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British Over The Top This Morning In Drive On Wide Front North of The Ancre River French Also Press Back The Enemy Along a Wide Front

Third Army Under General Byng Forces Back the Germans

Attack, Between Arras and Albert, Completely Successful—No Artillery Preparations But Up and At Them—Several Miles Progress and Several Towns Are Captured

London, Aug. 21—An attack on a wide front north of the Ancre River was launched by the British forces at a quarter to five this morning, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today. Satisfactory progress is being made.

On Tuesday afternoon the British threw back strong German attacks against the new British positions south and north of the Scarpe.

The British attack was between Moyenville and Beaucourt-Sur-Ancre, a distance of about eight and a half miles. It is reported that the British have advanced from two to three miles along this front.

British forces have captured Courcelles, Achiet le Petit and have reached Moyenville and Beaumont-Sur-Ancre.

The attack this morning was made without artillery preparations. It was completely successful. It was made by the British third army under General Byng. After capturing Achiet le Petit the British troops advanced another mile and a half to the east and reached Achiet le Grand.

TOWNS CAPTURED IN FIRST HOUR. With the British Armies in France, Aug. 21—(By the Associated Press)—Field Marshal Haig this morning launched an offensive on a front of about 10,000 yards. The high contour between Adifor and Moyenville was the northern zone of attack and Puisseux-Au-Mont the southern landmark of the front. The enemy here lately has been withdrawing in order to increase the depth of his defences.

In the first hour of the offensive the British troops captured the towns of Alfainville, Beaucourt and Moyenville.

The first advance of the British was between Arras and Albert. The attacks extended from the Ancre river at Beaucourt to just north of Moyenville.

Some German field guns and 200 prisoners had been taken in the British drive at an early hour.

All the German outposts and positions along the important Dronoutre Ridge between Koudet and the Loche hospice have been attacked by the British. The result so far is not known. This front is in the Lys salient.

Courcelles and Achiet le Petit also were captured in the British drive. Early this morning British troops carried out a successful local operation in the Loche sector on a front of more than a mile. All the objectives of the attack were taken, and prisoners were captured.

A Tactical Surprise. Although prisoners said the Germans had been expecting the attack for a week it was a tactical surprise. Tanks and infantry advanced through the heavy fire in the gray morning light. After a brief "crash" bombardment the British troops were upon the enemy almost before he knew it.

The heavy night mist increasing to steam-like smoke enabled the British to reach the points of assembly without the chance of detection. A great concourse of tanks manoeuvred into position as quickly as possible.

The first advance of the British was made at 5:05 o'clock this morning after

While the width of the attacking front is not clearly defined, a "wide front" probably would include a line from the Ancre to the Scarpe, about fifteen miles. There has not been any heavy fighting recently on the line north of the Ancre, although the Germans some days ago, retired slightly on the front between Beaumont-Hamel and Bucquoy. However, there has been more or less raiding activity.

The battlefront from north of the Ancre to north of Lens has not seen so great a change as other sectors between Ypres and Rheims since the beginning of the German offensive on March 21.

In making an attack here it would appear that Marshal Foch is striving to break the old German line in the Arras area. Any considerable forward movement here would menace the German positions north and south for many miles. Strategically a blow here would seem to be a companion one to the French offensive south of the Oise and a strong attempt to force the Germans to retire all along the line.

GERMAN REGIMENT REFUSES TO FACE BRITISH FORCES. London, Aug. 20—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's Ltd.)—Reuter's correspondent at British army headquarters cables under date of this evening: "If the German retirement is proceeding according to the present plan, they are now confronted with a situation which must complicate their calculations. The hasty abandonment of Merville on

Sunday was doubtless due to our unexpectedly obtaining possession of the dominating contour east of Merville. "Since the beginning of their withdrawal, prisoners to the number of 6,000 have been captured.

"It is definitely stated that the 418th infantry regiment refused to obey an order to attack at Fuisieux recently. Nineteen officers and 848 men had been captured in Flanders up to last night."

CITY WAGES AT THE WHARVES MAY BE RAISED. The commissioner of harbor and ferries is contemplating raising all fees, dues and rates for the city wharves. The object is to increase the revenue and if possible make the harbor pay for itself.

