

Brave Deeds On Land and Sea
Battle Stories From The Fighting Line

Captured a Gun Single-handed.
Yet another gallant exploit to add to the many of the Highland regiments is related of Private Wilson, of the 2nd Highland Light Infantry, an Edinburgh man, who, single-handed, captured a German gun. Six Germans were in charge of the gun, and Wilson picked off five with his rifle, bayoneted the sixth, and then tried to turn the gun on the enemy. Unfortunately the gun jammed, and an officer coming up helped him to destroy it.

Brave Sister Julie.
The despatches of General de Castellan of the French Army contain a thrilling story of the bravery of Sister Julie, who belongs to the Order of St. Charles of Nancy.

When the Germans approached Gerbeville she remained under the fire of cannon, machine guns, and rifles, and coolly went to meet the enemy when they entered the place, insisting that they should respect the wounded in her cottage.

When the burning of the village and the massacre began, she went fearlessly to the German colonel and protested, and it was thanks to her efforts that five houses were spared, and rest of the inhabitants saved.

Sister Julie is fifty years of age, and says General de Castellan, "she is the bravest woman I ever knew."

The Colonel's Secret.
For stoical pluck and bravery it would be difficult to find a parallel case to that of an elderly English colonel, who was admitted to a French hospital, severely wounded.

As he made an examination, the French army doctor uttered a sudden exclamation of surprise. There was silence for a moment, and then the colonel said: "You have not found anything unusual, have you?"

The surgeon hesitated a moment. "Colonel," he said, "the fact is—" He stopped short, but the Englishman finished the sentence for him.

"You have found out about my cancer, I see," he said, simply. "I was on the retired list, you know, and I had to keep it to myself or they would never have taken me back again for active service when this war began."

Treachery!
How a brave French sergeant, nam-

ed Jacobini, circumvented treachery, our Germans is related in a letter from a soldier of the 38th Regiment. The sergeant was on outpost duty with fifteen soldiers, when their sentry challenged a small body of men approaching through the darkness. The latter replied both in English and French; but the sergeant was suspicious and advanced alone to meet them. He was immediately surrounded, disarmed, and threatened with instant death if he made a sound.

He did not hesitate an instant. "Here friends, fire!" he shouted, "there are Germans."

A volley laid low the majority of the treacherous enemy, while the sergeant, who had been spared by the French bullets as if by a miracle, was able to rejoin his men.

"Eagles" Above Guns.
Lord Castlereagh, the member for Maidstone, in a letter to his wife, pays yet another tribute to the daring work of the members of the Royal Flying Corps.

"They are a splendid lot of boys," he says, "who do not know what fear is. I watched for twenty-five minutes an aeroplane doing what is called ranging a battery of heavy guns."

The aeroplane watches where the shells drop, and then signals to say where the shells are falling—whether too far or not far enough. This aeroplane was being shelled by the enemy with shrapnel, and three times it flew round and showed the battery where they were shooting. The Germans must have fired forty shells.

The aeroplane, about 5,000 feet up, and easily in sight, looked like an eagle, and the shells make a cloud of white smoke, which looks about the size of a cabbage."

Held for Seven Hours.
The more desperate his plight, the more determined does "Tommy" become to show the enemy what the men of "French's contemptible little army" can do.

"In one fight," writes an officer of the 1st Bedfordshire, "one of the Lincoln was wounded in the shoulders and got one of his legs blown off. He was left in the trenches and he kept shooting the Germans and held them off for seven hours."



"At the finish they got him and broke his rifle and left him. Our medicals found him shortly after."

Capturing The Train.
"What do you say to cavalry taking a railway train on the move?" writes The Morning Post correspondent, quoting a Russian officer. "Well, our fellows did it."

The train was heavily loaded with soldiers and stores. Our fellows lay in waiting at a spot where the line rises to a very sharp incline, and a squadron of ours overtook it.

Our commander leaped from his horse on to the foot-plate of the locomotive and stopped the train. The rest of us quickly disposed of all the soldiers, captured the stores, and, of course, the train and coaches intact."

Bugler Hero.
A story which recalls similar deeds of heroism performed during the Indian Mutiny is told by Private Merryweather, of the Oxon and Bucks Light Infantry.

"When we were in the trenches at Aisne," he says, "the water supply ran out. Realizing the position we were in, Lovelace, our bugler, pluckily volunteered to go and obtain some water for us."

"He went under a heavy fire a distance of fully 700 yards to a farm which was being stormed by shell, and he succeeded in obtaining water, but had hardly returned to the trenches when he was struck in the thigh by a portion of shell and wounded."

