

Lost Battalion Story Told By "Y" Man  
Who Was First Civilian To Aid Survivors



HARRY W. BLAIR

LIEUT.-COL.  
CHAS. W. WHITLSEY  
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S. B. Burrows, of New York, Says "WE'RE Americans—We Can't Surrender"—Was Real Reply to German Demand To Quit

One of the most prized traditions of the war has been shattered—the famous "Go to hell" of Lieut.-Col. Charles W. Whitlsey, of the "Lost Battalion," in reply to the German demand for surrender.

The message which thrilled the world when the story of the "Lost Battalion" was told was never sent, according to Stephen B. Burrows, of New York, a Y.M.C.A. man, recently returned from France, who with Harry W. Blair, of Carthage, Mo., another "Y" man, was the first civilian to give aid to the American heroes when they were rescued in the depths of the Argonne Forest last October. Burrows asserts that no reply whatever was made to the boche call to the Americans to quit.

During the six days and nights in which the battalion, cut off from all help, was enduring wounds, thirst, hunger and constant attacks by the Germans, Burrows and Blair were within 1,000 yards of the beleaguered troops, helping to care for the wounded and giving out supplies. In support of his statement that no reply was made to the Germans, Burrows points out that there were no means at hand for sending an answer unless that answer was an agreement to surrender.

Followed Boys Over Top  
Burrows and Blair were attached to the 308th Infantry and followed the boys over the top when the 77th Division began its great drive on the Argonne Forest last September. During the first five days' fight, in which the doughboys hacked their way to the middle of the fourteen-mile wedge of woods, Burrows was at work giving out supplies and caring for the wounded, and he was in the front lines when, on October 2, the order came to Col. Whitlsey to advance his men 1,000 yards.

The jungle-like density of the forest, the Y.M.C.A. man relates, was largely responsible for the success of the German gun which nearly cost the lives of Whitlsey and 600 men. As soon as Whitlsey advanced, the enemy filtered by both his flanks and within a few hours, by means of hidden machine guns and squads of snipers and grenade throwers, had cut off the battalion entirely from the 77th lines.

For two days, Burrows says, the fate of the battalion was not known. Then some pigeons arrived giving some details of the disaster and describing the position in the forest. Meanwhile every effort was being made to cut a way through to the relief of the boys. So strong was the concentration of machine guns, that daylight fighting was little better than sul-

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Sincerely,  
Charles W. Whitlsey

S. B. Burrows, Esq., 811 Beverly Road, Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Burrows:  
You have called my attention to the fact that the statement has been made that, on the relief of the "Lost Battalion," money was charged by the Y.M.C.A. for chocolate and cocoa supplied to the men. Of course you and I know that this is not a fact, and I take great pleasure in stating that on that occasion the first hot food which the men received was the cocoa supplied by the Y.M.C.A.

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In two days, more than 1,000 casualties resulted from the attempt to rescue the battalion, Burrows says. The troops had to make all their dashes by night, and the only route by which they could approach the advance position was up a winding ravine in which the Germans had built a narrow gauge track. The enemy kept this ravine under constant fire, and the casualties among the relief squads were heavy.

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STEPHEN B. BURROWS

Two Y. M. C. A. Men Were Within 1,000 Yards of Be-sieged Doughboys During Week of Peril, and Were First Civilians to Aid Them When Rescued

had been knocked out with grenade and wounded by machine gun bullets.

This survivor, blindfolded and with the German note in his hand, was led to a point near the left flank of the battalion. One of Whitlsey's men crawled through the underbrush, found the prisoner and guided him back to his comrades. The note was taken to Col. Whitlsey. In effect, it is said that the battalion, which had been without food for four days, was utterly surrounded and could not hope to escape; and urged that, in order to the wounded and to those still living, further resistance should be abandoned.