In order to avoid any serious loss similar to that entailed last year when a section of No. 5 shed collapsed, Commissioner Bullock is sending letters to the railway and steamship officials notifying them that they will be held responsible if they overload any of the sheds.

INSURE CITY EMPLOYEES. Commissioner Hillyard said this morning that he considers that all city employees should be insured as in many large establishments. He pointed out the danger in which many of his men are in while working in trenches and says that if they are injured the city in many cases responsible for their pay and expenses.

Ottawa, Aug. 21—There are 656 names in the morning and noon casualty lists issued today. There are ninety-nine reported killed in action, thirty-eight died of wounds, two missing, one gassed, one ill and 615 wounded. They include:

- INFANTRY. J. Lowe, Halifax; J. Roberts, Pleasant Grove, P. E. I.; J. S. Smith, Sydney; N. G. Phinney, Sackville; J. P. Henderson, Newcastle; L. Marsters, Hantsport; C. L. Brown, Macan; E. J. Austin, North Sydney; J. E. Kelly, Sydney; J. H. Dobson, Miramichi; C. Farrell, River Philip; R. M. Eustace, Canoe; W. Fraser, Halifax; R. Burns, Fairville, N. B.; F. W. Bryant, Maugeville; H. G. Brown, Glace Bay; A. W. Barry, Dartmouth; W. B. Matthews, Hunter River; P. E. L.; E. S. Mellish, Gunningville, N. B.; J. Munro, Tatamagouche; J. W. Morris, Three Mile Plains, N. S.; H. D. Donald, St. John; G. Oram, Sydney; G. E. McCoy, St. John; E. K. McGrath, Lorne Valley, P. E. I.; H. Gallant, Duver Road, P. E. I.; J. H. Gallant, New Acadie, P. E. I.; B. C. MacKay, Coleman, P. E. I.; D. McLean, Milo, P. E. I.; J. McLean, Old Victoria Mines, N. S.; A. Pire, Green Point, N. B.; J. Perry, St. Louis, P. E. I.; J. W. Pidgeon, Park Corner, P. E. I.; A. Williams, Stellarton; A. D. Wilson, Digby.

FRENCH TODAY KEPT UP ADVANCE ON THEIR FRONT

Progress Along Whole Line Between The Oise and the Aisne—Another Gain Near Lassigny

Paris, Aug. 21—French troops continue their advance along the whole front between the Oise and the Aisne this morning. Carlepont and Cots have been captured by the French, according to the official statement issued at the war office today.

After sharp fighting ground has been taken west of Lassigny by the French. German surprise attacks in Champagne were repulsed.

HUNS RESIST STURDILY BUT FRENCH PRESS ON. On the French front in France, Aug. 20—(Havas Agency)—The battle is proceeding with fierce resistance by the enemy, but with quick and steady progress by the French. The objectives set by the French command appear to have been attained. The enemy is suffering severe losses, although his receding line is fighting with marked determination.

The French attack between Soissons and Ribecourt was against a line which the enemy desired to hold. It is strongly fortified and is defended by picked Bavarian and Alpine units.

Documents on prisoners show that the enemy expected an attack. Orders were given that the positions must be held to the last man. Despite the German stubbornness the French made rapid advances during the day.

Enemy Losses Heavy. Paris, Aug. 20—The manoeuvre of the French forces east of the Oise today was conducted with precision and speed. The attack was launched at 8:10 a. m. after a violent artillery preparation. At 8:45 batteries of 75's on the heels of the infantry advanced four kilometres over the Vassens Ridge. At nine o'clock the French right had advanced to Tartiers Heights and at 9:40 the left was at Lombrey.

The enemy losses are said to have been exceptionally heavy. One French division alone captured 1,500 prisoners. The advance continues over a rolling country where rapid progress ordinarily is difficult.

SIX ST. JOHN SOLDIERS GIVE LIVES IN WAR

City Homes Saddened Today by News From The Battlefield—Several Other Local Men Wounded

This has been another day of grief in St. John homes over messages from the war department. The following notices have been received:

KILLED. Pte. Arthur C. Doyle. Pte. Robert King. Pte. Roy Murray. Pte. J. W. McDaid. Sgt. H. G. Akerley. Gr. Joseph Morrison.

