

SOME STORIES OF ACTUAL EXPERIENCES IN THE WAR

The captain in a Line Regiment has sent relatives a description of his first experiences. He writes:

We halted at length in a village, and my company was detached to take up a part of the front line of trenches. We stumped out of the little black village into a perfect blaze of light and a pandemonium of noise. The German star-light showed up the fat, swampy countryside (and ourselves) advancing up the road across it) with horrid distinctness. With all the bullets whizzing past overhead one felt one would have liked to have slipped forward into the cover of the trenches as unobtrusively as possible, and it felt embarrassing to be marching up a road as brightly lit as Piccadilly (in the good old nights). We stumbled through a little village that had been taken by the Germans and retaken by us several times. This ruined village, shown to us suddenly in the violet glare of one of those starlights, photographed itself on one's mind as a picture of indescribable desolation. One felt quite glad when the blackness suddenly hid it again. We stumbled through as quickly as possible (the road had become a running stream of water with occasional deep pools where a shell had landed), and at the end of the village turned off the road into a turnip field and plunged knee-deep into a narrow, deep canal, technically known as a communication trench. We sloshed along for a few hundred yards, and then came to a broader, deeper trench, twisting away on either side at right an left to us. It was faintly lit at intervals with a brazier, and standing on a ledge here and there were strange individuals peering through loopholes, with rifles beside them. They had goatskin coats, cap-comforters on their heads, a week's growth of beard on their chins, usually a cigarette behind their ears, and the lower portions of their frames seemed clothed simply in a sheen of yellow clay. They seemed uncommonly pleased to see us, these fantastic beings, who in ordinary times are usually employed, in red tunics and busbies, marching up and down in front of Buckingham Palace and other Royal residences. I would have liked to put one of these hairy, prehistoric cold muddy creatures into the sentry box at Buckingham Palace—it would give people an excellent insight into the conditions in which the war is being carried on at present.

The silken Ensign and Jack presented to the cruiser Kent in 1914 by the ladies of the county of Kent, having been torn to ribbons in the action off the Falkland Islands, when the Kent sank the German cruiser Nurnberg with the loss of all but seven of her crew, a Ladies' Committee has had with the full approval of the Council of the Association of the men of Kent and Kentish men, to replace the tattered flag with new colors. It is also intended to collect the fragments of the original colors and deposit them in some position of honor in the county.

The Paris Figaro makes itself responsible for the following story of the adventures with the French Army of a dog that rejoices in the name of Fend l'Air, Fend l'Air, it explains, was born in Algeria of unknown parentage, a street arab, that fended for itself from puppyhood. Intelligent and affectionate, he devoted himself passionately to the master that chance gave him. The war called his master to serve under the colors, and the dog managed to get on board with him. From Marselles he crossed France and went to Belgium taking part in the grand retreat. He was in the victory of the Marne, shared the life of the regiment in the trenches, and one night the trench which his master was helping to guard was blown up by a shell. Fend l'Air's master was buried, wounded. The dog scented out the exact place where he lay and started digging, until at last he succeeded in summoning the stretcher bearers who saved the wounded soldier from what seemed certain death. The man has been taken to the American hospital at Neuilly and is recovering while the hospital rules have been relaxed so as to avoid the separation of the two friends.

Professor A. Hamon of the University of Brussels has in a letter to the London press exposed a glaring case of the falsification of official evidence by German authorities. Professor Hamon writes in part: "In October and November last (1914 and 1915) the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung published the documents seized by the Germans in the Belgian archives. The German

Government then published a Dutch edition of these documents, accompanied by a photographic reproduction of the said documents. The pamphlet bears the name of R. W. E. Wijnman as publisher, in the town of Den Haag (The Hague). On the photographic document we read in the margin: "The entry of the English in Belgium would only take place after the violation of our neutrality by Germany."

Now this extremely important note is omitted in the Dutch translation. It was also omitted in the German translation. This is a falsification through omission, a very serious falsification, as it modified the meaning of the document. "But we have worse still. On the top of page 2 of General Ducarme's letter to the Minister, he says: 'My interlocutor insisted on this fact that our conversation was quite confidential.' In the Dutch translation instead of 'conversation' there is 'convention' (overeenkomst). The mistake is great and cannot be but purposely made. The German Government thus changes into a conversation (the road had become a running stream of water with occasional deep pools where a shell had landed), and at the end of the village turned off the road into a turnip field and plunged knee-deep into a narrow, deep canal, technically known as a communication trench. We sloshed along for a few hundred yards, and then came to a broader, deeper trench, twisting away on either side at right an left to us. It was faintly lit at intervals with a brazier, and standing on a ledge here and there were strange individuals peering through loopholes, with rifles beside them. They had goatskin coats, cap-comforters on their heads, a week's growth of beard on their chins, usually a cigarette behind their ears, and the lower portions of their frames seemed clothed simply in a sheen of yellow clay. They seemed uncommonly pleased to see us, these fantastic beings, who in ordinary times are usually employed, in red tunics and busbies, marching up and down in front of Buckingham Palace and other Royal residences. I would have liked to put one of these hairy, prehistoric cold muddy creatures into the sentry box at Buckingham Palace—it would give people an excellent insight into the conditions in which the war is being carried on at present.

