erected in France and Flanders this year—one at Beaumont Hamel.

It was thus within sight of the field of July 1st that our reinforced regiment slaughtered the Germans, four months later, and avenged those who died so cruelly on July 1st. A Caribou Monument will be erected this year at Guedecourt in memory of the heroes who fell in that action.

A few miles from Cambrai our regiment fought (Nov. 20th and 21st, 1917,) gloriously and led the way for the

British across the Canal near Rue Verte in the suburbs of Maricot. This is known as the Cambrai action, but it was fought three or four miles from Cambrai. We have 24 bodies buried in a plot near the bridge where our boys crossed to reach the Canal. The 24 graves were subsequently flattened out and the crosses destroyed by the British Tanks who failed to cross the Canal at this section, and those 24 bodies will have to be taken up and interred at one of the British Cemeteries near by.

We traced the track of our boys on that evening, across the canal on the foot plank where they had to cross in single file in the face of a fierce machine gun onslaught. Then we came to the building, with the end of it, where our boys concentrated in preparation for crossing the railroad about twenty yards distant. This space, from the old building to the track, was covered by a German machine gun and death awaited many of those who dared expose themselves. Our boys had been ordered to advance in the face of the deadly German machine gun bullets. They obeyed the order to advance but subsequently had to withdraw. The officer in charge ordered the men to advance again; they knew many were doomed if the company advanced and one of the men replied to the officer ordering the advance, "Why don't you go first and lead?" The officer, considering such a reply as insubordination, shot the soldier dead with a revolver. Out rushed Capt. Butler,



Seeking for Newfoundland graves—each figure is standing at the grave of a Newfoundland hero.

warning the officer against repeating such conduct and, calling to the lads to follow him, he faced the machine gun bullets and went forward, every man following with a hurrah. This deed gave Capt. Butler his D.S.O. decoration, but he was wounded before he reached the track. Onward rushed his men and captured a ridge near the track and Cambrai action was won with high honors to the Newfoundland Regiment, a part of which only was engaged. When the British troops saw the Newfoundlanders charge and cross the Canal, they vigorously cheered and crossed a little further up. All glory to Capt. Butler, who before this had distinguished himself. His bravery and defiance of bullets from a German machine gun, probably of almost certain death, saved the day at Cambrai Canal.

It was here that Lieut. A. Herder did the trick with his machine gun squad by knocking out another German machine gun which caused so much damage in crossing the bridge. Lieut. Herder afterwards lost his life in this section.

We went over the ground yard by yard. Capt. Row-sell of Bonavista was killed near the scene of the above



Cemetery at Beaumont Hamel near Danger Tree. Mr. Coaker is standing at here Frank Lind's grave. Messrs. Murray and Sellers are each standing by a Newfoundland soldier's grave.

described action of Cambrai. He was struck by a shell while moving along the road. Father Nangle showed us the spot where this brave officer fell. Sergeant Major Le-Crow, M.C., was wounded in the Cambrai action, Nov. 21st, just near the Canal early in the action. At Cambrai many of the Coaker recruits were killed or wounded.

List of Men who fell at Cambrai:—2nd Lieut. V. Chett; Lieut. W. M. Greene; 2nd Lieut. J. J. Tobin; 2832, Pte. A. J. White; 1932, Pte. N. Jones; 2870, Pte. B. MacDonald; 3028, Pte. W. Molloy; 2520, Pte. S. Butt; 2381, Pte. G. Bursey; 2380, Pte. K. Driscoll; 2933, Pte. A. Skinner; 1793, Pte. T. Walsh; 3183, Pte. H. Oldford; 2080, Pte. W. Cox; 968, Pte. E. Pye; 3310, Pte. H. Frizell; 3320, Pte. K. Ridout; 3109, Pte. J. Bryan; 2344, Pte. G. B. Lacey; 3205, Pte. J. Lannon; 3135, Pte. A. Devereaux; 1584, Pte. M. Keough; 2365, Pte. M. R. Russell; 1735, L./C. J. Shiwak; 3116, Pte. S. Keeping; 526, Pte. H. P. Bowden; 2528, Pte. A. Edgar; 3188, Pte. P. Ryan; 2115, Sgt. W. Pitcher; 2278, Pte. A. Chatman; 611, Sgt. H. M. Rowe; 3559, Cpl. G. H. Bishop; 3572, Pte. J. F. Donnelly;