WOUNDED. Pte. Geo. E. Coleman. Sergt. H. D. Jenner. Sergt. W. A. Alward.

Pte. A. C. Doyle Killed. Mrs. Thomas Donovan of 5 George street, was advised this morning from Ottawa, that her brother, Private Arthur C. Doyle had been killed in action on August 8. Private Doyle went overseas as a member of the 115th Battalion, and after in England a short while was transferred into the Nova Scotia Battalion. He was twenty-three years old and prior to going overseas was learning the plumbing trade with W. A. Stepper, Mill street. Private Doyle's death will be learned with deepest regret. He was a young man well known about the city. Mrs. Donovan is the only surviving relative.

Pte. Robert King Killed. "Sincerely regret to inform you that your husband, Pte. Robert King has been officially reported killed in action," was the heart-breaking message received by Mrs. King of 75 Moore street this morning. Private King crossed overseas with the 104th Battalion and for some time was with a reserve corps in England, he was later transferred to a New Brunswick battalion in France. He was a native of St. John, N.B., and came to this city several years ago. Besides his wife and one young child, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George King of St. John, Nfld. Many friends in this city will regret to learn of his death and the heartfelt sympathy of all will go out to the bereaved wife and family.

Pte. Roy Murray. That their son, Pte. Roy Murray, had been killed in action on Aug. 18 was the sad news received by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Murray of 25 Broad street this morning. The case is exceptionally sad as one of their daughters is seriously ill. Private Murray went overseas with the 65th Brigade three years ago but was transferred into another unit then in France. He was twenty-four years of age and besides his parents is survived by three brothers, George, with a signal battery in France, and Harold and Albert at home; and two sisters, Mrs.

Arthur Steeves of Fairville and Miss Helen at home. Prior to going overseas he was employed with James H. Pullen, painter. Pte. J. W. McDaid. Mr. and Mrs. H. V. McDaid, 50 Elliott road, were notified this morning from Ottawa to the effect that their son, Pte. James Verner McDaid, had made the supreme sacrifice on Aug. 8. Private McDaid went overseas in an army service corps and after his arrival in England transferred into the N. B. infantry battalion. He was nineteen years old and prior to joining the army was employed in the Bank of Nova Scotia as a teller in the Haymarket square branch. Private McDaid was held in the highest esteem by his friends and associates. His death will be learned with deepest regret. Besides his parents he leaves five brothers, George, William, Henry, Ralph and Robert, all at home.

Sergt. H. G. Akerley. Mrs. O. B. Akerley, 61 Peters street, was advised this morning that her son, Sergt. Harold Gladstone Akerley, a member of the N. B. battalion, had been killed in action on Aug. 8. Sergeant Akerley was twenty years old and prior to going overseas was employed with his father in the dairy business in Waterloo street. Besides his parents, he leaves two sisters, the Misses Margaret and Ellen, and two brothers, Clarence and Bert, both at home. Sergeant Akerley's death will be learned with the deepest regret by his many friends in the city.

Gr. Joseph Morrison. Mrs. J. L. Morrison, 14 Cliff street, was advised this morning that her son, Gunter Joseph Morrison, a member of a Montreal battery, had died of wounds on August 13. Besides his mother he leaves two sisters, Maisie, of W. H. Thorne & Company, Limited, and Ellen, of Gandy & Allison, and three brothers, Private Sylvester and Gunner Louis, both in France, and Ronald, of Sydney.

Pte. G. E. Coleman Wounded. George Eugene Coleman of Fairville recently mentioned in the casualty list, is a son of the late Bartholomew Coleman, who died about a year ago. There is said to be only one surviving member of the family, Timothy Coleman, a brother. The whereabouts of the latter at present is unknown. Pte. Coleman was well known in Fairville where he was employed for some years. No definite information has yet come to hand as to the extent of his injuries.