Cardinal Bourne, who is the ecclesiastical superior of all the Army and Navy Roman Catholic Chaplains has returned to England from a visit to the British Army. During his stay at headquarters he visited various points in the British lines, where he constantly addressed the Roman Catholic regiments. He had an opportunity of watching from an elevated position, just beyond reach of the shells, an artillery duel between the British and German guns, and witnessed shells bursting over the German lines. On one occasion he spoke to three regiments in a church which had been subjected to shell fire, which had destroyed the tower and part of the roof. Another time he was addressing several hundred Irish Guards when an aeroplane, the nationality of which was not immediately apparent, soared overhead. On the last evening of his visit to the front he preached in the principal church at headquarters and gave the benediction. Before his departure from headquarters he paid a final visit to the Commander-in-Chief and the Adjutant-General to whom he expressed his appreciation of all that was being done to meet the spiritual needs of the Roman Catholic soldiers and the facilities offered to the chaplains to carry out their work efficiently. In his journey to the front his eminence lunched on "bully beef" and "hard tack," thus experiencing the actual food of the soldier in war time. At Havre, His Eminence called on the French Admiral, the English consul, and the representatives of the Belgian Government. He then visited the Quays hospital, and spoke to a number of the men. Afterwards he paid a visit to the hospital ship "Sturias" which was ready to start on the homeward journey. This hospital ship, it will be remembered, the Germans nearly torpedoed. A journey to the large camp followed, and His Eminence visited the site where Roman Catholics are putting up a big recreation but for the troops. Here, addressing a large number of soldiers. One was their already, the justice of their cause. The other necessary thing depended upon themselves, and that was: to be, and to remain, in the peace and friendship of their Maker. He prayed God to give them courage in the fight, to bring them back safe, if it be His will that they should return, to family and friends; and to grant them, above all grace to ass fearlessly into His divine presence, conscious of His friendship, if, on the other hand, it should be His will that they should give back their lives to Him.

An instance of juvenile courage, worthy of a Hentz novel is related of a sailor boy on board H.M.S. "TIGER" during the last fleet action in the North Sea. The periscope glasses of a turret were fogged by smoke and spray making it difficult if not impossible to train the guns satisfactorily. A volunteer was asked for—would someone venture outside the turret and wipe the glasses? A

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY REPORT

The January meeting of the Board of Management of the Children's Aid Society was held on February 1st at the Y.M.C.A. rooms. Sixteen members were present, and the president occupied the chair. Much business of importance was transacted; committee reports received and adopted. The annual published report for the year ending November, 1914, was distributed among those present and ordered to be mailed as usual to subscribers and friends of the work.

The treasurer's report was received and adopted. Agent's report was received, adopted and filed. Agent's report:

- Calls in interest of children . . . 123
- Applications for children . . . 14
- Children brought to Shelter . . . 3
- Children placed on parole . . . 1
- Children returned to parents . . . 1
- Children involved during month . . . 49
- Children made wards . . . 2
- Children sent to Reformatory . . . 1
- Complaints received . . . 6
- Investigations . . . 6
- Mail Received . . . 92
- Mail sent out . . . 129
- Meetings addressed . . . 2
- Approximate mileage covered . . . 300
- Interviews . . . 240
- Places visited out of the city . . . 9
- Police Court attendance . . . 15
- Wards in foster homes heard from . . . 9
- Wards placed out . . . 7
- Wards returned to Shelter . . . 2
- Warnings given . . . 3
- Children cared for during Jan. at Shelter . . . 29

The Quinte Chapter Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, which has for two years financed the school teachers' salary at the Shelter, and so much appreciated by the Board, has, through its secretary, notified the Board that the Chapter cannot longer do so, but expresses the hope of further assisting the children's work in some tangible form. The Board expresses its thankfulness for the much appreciated assistance rendered by the Chapter, and for the assurance of future consideration.

The maintenance committee reported through Miss Yeomans an expenditure of \$41.62.—Adopted. The clothing committee reported Mrs. J. J. Haines an expenditure of \$8.69.—Adopted. The Shelter location committee reported the purchase of the 120 ft. frontage immediately adjoining the Hospital on the West, which the Board had authorized the purchase of providing. The city engineer vouches for the drainage to the city sewer, and further reported that the committee had landed over to the Hospital Board and property at the cost and had purchased an additional 120 ft. frontage, again to the west at a cost of \$1,300. This latter lot is lower than the first but the committee reported that drainage could be secured with city sewers. C. B. Scantlebury, Secretary.

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CAPTAIN ED. O'FLYNN WRITES FROM FRANCE

Mrs. O'Flynn Bridge Street East received a letter this morning from her son at the front. He described the voyage from England to France. He said it was very rough but a very interesting voyage. He said they had good quarters in France and he found the French helped under Mr. Milburn was coming back to him and he could make himself understood although he could not speak it well. He mentions especially Lieut. Pon-ton and Lieut. Ackerman of Peterboro, and writes they are well and all pleased that they have reached the battle line where they can do their part for the Empire (and the flag). The letter was written as subsequent cables show two days before going in the trenches.