One Man Saved Regiment.
"As fine a deed of heroism as I have ever heard of," is how a wounded corporal of the Northumberland Fusiliers, now in hospital, refers to the pluck and daring of a man of the Manchester Regiment, who, while lying close to the German lines terribly wounded, overheard some conversation between German soldiers.

"Being familiar with the language, he gathered that they intended to attack, that night, the position held by the Fusiliers.

"In spite of his wounds he started on the weary tramp of over five miles to warn us of the danger," says the corporal. "He was under fire from the moment he got to his feet. Later he ran into a patrol of Uhlans, but before they saw him he dropped to earth and shammed death."

In the early morning, just half an hour before the time fixed for the German attack, he staggered into one of our advanced posts, and managed to tell his story to the officer in charge before collapsing in a heap. Thus he saved the regiment, for when the Germans came we were ready for them, and beat them off."

But, alas! the brave "Manchester" died from his wounds and the strain of that terrible five-mile journey."

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GERMANS FELL FOR 'TIN TRICK'

Wasted Many Rounds of Ammunition Firing at Empty Biscuit Box They Mistook For Heliograph

Rifeman Horace Copley, 1st Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps, writing to his friend, the Rev. Arthur Colman, Ipswich, under date Oct. 11, says:

"Such a good joke! The Germans just fired over forty shells at what they think is a line of trenches. There is a biscuit tin flashing in the sun, and they think it is a heliograph. Some joker has fixed the tin, and they fired at it all day yesterday, exploding thousands of pounds' worth of big shells. But the tin is still flashing. Ha, ha!"

Fine View.
"At night we go into the trenches, and during the day we leave a few men on sentry, and go into 'dug-outs' a couple of hundred yards behind, from where we have a fine view. We go into the trenches at six p.m., come out at five a.m., have a lot of rum—best issue we have during the day—breakfast about 7.30 a.m., and then sleep until one p.m., dinner time. In the afternoon we do all spare jobs and write letters, &c."

"The night before last we were digging all night improving the trenches. During the night about one man in four is on sentry, while the others sleep. It is a bit of a nuisance. As soon as we get down to it and are dozing off the order comes along to 'Stand to.' We have to jump up and stand to our loopholes."

Were Celebrating.
"A few nights since we heard the Germans singing their National Anthem and cheering. We believe it was the Crown Prince's birthday. We have been in the trenches ten days, during which time I have not had a chance to have a wash or shave."

"The other night a sniper came too close to our lines. Ten men opened fire on him, all hits. He was riddled with bullets. I helped to bury him. He was a big, fine man, 6ft. tall, and about 40 years old."

"The Germans have started firing at the biscuit tin again. More rounds wasted. Ha, ha!"

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BRAVE BUGLER BROUGHT WATER

A story of the bravery of a bugler of the Oxon and Bucks Light Infantry is told by Pte. Merryweather, of the same regiment, who, after taking part in the battle of the Aisne, has returned to his home at Reading wounded. Speaking of Bugler Lovelace, Merryweather said:

"When we were in the trenches the water supply ran out, and realizing the position we were in Lovelace pluckily volunteered to go and obtain some water for us."

"He went under a heavy fire, a distance of fully seven hundred yards to a farm which was being stormed by shell, and he succeeded in getting water; but had hardly returned to the trenches when he was struck in the thigh and wounded."

Merryweather also told of the smartness of one of our airmen who was brought down by the enemy, but who rendered his machine useless by removing the motor and setting fire to the wings of the machine.

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Officer Met Fate On The Firing Line

In a letter to his parents, at Prickley Hall, Captain W. St. A. Warder-Aldam (mentioned in despatches for bravery in the battle of the Aisne) encloses the following story of the last hours of Lieutenant Allan W. G. Campbell, the Conservative candidate for the Doncaster Division:

"Lieutenant Campbell joined the 1st Battalion Colstream Guards with a draft about Sept. 10. I was very pleased to see him, as he was able to give me the latest news about Doncaster. I marched with him most of one day, and he seemed very keen on his political work, and was very full of what he hoped to do after the war."

Took His Full Share.
"We fought a severe action on Sept. 1, during which he took his full share of fighting, though he was too modest to talk much about it afterwards."

After this action the battalion was in support on the side of a hill. The weather was very wet. During these days Lieutenant Campbell was in company next mine, and he and I, with other officers, lived and fed together, same thick bed of hay to keep us warm.

Wounded to Death.
"On Sept. 19 we moved into the advanced trenches about three a.m., and during the day had a bad time from the German shells; he had both legs badly broken. I understood from the doctor that he collapsed rather suddenly, and died of shock the next day. He did not die in pain, and was quite cheerful towards the end."

He is buried in the little village of Troyon, about 3ft. from the south side of the now nearly ruined church. A stone has been placed there by a man in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He now rests in hallowed ground close to the scene of his last earthly labors."

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