Sergt. H. D. Jenner. Rev. J. H. Jenner, West St. John, was notified this morning that his son, Sergt. (Continued on page 2, seventh column)

Germans At Work Off N. S. Coast; Vessels Are Sunk

Canadian Trawler, Seized and Used as Raider, is Wreaking Havoc Among Fishermen; Six U-Boats Off Coast, Says Commander

A Canadian Atlantic Port, Aug. 21—The steam trawler Triumph, fitted with two guns, and wireless and manned by sixteen Germans from the U-boat which captured her yesterday, is raiding the banks of the coast of Nova Scotia and the crews of schooners sunk by the Triumph have arrived here. The vessels known to be sunk are the Una P. Saunders of Lunenburg, the E. Pratt of Gloucester, Mass., and the Francis J. O'Hara of Boston.

Captain Wallace Bruce, master of the Gloucester schooner, told the Canadian Press that his vessel was held up by the Triumph yesterday afternoon and that he and his crew were given ten minutes to leave the ship. The Germans then sunk her with bombs. The Triumph then moved over to the Boston and Lunenburg vessels, sinking them in turn. The devices from the three vessels reached here this morning. The fishermen say that while making for this port they heard shots and they believe that other fishing vessels have been sunk.

Captain Myrhr, master of the Triumph, who landed here with his man, told the Canadian Press that the captain of the submarine said that his was only one of six U-boats operating on this coast. "We intend to destroy the fishing fleets," the German commander said to Captain Myrhr.

AFTER HER. Washington, Aug. 21—Strong forces of swift naval patrol boats and destroyers sped today to the North Atlantic fishing banks, where the trawler Triumph is reported raiding fishing fleets.

SUBMARINE SEIZES CANADIAN GRAND BANKS TRAWLER

Crew Sent Away in Dories—Believe it is Intended to Convert Triumph Into Raider

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 21—(By the Associated Press)—A German submarine late yesterday seized the big fishing trawler Triumph. The crew, who had reached shore safely, said they believed the Germans intend to use the trawler as a raider. They reported that the U-boat is "playing havoc" with the fleet of fishing vessels on the Grand Banks.

The Triumph was halted on the fishing banks by the U-boat and the crew was permitted to take to the dories. The fishermen said that the trawler was still afloat when they last saw her. An armed guard of Germans had been placed aboard, and no preparations were made to sink the ship.

The Triumph is owned by the North Atlantic Fisheries Company, and is one of the crack boats of the fleet.

Boston, Aug. 21—Fishermen here said today that if the submarine made use of the trawler Triumph as a raider they would have to re-coal the craft at least every ten days. The Triumph is manned entirely by a Canadian crew and is owned by a Canadian company. She is 125 feet long, fifteen feet deep, with a twenty-two foot beam, and registers about 250 tons gross.

VIGOROUS BOMBING OF ENEMY WORKS

Much Damage Done and Good Number of Machines Destroyed; Americans at It

London, Aug. 20—On the night of Aug. 19-20 our squadrons again attacked hostile airfields and railways. All our machines returned safely.

Early on Aug. 18 some of our squadrons combined in a very successful attack on the Phalempin airfield, south of Lille. Several airplanes and sheds were hit and big fires started. All our machines returned safely. The Bruges docks and the railway at Roubaix and enemy dumps were heavily bombed.

Thirteen enemy machines were destroyed and six driven down out of control in air fighting. One hostile airplane was shot down and another brought down out of control by fire from the ground. Four German balloons in the Merville sector were set on fire by one of our airmen. Seven of our machines are missing.

London, Aug. 20—The American navy's air campaign against German submarine bases in Flanders began on Aug. 15 with the bombing of Ostend. It is said the operations generally were successful.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—Showers are reported in Lake Superior district, otherwise the weather in Canada remains fine. Forecasts. Lakes and Georgian Bay, Ottawa and Lawrence Valleys—Moderate south to southwest winds, generally fair and quite warm, but showers or thunder storms in some localities during the night and on Thursday. Gulf and North Shore—Moderate south to southwest winds, fine and warm today, some local showers on Thursday. Warm. Maritimes—Moderate west to southwest winds, warm today and on Thursday. Superior—Moderate south to southwest winds, a few local showers or thunder storms, but mostly fair and warm. Manitoba—Fair and warm; Thursday, a few local showers or thunder storms, but mostly fair and warm. Saskatchewan and Alberta—A few local showers or thunder storms, but mostly fair today and on Thursday. New England—Fair tonight except local thunder storms and warmer in northern Vermont; Thursday, probably showers; gentle southwest winds successful.

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