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How Sergt. Major Henri Segers, Belgian Warrior, Got Away With the Leading People of Spalding

London.—Spalding (Lincolnshire) has been entertaining for a week a very remarkable Belgian, Henri Segers, who was hailed, in consequence of his exploits, as "a hero of heroes" and "a world hero."

He left for London on Friday morning, saying that he was to meet his general, who would conduct him to the palace to receive the V. C. from the King. Later in the day a telegram, handed in at the Strand post office at 3.35 p.m., was received in Spalding by a girl with whose parents he had been staying. It was in French, and translated read:

"Arrived in time; received V. C.—Your Belgian friend, Henri."

Unfortunately for both Segers and Spalding no V. C. was awarded on Friday. On inquiry at the war office yesterday we were informed that the names of all those to whom this distinction has been awarded have been published already in the London Gazette, and the name of Henri Segers was not among them.

How He "Took In" Spalding

This is the more unfortunate for Spalding because on the ground of his own statements he was entertained at dinner and his fame has been spread all over the district. He was introduced by a Catholic priest in Spalding. Prior Tyck, who said yesterday to a reporter: "I was asked by Miss Alice Hierens, a Belgian refugee, to arrange that her friend, Sergeant-Major Segers, should come to Spalding. A Belgian soldier cannot go anywhere in England for a holiday unless someone writes to say he will receive him. I was away when he came, but when I returned he came to see me, and told me so many stories about his exploits that I was much impressed."

"He told me that he was to get a Victoria Cross and that he had a certificate to say he was to get it, and that he had received a telegram from the Belgian authorities to come to London on Friday."

No Certificate Shown

Asked if he had seen the certificate or telegram, Prior Tyck said he had not.

"I was impressed with the man," Prior Tyck continued "that I thought we should do him some honour, so I went to Mr. W. S. Royce, J.P., who is about to be the Conservative candidate for the district, and asked him to get up a dinner. Mr. Royce said he did not think it was possible so I went round to other people and took Segers with me, and in the end we gave him a dinner on Wednesday night."

Henri Segers wore the Cross of the Order of Leopold and the Cross of the Legion of Honor, which are respectively the highest awards for bravery which Belgium and France can give. Mr. Royce presided at the dinner and almost everybody who is anybody in Spalding was there. From the Spalding Guardian we learn that Segers "looked the remarkable man he is, amazingly alert and fit, and with a piercing eye which seemed ready to pounce on every opportunity which came along. Mr. Royce proposed his health, and then the hero himself proceeded to tell them of his feats."

Massacres of Germans

He spoke in Flemish, which was translated by Father Tyck. For the report of his speech we are again indebted to the Spalding Guardian.

When war was declared, he said, he was forty years of age, and manager at the famous motor-car works at Brussels. His first battle was at Liege, where he fought with the artillery. After being in five battles he received his armored car and mitrailleuse on August 26. He had only started an hour when he shot German airman down—one of the three which he has brought down altogether.

On September 26 he was sent by the admiral of the French Marines, who were operating on land and to whom he was then attached, to make a reconnaissance with his car. Eleven miles from Brussels he arrived at a village and met two trains of 30 coaches each, both full of German soldiers. He ordered his driver to turn, and in a quarter of an hour had riddled the trains with his quick-firing gun—they were shot to pieces. Uhlans gave the alarm, and German reinforcements came up. He fired into them and then drove away at 80 miles an hour.

Segers was one of the last to retreat from Antwerp. He fired into the German hosts as they were coming over the ramparts. He spent the whole of that last night shooting down the Uhlans.

In the course of the retreat the Belgians had mined an important

bridge but had been unable to fire it. Segers quietly waited until the bridge was crowded with Germans, and then—he caused a roar of laughter at the dinner table by describing, with hand and lips, a motion skyward. He meant that he exploded the bridge and Germans into the air.

Passage Through Corpses

He described an attack on a large force of barricaded Germans near Dixmude, in which he was accompanied by 240 cyclists. The Uhlans charged and were all killed by the Belgian fire. Having been told that the French would come to the rescue in three days, they held the position from Monday till Wednesday, when only 28 out of the 240 Belgians were left.

When the Germans were drawing near Dixmude the commandant asked what he was going to do by way of resistance. "Leave me the bridge," was the answer. He took up a position with his car a hundred yards from the bridge. From 10 o'clock at night until three next morning the Germans attempted to pour over the bridge, and as they came they were shot down by Segers' spray of death. Everything that attempted to cross the bridge died. In those few hours he fired 22,880 cartridges!

When the German flood ceased he was told to go out to reconnoitre, but when he got to the bridge he could not advance because the corpses blocked the way. He had to wait until the sentries could heap them on one side. He took 82 prisoners and four quick-firing guns."

