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CANADIANS STEM GERMANS' ADVANCE WIN TEMPORARILY LOST GROUND IN BRILLIANT COUNTER ATTACK

OTTAWA, April 25.—The Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, has received a message from King George V. expressing his admiration of the gallant stand made by the Canadians at Langemarck, and sympathizing with Canadians in the heavy casualties sustained.

CANADIAN LOSSES WERE HEAVY BUT THEIR DEEDS WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS BRAVEST OF WAR

Names of the Officers and Men Who Fell at Langemarck Will Be Writ Large on the Empire's Scroll of Honored Dead.

ENTIRE DIVISION WAS IN THE FIGHTING

Some of the Best Officers in Canada Have Been Killed in Greatest Battle in Which Canadians Ever Have Participated.

After more than two months of trench fighting with losses comparatively small the first Canadian Division were given their chance last week in the great battle to the north of Ypres, and as official accounts have indicated they fought with splendid courage and effectiveness. But the victory gained cost Canada many of her brave sons. The official list of casualties thus far reported to the militia department at Ottawa shows that during the fighting on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and which still is progressing the Canadians lost 21 commissioned officers killed and 59

wounded. Among those killed were three battalion commanders—Lieut. Col. Hart McHarg of Vancouver, 7th Battalion; Lieut. Col. Arthur P. Burchall of the permanent staff and Lieut. Col. Russell L. Boyle of Crossfield, Alberta, 10th Battalion. Three Toronto officers were killed, Lieutenants MacDonald, Kirkpatrick and George Crowther Ryerson.

The list of casualties show that practically the entire first Canadian division was in this heavy action at Ypres, which has seen more bloodshed in the fighting for important positions than probably any other centre on the western front. Prior to this engage-

ment, the only one of any real significance since Neuve Chapelle, in which several Canadian battalions supported the British advance, the Canadians were billeted south of Ypres and took their twenty-four hour shifts in the front line. It is evident from all accounts that the first fighting units from Canada were in the thick of the attack—the greatest battle in which Canadians have ever taken part in the country's history, and "their gallantry and determination undoubtedly saved the situation."

This engagement is now going on with the Canadians still in the front line according to latest information.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Canadians Performed Most Brilliant and Valuable Service.—Sir John French.

Gallantry and Efficiency of Troops Thrills All Canada With Pride.—Sir Robert Borden.

OTTAWA, April 25.—J. J. Carrick, M.P., who is at the front with the Canadian troops, cabled to General Hughes that Sir John French telegraphed to General Alderson today as follows:

"I wish to express to you and the Canadian troops my admiration of the gallant stand and fight they have made. They have performed a most brilliant and valuable service. Last night and again this morning I reported their splendid behavior to the secretary of state, and I have a reply from him, saying how highly the gallantry and determination in a difficult position are appreciated in England."

Sir Robert Borden sent the following cable today to General Alderson, commander of the Canadian division:

"Report of the splendid gallantry and efficiency of division under your command has thrilled all Canada with pride. Warmest congratulations."

Sir Robert also sent the following cable to Earl Grey in reply to a congratulatory message.

"Deeply appreciate your message. Canada is very proud that her sons have upheld so worthily the splendid traditions of our great pioneer race."

Lord Brooke of Gen. French's staff cabled General Hughes Saturday:

"Heartiest congratulations on magnificent behavior of Canadians."

General Hughes replied:

"Sincere thanks for message. Please convey to Sir John and the Canadians the pride and joy of their comrades in Canada for the part they have so nobly played. The Canadians have justly proved that there was no surrender, and that, by whatever fault the guns were lost, they were not allowed to remain in possession of the enemy."

BATTLE'S SECOND STAGE IS APPARENTLY ENDED VICTORY IS DECISIVE

Exchange of Official Messages Indicates That Canadians Are Now in Undisturbed Possession of Field

The second stage of the second battle of the Yser is apparently ended, so far as the Canadians are concerned, with the recovery of the territory lost in the German surprise attack on the French north of Ypres with the use of asphyxiating gas bombs, for last night word came to Ottawa of the congratulations sent to General Alderson, commander of the Canadian division, on the gallant conduct of the Canadian troops and their service to the general allied cause.

As the time for such felicitations comes after a battle, it is inferred that the Canadian troops did their share in defeating the enemy.

"I DON'T EXPECT TO RETURN HOME" CAPT. GEO. RYERSON KILLED IN ACTION

Prophetic Remark of Gallant Toronto Officer, Killed in Action.

LT. MADO MACDONALD BROTHER IS WOUNDED

Rose From Private to Commission and Was Efficient Officer.

Lieut. Mado Donald MacDonald, reported killed in action, is a son of Donald H. MacDonald, 1017 Bathurst street. He was 23 years of age, and had been a member of the Queen's Own for about ten years. As commander of a machine gun section he was considered as one of the most efficient in the first Canadian division. The late officer rose from a private to a commission. In 1910 when the Queen's Own made their memorable trip to England Lieut. MacDonald was then senior color-sergeant in the regiment and accompanied the group of officers and men to Balmoral Castle, where they were received by the King. He was the only non-commissioned officer to receive a Victoria Cross.

Didn't Expect to Return. Even by members of his own company he was known as "Mado," and no officer was more popular. He was a prominent member of the Rosedale Golf Club, and many fellow members joined his machine gun on the outbreak of the war. His section at one time in Salisbury had a waiting list of fifty men anxious to get placed before leaving England for the firing line. Lieut. MacDonald remarked to a friend: "I know exactly the work that is ahead of us, and I don't expect to return. If one is a member of a suicide club he can't expect to come out of it." A machine gun section was invariably dubbed a suicide club by the soldiers on account of the dangerous nature of the work.