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Children's readers in black and white check and blue cheviots, \$5.75, \$5.98, at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

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One Point On Which They All Are Agreed

An American Tribute to the Work of the British Grand Fleet in the War

(Christian Science Monitor)  
When Admiral Sir David Beatty hoisted down his flag as commander-in-chief of the British Grand Fleet, on the dispersal of that great fighting force, yesterday, he signalled the bringing to an end of one of the most remarkable incidents in the world's history. Those who understand best what the struggle just ended meant and means realize most clearly how entirely futile is any attempt to estimate the share of any of the allied nations in the war, any attempt to apportion praise and honor. There is one point, however, upon which all are agreed, namely, that if it had not been for the remorseless, dogged stand of the British Grand Fleet, from that August morning, nearly five years ago, when it suddenly "disappeared" into the unknown, until the day that it lined up outside Scapa flow to see the German fleet come in, in humanly speaking, the winning of the war by the Allies would have been impossible. And it was done in silence. Save for a sudden hurricane of sound off Heligoland, off Jutland, off Zebruggen, which, for a moment, compelled the world's attention, the work of the Grand Fleet was, for the most part, a silent work, and, as Mr. Lloyd George put it on a famous occasion, "taken for granted." Day by day, all through the great struggle, came the dispatches and bulletins from the theatres of war in

France, in Italy, in Mesopotamia, in Palestine, and elsewhere. But the story of the doings of the Grand Fleet as it doubled, tripled, quadrupled itself in strength; as it silently drew the curtain over against Germany closer is only now beginning to be told. Night and day, unrelentingly, in all weathers, through four and a half years, the ships of the Grand Fleet patrolled the gray waters of the North Sea, always on the alert for a chance torpedo. For, to quote Mr. Lloyd George again, "there has been no break in the navy's work. No darkness has rested it, no weather and no winter has stopped it. Never has the navy come into winter quarters. The fight has gone on without ceasing."

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has been no break in the navy's work. No darkness has rested it, no weather and no winter has stopped it. Never has the navy come into winter quarters. The fight has gone on without ceasing." And it was a strangely impersonal sight. In the old days of naval warfare, when one Richard Grenville cheerfully tackled a whole Spanish Armada off Flores, in the Azores, when the Round-head Blake convinced the Dey of Tunis of the error of his ways, or Nelson chased Villeneuve to the West Indies and back again, there was many a chance for even the youngest midshipman to "distinguish himself." But in the great silent work of the Grand Fleet, during the years of the Great War, only very few officers and very few men were ever heard of by the world outside. "Hero" is a word that is lightly used today, so lightly as to be almost meaningless, but if "a very gallant gentleman" be a sound definition of the word, and it seems to be the soundest that can be offered, then there were many such in the British Grand Fleet. It is, perhaps, because all this is so surely recognized that the British press, in commenting on the dispersal of the Grand Fleet, singles out two men for special tribute as typifying all the others. Admiral Viscount Jellicoe as the organizer and leader, the man who, in those terrible first months, when Great Britain was struggling against fearful odds, stood in the breach, and held it, and Admiral Sir David Beatty, the courageous leader and the "great fighter," who finished the work that Lord Jellicoe began. Behind these two men stand 430,000 others, whose aim and achievement was a simple faithfulness to that great tradition of the British navy that every man should "do his duty."

WHERE FOOD IS CHEAP.

James Simpson Addressed Earlscourt Men's Brotherhood on New Zealand.

Toronto, April 11.—The Men's Brotherhood of the Central Methodist Church, Earlscourt, heard James Simpson in an address on labor conditions in New Zealand, from which country he has recently returned. The speaker characterized

New Zealand as worthy of study, because of its social and economic progress, and mentioned that Canada called for more aggressive race of people than New Zealand, the physical and geographical conditions being vastly different. He said the government owned all the utilities, mines and telephones and when the breadwinner dies the widow is not left in want or to go out scrubbing for her daily bread, as prevailed in this country, but the government steps in and protects her. Some prices in New Zealand quoted by the speaker as a contrast to those in Canada caused a sensation, such as cheese sixteen cents a pound, honey ten cents, sugar six cents, coal \$5 a ton. Much laughter was caused when Simpson mentioned the fact that salt was shipped from Vancouver to New Zealand and sold at six cents. In Canada one had to pay twenty-five cents a pound.

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