

no thought or desire in life but just, very simply, to do his duty), smitten to his knees and blinded by the explosion of a German shell, continued fighting, with the weapon he had been taught to use, till carried away, because he happened to be one of those who had been "detailed," as the phrase goes, to present a forth-right English no! to the ferociously desperate assertion of the might of the vaunted Prussian Guard.

"No, we didn't let 'em through, sir; they couldn't get through us." That was as much as the corporal had to say about it, and it is not easy to induce any of his heroic comrades to say much more. That is their English way—God bless them! Yet from one here and there, from a gunner officer, from an intelligence