

here is worth a dozen dead ones," but on mounting the parapet and working hard—for excitement lent me the power—the loophole was cleared and workable, but the enemy had discovered me and two bullets narrowly missed my right leg. After a diligent search in the mud my fighting partner discovered his missing rifle, and after giving it a bath in a pool of water it was outwardly presentable, but unfortunately not fully workable. Just to show "our friends across the way" there was still some form of animation in our trench, Pte. Roch (he was killed soon after) and self kept up a steady fire all day, the only rifles working! The sun attempted to smile on us, but a volley from the French 75's sent him back, only to later on supply us with the tears of Jupiter Pluvius—our *vade mecum!* The enemy about 10 a.m. introduced himself by sending over some new fangled heavy 12-inch bore shells, which as the main shell passed over us would explode a shrapnel, then pass on to a second line of defence trenches—have no recollection of any though!—and explode one there, while the main or mother shell proceeded onwards and to earth, causing another explosion by percussion. This cannonading kept up all day. Fortunately the first ones burst in the distance, but later got our range and dropped them in the trenches—more added misery and agony! By now 'twas awful, and the growing dusk made a weird scene. Wounded men patched themselves up as best they could, for little assistance could be given by others, they being helpless themselves. Word was sent back that relief was imperative, and that night we were relieved by an Imperial regiment.

The task of relief work was not by any means light, as those performing this arduous task had to bring out the sick, wounded, and later the dead; the latter were buried in the First Canadian graveyard in France—Dickebusch, near Ypres. Some bodies were later transferred to Voormezele, where there is the "Princess Pats" regimental graveyard.

And so ends a true—ah! very true!—narrative of the Princess Pat's first engagement in the great war of 1914-1919.