"ALL-STARS" VICTORIOUS

(From Thursday's Daily) Belleville "All stars" last evening defeated Deseronto High School champions at the Arena last night by the score of 17 to 10. The match opened with a fair chance of balanced but heavy score. But after the 4-4 dilemma has been passed, the score mounted to 3-4 in the first period in Belleville's favor, in the second 13-7, and in the third 17 to 10. There was a great deal of fast skating, but Deseronto youths were scarcely heavy enough. They were High School players with the exception of two. They had perhaps not stacked up against such an aggressive team. The line up was:—

Deseronto	Goal	Phillips
Stephenson	Defence	Finkle
Rosch		Marshall
Cole		
Masters	Rover	Tuite
Thompson	Center	G. Arnett
Houle	Right Wing	Bowen
Howard	Left Wing	L. Arnett
Referee—White.		

Miss Stella Baker of Warkworth is visiting her cousin, Mrs. R. E. Reed, Third Line Thurlow.

CARE OF TROOPS IN THE FIELD.

Major D. Barragar of the Fifteenth Regiment yesterday afternoon addressed The Women's Canadian Club in the High School on "The Care of Troops in the Field." Mrs. J. F. Willis, president, occupied the chair. The lecture was attended by officers of the class now under instruction at the Armouries by Major Barragar and Sergt.-Major Howard Sharpe. Miss Faulkner first read some records of the life of Dr. Baldwin and family from 1798 to the close of the War of 1812. The records gave light on the old days, when the name of Bonaparte was a terror; travels on Lake Ontario; a trip down the Hudson, life in Upper Canada; fights of pigeons; relations with Indians and their addiction to whiskey; the hospitality of those fargone days, which made the private house a sort of inn, and modes of travel.

There were graphic pictures of the visit of the American fleet in 1813 to York Harbor. Dr. Baldwin was active in dressing the wounds of the soldiers. The hospitality extended to American officers and the visits of Brock were noted. War on Stupendous Scale. Colossal by the side of the war of 1812, is the conflict, as described by Major Barragar. Ten million men are under arms to-day. Wolfe had only about 5,000 men at the Plains of Abraham and yet this battle decided the destinies of North America. Major Barragar gave in detail the composition of modern armies and pointed out the huge consumption of produce to maintain the army. In a clear manner he traced the steps from the base to the distributing point, the railroad, the rendezvous, the regimental units. He described the trenches and the manner of keeping the men supplied with ammunition.

The care of the wounded, the removal from the trenches to shelter spots, the collecting of men at the regimental aid post where a physician is in attendance; the advance dressing station; the clearing hospital with 200 beds and the base hospital with 520 beds were given prominence in the major's lecture. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Faulkner and Major Barragar on motion of Mrs. Downey, seconded by Miss Lister.

The singing of the National Anthem concluded the program.

DIED SUDDENLY IN STIRLING

STIRLING, March 4.—Death came very suddenly to Mrs. Geo. Lagrow of this village about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. She had not been feeling well for a couple of days previously but nothing serious was anticipated. At the hour mentioned she was seized with a sinking spell and passed away almost instantly. Dr. Alger was summoned but could give no assistance. Death was due to heart failure. Deceased was about 60 years of age. She was the daughter of the late James Sweetman of Frankford. Besides her sorrowing husband, one son, James, of the Hardware firm of McGee and Lagrow, and one daughter, Miss Lena, at home survive. She is also survived by two brothers, John and Nicholas of the United States, and three sisters, Mrs. Macaulay of Frankford, Mrs. Forsyth, Toronto and Mrs. Funnell, Gananoque. The funeral services will be held at 10.30 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) morning at St. James church. Interment will take place at Stirling.

Military Notes

Sergt. McManus of the R.M.C. clerical staff, Kingston has accepted the position of orderly room clerk to the 39th Batt. and arrived in Belleville this afternoon. The Sergt. has had a great deal of experience in military clerical work. He has served in the Imperial Army and belonged to the Essex Regiment. The experience of Sergt. McManus will prove of great value to Lt-Col. Preston in the work of organizing the administrative side of the 39th Batt.

Captain J. Welch of Kingston has been detailed to take charge of the A.S.C. supply depot for the 39th Batt. in Belleville and has reported here.

Sergt.-Major Taylor arrived in Belleville at noon yesterday. It is said that Major Barrett of the 5th Battery has succeeded Col. Radburn as officer commanding the 9th brigade C.F.A. Major Hamilton, A.D.T.S. of Kingston came to Belleville yesterday afternoon for the purpose of getting the work of the Army Service Corps thoroughly started in this city. The call for recruits of the C.F.A. made in Belleville has reference to the 26th Battery which is being organized in Kingston for overseas service. On Tuesday, March 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hall from Sidney, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ellis, from Trenton, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Gilbert, of Thurlow, Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin from College Hill, Belleville, spent the day at Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilbert's, 17-Everest street and were royally entertained and their friends proved themselves ideal host and hostesses.

OBITUARY

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