

13 HUNS IN 20 MINUTES

The Story of a Private Who Got His Chance

This world war has now been raging for three years all but four months, and it is but stating the barest truth to say that never has



there been one moment since it began but some man has done the heroic. It may have been on an off-day in the slimy trenches, or in the excitement of a bombardment, or as he went over the top with his chums. The pity is that only in a very few cases are these superhuman deeds noted, and in fewer still do the actors receive any kind of reward. Now and again, as his chums would say, a man has the luck to get recognition. Such a one is No. 199384 Private S. D. Richey, now at Chatham House Annex. He is but 18 years of

age, comes from Winnipeg, joined up in June, 1916, and came across with the 94th Battalion from Fort-William. He made one of a draft to the 28th Battalion.

Let the foregoing introduce him. As for the deed that is now tardily getting recognition the following official statement tells the story best.

Capt. W. M. Hart, M.C.,
C. A. M. C.

March 17th, 1917

In answer to your communication inquiring if I can confirm the statement of No 199384, Pte S. D. Richey, in which he states he got 13 Germans in 20 minutes.

On the day in question, September 25th, 1916, we had been suffering innumerable casualties from German snipers, and when I arrived at the place where Pte Richey was, I found my Major shot through the heart.

I called for a good shot, and Pte Richey immediately offered to try and get rid of them.

I gave him the direction and range, and observed, and I saw him dispose of thirteen Huns.

He showed an apparent disregard for his own personal safety, and I missed him greatly when he became a casualty.

Yours truly,

L. TORRIE, Lieut. C Co., 28th Batt.

Pte. Richey has been recommended for the D.C.M., and has also received a present of £13 from Mr. L. A. Oldfield, of London, as "head money." His brother, Pte. W. J. Richey, 3rd Field Ambulance, attached 13th Batt., has already won the Military Medal.