Lieut. Arthur Ryerson, had been a lieutenant in the 10th Royal Grenadiers and was transferred to the 9th Field Battery. He was a graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont., and was twenty-three years of age. He was Lt.-Col. Ryerson's youngest son.

Mrs. G. Sterling Ryerson is in Atlantic City having been in ill health. York Ryerson, another son, left Toronto last night and will meet his mother in New York today.

CAPT. A. C. BASTEDO RAISED A COMPANY

Wounded Officer Recruited Veterans of South Africa Before Going.

Capt. Alfred C. Bastedo, son of John M. Bastedo, 4 Jean street, Rosedale, whose name appears in today's casualty list, was born in Milton, Ont. He is 23 years old. He was a member of the local militia in Milton for five years. At the time war was declared he was captain of the seventh company, Halton Rifles.

He offered his services to go to the front, and raised a company of veterans in Toronto with which he had been connected for six years. He had been connected for six years. He immediately volunteered for active service, but failing to be appointed he resigned his commission.

He then went to Valcartier to see his uncle, Major A. E. Kirkpatrick, and was successful in being appointed lieutenant in the Queen's Own. His younger brother George, who is but 18 years of age, is a member of the artillery and is still stationed in Toronto.

ONE OF CANADA'S FINEST ATHLETES

Capt. G. O. Lees, Victim of German Bullets, Was Prominent Golfer.

Capt. Gerald O. Lees of the 13th Battalion reported killed, was one of the best known athletes in Canada, being especially prominent as a golfer. He was on the reserve of the Fifth Royal Highlanders of Montreal and when war broke out at once volunteered. He was a member of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club and in 1913 was runner-up for the championship. Capt. Lees was manager of the Ottawa branch of the brokerage firm of C. J. McCuaig, Montreal. Mr. McCuaig's son, Lieut. Eric McCuaig, is reported wounded.

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LIST OF CASUALTIES TO DATE

KILLED. First Battalion. Major Albert Edward Kimmins, Queen's Own Battalion, native of Winona.

Capt. George Crowther Ryerson, Queen's Own, Toronto.

Lieut. M. Daniel Macdonald, Toronto.

Fourth Battalion. Capt. Donald Glover, Orillia.

Lieut. Cameron D. Brant, Hamilton, Ont.

Lieut.-Col. A. H. Birchall, Canadian Permanent Staff, Gloucester, Eng.

Fifth Battalion. Lieut. Charles King Mason, Saskatchewan.

Thirteenth Battalion. Major Edward C. Norworthy, Montreal.

Capt. Wm. Clark Kennedy, Highlanders, Montreal.

Capt. Gerald O. Lees, Highlanders, Montreal (formerly Ottawa).

Lieut. Guy Melford Drummond, Montreal.

Fourteenth Battalion. Capt. Richard Steacie, Westmount.

Lieut. George M. Williamson, Montreal.

Lieut. E. W. Clifford, Stony Creek, Ont.

Lieut. J. L. Youngs, Stratford.

Lieut. P. W. Peck, Mount Forest, Ont.

Third Battalion. Lieut. J. K. Cronyn, Toronto.

Fourth Battalion. Capt. G. R. Rogers.

Capt. E. G. Begy, St. Catharines.

Lieut. G. O. Brown, Norwich, Ont.

Lieut. J. R. Riley, Milton, Ont.

Lieut. J. M. McKinley, Canning, N.S.

Lieut. F. W. Miller, Canning, N.S.

Lieut. G. W. Ballard, Hamilton.

WOUNDED AND MISSING. Third Battalion. Lieut. E. T. Kelly, Haldimand County.

WOUNDED. Major D. R. Sandeman, Red Deer, seriously.

Lieut. H. B. McGuire, 36th Militia Regiment, Orangeville, Ont.

Seventh Battalion. Lieut. A. G. Spender, 6th Regiment, Vancouver.

Tenth Battalion. In this battalion there is a Lieut. A. E. Ball reported wounded, but there is no such name in the list at the front, but in the Tenth Regiment there is an A. L. Bell, whom it may be.

Sixteenth Battalion. Lieut. E. N. Gilliat.

FIRST BATTALION. Wounded. Capt. John H. Parks (formerly 9th Battalion). Next of kin, Mrs. J. H. Parks (mother), 82 Parks street, St. John, N.B.

Lieut. Alfred C. Bastedo. Next of kin, John M. Bastedo, 4 Jean street, Toronto.

Major D. Sutherland, Norwich, Ont.

Capt. J. C. L. Smith, Chatham, Ont.

Lieut. W. C. Butler, London, Ont.

Lieut. T. D. Lookhart, Galt, Ont.

SECOND BATTALION. Wounded. Lieut. Andrew Gordon McLennan. Next of kin, Mrs. A. G. McLennan (mother), 85 Nepean street, Ottawa.

FOURTH BATTALION. Wounded. Lt.-Col. William Senkler Buell (Brookville, Ont.). Next of kin, Sophia E. Buell, care the High Commissioner for Canada, 36 Victoria street, London, S.W. Eng.

Major Berkeley Henry Belsan (Port Dalhousie, Ont.). Next of kin, Mrs. Henrica Belsan, acre Col. Oldfield, 73 St. Ronans road, South Sea, Hants, Eng.

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