



The 25th Battalion led by its colonel, advanced in four lines on a frontage of eight hundred yards. Each man carried rations and water for forty-eight hours, his entrenching tool, two hundred and fifty rounds of ammunition and sandbags. As they topped the crest of the ridge they looked over two thousand yards of open trenching ground, and over our trenches to the orchards and still undestroyed houses of the village of Courcellette.

It was a critical moment, for though our own heavies were taking in a furious tornado on the village, who could tell what machine-guns, ready

to sweep everything high in the open, lurked in its recesses? The men, however, advanced at a walk, laughing and chatting. Though the dust whirled up in places under the impact of the bullets, the enemy's rifle and machine-gun fire was weak. The German eight-inch guns soon got the range, and men began to fall under the crashing explosions, but the lines passed steadily as if they were on parade in some peaceful ground, and over our trenches to the orchards and still undestroyed houses of the village of Courcellette.

The lines swayed and dipped forward to the very verge of the village. In the last six hundred yards the enemy's rifle fire redoubled in intensity. Casualties and the necessity for retreating from rear to front, reduced our lines of attack from four to two. It was then that Major Brooks and Captain Dickey, the adjutant, were killed. The final rush across the open ground carried the Nova Scotians into the outlying gardens of the village. The Germans tried to stand

there, and in the middle they lost heavily in killed and prisoners. They captured a machine gun here, wounded and killed. There was something like silence for a moment, till the crackling of rifles and machine-guns, hit-

erto hushed in the terrific uproar, broke out again. The fierce rush through the village, from south to north, was made in three desperate, breathless minutes. It was here that Lieut. Hiltz fell wounded. The 25th battalion seized a steep bank beyond and dug themselves in with the energy of men who know that lives depend on seconds of time; while the supporting battalion continued to deal with the surviving Germans in the village.

The Germans paid heavily for their failure to resist the sudden blow of the Canadian infantry. One battalion alone took in the two thirds of the village which fell to them, over three hundred prisoners, and killed and wounded over 500.

Among the varied spoils which fell into the hands of the Canadians were two heavy guns and a large trench mortar of a new pattern. The latter weapon was taken by Lt. Dennis Stairs, a battalion machine-gun officer, who was shot through the right wrist while making the capture.

Every battalion in both the morning and evening attacks of this day gave its best, but here the case of the Stairs family calls for particular mention. Three brothers and a cousin have fought in this war. One brother was killed in the second battle of Ypres, another brother and the cousin, have given their lives in the Somme, and Dennis Stairs, the last survivor was killed recently.

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