222, Sgt. J. H. Carter; 3227, Pte. W. McKenzie; 3707, Pte. S. Goodwin; 2631, Pte. F. R. Durnford; 2480, Pte. J. House; 2596, Pte. R. North; 2079, L./C. J. Rose; 163, Cpl. H. Lidstone; 3431, Pte. W. Knott; 2771, Pte. J. Glover; 2890, Sgt. A. E. Moulton; 1091, Pte. A. W. Hurdle; 2nd Lieut. A. J. Herder; 1934, Pte. J. Clarke; 2815, Pte. J. S. Bugden; 3516, Pte. E. Fisher; 901, C.Q.M.S. G. Gear; 725, L./C. M. Comor; 3646, Pte. C. Granger; 3484, Pte. J. Sulley; 1113, Pte. S. James; Capt. R. W. Bartlett; 2607, Pte. F. Harris; 1884, L./C. J. G. Brown; Lieut. G. Langmead; 1688, Pte. G. R. Pardy; 2779, Pte. P. Somerton;



Where some of our heroes sleep who died at Beaumont Hamel.

2836, Pte. D. H. James; 3573, Pte. W. T. Parsons; 2058, Pte. W. Andrews; 1061, Pte. C. Pitcher; 3581, Pte. H. Williams; 3542, Pte. F. J. White; 2737, Pte. G. Elliott; 1917, Pte. E. Wade; 3532, Pte. C. Rose; 3158, Pte. W. N. Ivany; 2014, Pte. A. J. Chaffey; 1141, L./C. T. Cook; 3696, Pte. E. Baker; 1894, Pte. E. A. Morris; Lt. J. F. Edens; 1496, Pte. J. L. Hibbs; 863, Pte. J. J. Collins; 3533, Pte. G. Rose; 1046, Pte. A. W. Bishop; 3113, Pte. R. Perry; 3146, Pte. S. Fortune; 3511, Sgt. P. W. Pitt; 3544, Pte. M. Samson; 3332, Pte. M. S. Wiseman; 3270, Pte. A. F. Wagg; 3168, Pte. C. Chaytor; 2869, Sgt. T. J. Kean; 208, Pte. G. Kane; 2050, Pte. F. F. H. Simms; 3119, Pte. J. A. Ivany; 1920, Pte. E. Hickey; 1355, Cpl. T. Lynch; 3404, Pte. A. H. Pittman; 3357, Pte. L. W. Benson; 2040, Pte. A. King; 3692, Pte. D. Butt; 3329, Pte. P. Keating; 1998, Pte. S. Martin; 3031, Pte. A. Ballam; 31510, Pte. C. Bennett; 1560, Pte. V. Carew; 2543, Pte. R. Linfield; 3265, Pte. K. Kersey; 3179, Pte. M. LePage; 3655, Pte. M. Murphy; 2118, Pte. W. O'Reilly; 1703, Pte. G. Ricketts; 3577, Pte. J. Saunders; 3531, Pte. B. Benoit; 2734, Pte. J. Fry; 3299, Pte. M. Keepin.



Cambrai Canal. Our boys crossed the Canal on the foot board where the above four pilgrims from Terra Nova are standing. Mr. Coaker is the figure with his hat off. It was here Captain Butler won the D.S.O. The foot board is about 12 inches wide. Our boys went over in single file fully equipped.

Spent that night at Cambrai. Cambrai is not injured very much, nor is Arras, although the surrounding country is laid level with the ground, not one stone resting on another.

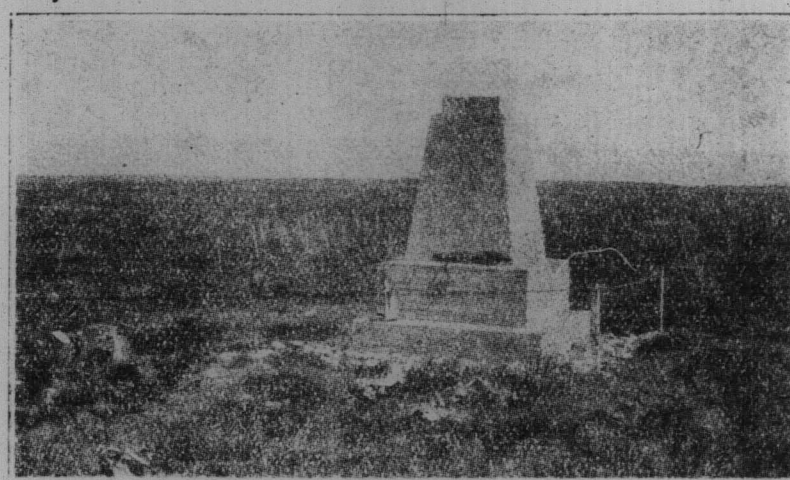
The next day we visited Monchy and selected a site for a Memorial to our brave boys who fell at Monchy. At Cambrai Canal we also selected a site for a Memorial; the site is on the hill above the railroad where Captain Butler was wounded while leading his men. Monchy Memorial will be at the highest elevation on the site of the village and looking down upon the valley and trenches where our lads fell in that action. We took a photo of the trench where Col. Forbes Robinson and his eight heroes held the Germans back and saved Monchy and five miles behind Monchy from falling into German hands, that memorable day. We walked across the trenches, approached Infantry Hill, walked all over it, thence on to the wood to the left where a fierce fight took place. Our lads did reach their objective that day, but were mowed down by German machine gun, and none of them returned. A few were taken prisoners. I visited the spot about where Cyril Gardner fell.