How the V.C. was "Won."

The sergeant-major's next incident was the capture, while working with the British near Ypres, of an 11-inch gun which had been bombarding Ypres, and which won him the V. C.

He was again sent out to reconnoitre and "they gave me some whiskey before I went." When he got near the Germans with his car he pretended that he was followed by a regiment, and motioned to his emergency followers to come on. The six Englishmen who were with him opened fire when 30 yards from the enemy, who believing that they were attacked with a superior force, at once surrendered.

Prior Tyck gave our representative yesterday accounts of other exploits which Segers claimed as his. This is one of them.

A Belgian battalion was hopelessly cut off and Segers was asked to make a diversion. He drove his car through the German forces, and on getting to the other side did not know how to get back again. He had a viscount as chauffeur and ordered him to drive slowly towards the Germans to give them the impression that he was going to surrender. On getting near them he put his car at top speed, fired his machine gun in great curves, and simply mowed the enemy down as he got through.

Segers also claims to have been commended for 66 great feats: 8 British, 16 French, and 42 Belgian.

Asked how many Germans he had accounted for, he replied, "About 40,000." The German crown prince had put a price of 10,000 francs on his head. King Albert had requested him to write a book of his adventures.

Of Sergt.-Major Segers' departure from Spalding the Guardian remarks, "It was touching to see this distinguished soldier, who had faced death so often unable to restrain a tear as he said farewell to Spalding where he has been so cordially received."

At the dinner he said: "I shall never forget my reception, and if ever I get wounded I shall ask to be sent to Spalding."

Will he?

Enquiries in London

A later account of this adventurous warrior says:

Sergeant-Major Segers, the Belgian warrior who tells such astonishing stories of his battlefield exploits, is being inquired after by the Belgian legation in London.

There is no doubt about Segers' right to wear the Cross of the Legion of Honor and also the Order of Leopold. He must have distinguished himself to gain these two national decorations, but the legation do not credit all his stories of his feats of arms and they object to his claim to have won the V.C.

The sergeant-major's astounding claim to fame is that he accounted for 40,000 Germans in his various exploits. He told many of his achievements at a public dinner at which he was the guest of honor at Spalding one night last week. When he left Spalding he said he was going to London to receive the V.C. on Friday, and that he was returning to the front on

Saturday and would be in the firing line on Sunday at 5 a.m.

London Adventures

However, on his return to London, instead of going to Buckingham Palace he spent a very pleasant time among his compatriots in inns and restaurants at the back of Kingsway much frequented by Belgians visiting London. To them he claimed prospective decoration not only with the V.C. but also with the Serbian and Russian military medals. He had a thrilling story to tell, differing somewhat from the Spalding version. He had a machine gun mounted on a motor-car, he explained, and it was with this he mowed the Germans down. To support his story he produced a photograph of his car.

A Belgian sergeant-major from the Military Attache's office saw him in the Three Tuns public house and also heard him talk. A Belgian private from the same office had a long talk with him. To him Segers said the V.C. was to be presented to him at the front, and that he had in his pocket the certificate that entitled him to it, so he was not bothering as to the exact place where it would be presented to him.

"A Vestige of Incredulity."

At Spalding yesterday, when the Daily Mail's story of his claims was read, the people began to remember that they had found some of his adventures a little difficult to believe. He was a fine-looking man, they said, and certainly had not tried to get anything out of them on the strength of his achievements, but he said he had slain 40,000 Germans.

Mr. W. S. Royce, J.P., who presided at the dinner in honor of Sergeant Major Segers, said last night: "I have a very high opinion of Father Tyck, and when he asked me to preside at the dinner I did not see how I could refuse. I asked Segers to my house, and he seemed all right."

"But as he told of what he had done I could not help feeling that he was going a bit far. That 40,000 Germans story upset my ideas. So I was guarded in what I said at the dinner, and referred to the Goddess of Chance as having been very good to Segers. I meant to throw in just a vestige of incredulity."

Belgian Brigadier's Letter

His compatriots and friends at Spalding still express every confidence in him, and suggest that if he most he has only made some one else mistake as to the nature of the award he is to receive. They recall that in May Brigadier (Contier, of the Belgian army, writing to a refugee in Spalding, stated that Henri Segers had been awarded the first decorations of England, France and Belgium." Later the brigadier wrote that Segers had received the Belgian and French decorations and was coming to England to receive the British award.

The first letter, which was dated May 5, was shown to our correspondent. Miss Tierrens—or Mrs. De Wael as she now is, having been married last week to a Belgian soldier, Segers officiating as best man at the wedding—says there can be no doubt about the Belgian and French decorations, as Segers had photographs taken at the front in which he was wearing these medals, and such photographs were produced.

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