A Tank near Arras.

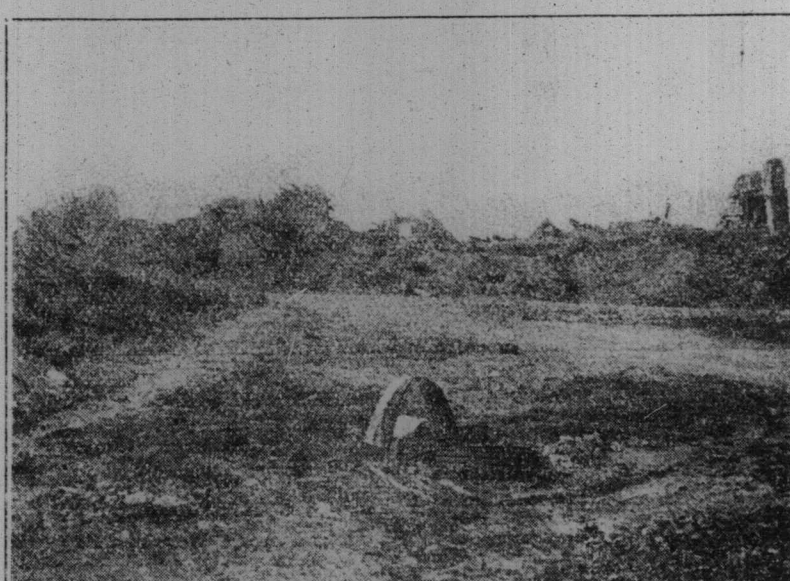
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Thorne; 2879, Pte. L. J. Snow; 2950, Pte. J. B. Ridgley; 1156, Cpl. W. E. Penney; 1166, Pte. A. G. Heath; 1623, Pte. E. Butt; 2660, Pte. M. E. Pike; 2059, Sgt. P. Petite; 2326, Pte. H. Dowden; 1194, Pte. W. Fortune; 313, Pte. J. Olsen; 2271, Pte. I. J. Chaulk; 2910, Pte. A. E. W. Maidment; 2598, Pte. H. Denty; 941, Pte. W. H. Penney; 2415, Pte. C. L. Burton; 994, Pte. A. Mercer; 1374, Cpl. A. C. White; 1551, Pte. J. Doran; 1645, Pte. T. J. Fitzgerald; 1462, Pte. R. P. Voisey; 2180, Pte. N. Mercer; 2545, Pte. A. O'Neill; 2587, Pte. R. L. Maidment; 2550, Pte. R. Pope; 2009, L./C. C. A. Read; 630, Pte. G. Cuff; 2835, Pte. S. R. Pearce; 1309, Pte. R. Hickey; 2976, Pte. S. Hodder; 2967, Pte. E. L. Dunphy; 1585, Pte. J. M. Cron; 2521, Pte. B. Muddford; 1051, L./C. T. J. Gosse; 2674, Pte. S. Payne; 1971, L./C. W. Bennett; 2497, Pte. G. Chuck; 1386, Pte. C. G. Arnold; 356, Sgt. W. T. Hussey; 1907, Pte. S. Gosse; 2nd Lieut. J. S. Stephenson; 2764, Pte. A. King; 2319, Pte. C. Pitcher; 2179, L./C. J. B. Grant; 2632, Pte. T. Rodgers; 2446, Pte. E. Tarrant; 2414, Pte. J. H. Reid; 2476, Pte. J. Gilley; 2293, Pte. M. Gallant; 2253, Pte. H. Jacobs; 567, Pte. J. Collins; 2043, Pte. S. Keeffe; 876, Cpl. A. S. Cook; Lieut. A. Alcock; Lieut. R. P. Holloway; 2nd Lieut. N. A. Outerbridge; Capt. R. Rowse; 2nd Lieut. C. Gardner; 2nd Lieut. S. R. Smith; 2306, Pte. W. Adams; 2745, Pte. A. Boyde; 2334, Pte. G. E. Ballard; 2405, Sgt. J. Booth; 2524, Pte. C. G. Bishop; 2232, Sgt. P. Beson; 910, L./C. H. Bennett; 2683, Pte. W. Benoit; 1578, Pte. E. Blackmore; 770, Pte. P. F. Bennett; 1289, Pte. J. J. Butler; 2463, Pte. A. Coker; 363, L./C. N. Crane; 2313, Pte. J.



Monument to 148 Canadian soldiers near Passchendaele and not far from the site where the Newfoundland Monument in Flanders will be erected.

Crane; 1675, L./C. B. S. Colbourne; 2256, Sgt. L. Coughlan; 2418, Pte. J. Crocker; 2448, Pte. G. W. Collins; 649, Pte. D. F. Connors; 1903, Cpl. B. Carroll; 2289, Pte. W. Clarke; 221, Pte. J. F. Cranford; 2449, Pte. A. Curtis; 2828, Pte. B. Dicks; 2162, Pte. W. Donnelly; 2384, Pte. A. Eddy; 2409, Pte. J. Elsworth; 2198, Pte. H. Frampton; 2920, Pte. A. Follett; 2913, Pte. A. E. Francis; 2839, Pte. J. Fudge; 2246, Cpl. M. Frew; 1724, Pte. D. Groves; 695, Sgt. J. J. Gear; 2748, Pte. J. J. Healey; 2234, Sgt. L. D. Heddon; 2333, Pte. A. Mowlett; 1799, Pte. G. Hollett; 2551, Pte. A. Holmes; 2255, Pte. H. Hussey; 2917, Pte. W. G. Harris; 966, Pte. L. E. Hynes; 2949, Pte. E. W. Harding; 1885, Pte. A. Haliday; 2726, Pte. W. P. Hynes; 2336, Pte. W. H. Harvey; 1024, Pte. A. Hearn; 1201, L./C. W. C. Ivany; 1920, Pte. G. Johnson; 533, Cpl. A. Jackman; 2917, Pte. J. G. Keeping; 203, Pte. W. Keats; 2420, Pte. W. J. King; 2548, Pte. E. Kavanagh; 1693, Pte. W. A. Knowling; 1971, Pte. A. Keeffe; 2599, Pte. W. Kean; 2865, Pte. J. Leonard; 2633, Pte. H. LeDrew; 2963, Cpl. C. J. Miffen; 2615, Pte. W. Mercer; 2936, Pte. R. B. Martin; 2899, Pte. H. Moulton; 1727, Pte. C. A. Mesher; 721, Cpl. A. Munnell; 2951, Pte. L. Marks; 2374, Pte. P. Mercer; 1458, Pte. G. A. Madore; 2733, Pte. A. Murray; 2425, Pte. L. Normore; 376, Pte. W. J. Neville; 1080, Cpl. J. R. Neville; 1692, Cpl. K. S. Newell; 1378, Pte. J. J. O'Brien;



The ruins of the Church at Monchy.

1975, Cpl. J. O'Rourke; 2276, Pte. J. Fretty; 6, C.S.M. A. J. Penney; 2589, Pte. I. Benton; 2606, Pte. A. Penney; 1428, Pte. C. Pennell; 2582, Pte. P. Palfrey; 421, Pte. B. Piercey; 1857, Pte. W. W. Patey; 1394, Pte. H. Pearce; 2652, Pte. F. Power; 2455, Pte. T. Ridout; 2002, Pte. P. Reilly; 123, Pte. B. Ryan; 2919, Pte. G. Rose; 1466, Pte. G. Rowse; 2474, Pte. P. Rose; 2364, Pte. T. J. King; 1082, Pte. D. Richards; 1595, L./C. G. Ridout; 2099, Pte. H. Stone; 2458, Cpl. M. Sherran; 2493, Pte. J. St. John; 2089, Pte. S. Sinnott; 2487, Pte. J. R. Wooldridge; 1594, Pte. R. Fleming; 2201, Pte. A. J. Abbott; 2514, Pte. W. Clarke.

The village is levelled with the ground. A few families have returned. The old "cure" was the first to return, and he lives in the cellar of his old home and at present performs the duties of Postmaster for the village. Search

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