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WEATHER—FAIR

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## GERMAN NAVAL SUBMARINE AT LARGE IN THE ATLANTIC

### GERMANS FEEL WEIGHT OF ALLIES' ATTACKS ON ALL FIELDS OF BATTLE; SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON SOMME

### THE "U"-53 CALLS AT NEWPORT, PAYS COMPLIMENTARY VISIT TO U.S. OFFICER, DEPARTS AND SINKS SIX STEAMSHIPS

#### British and French, Acting in Concert, Drive Enemy Two-thirds of Mile in Heavy Fighting — Italians Capture Important Mountain Peak — Serbians Occupy New Bulgarian Positions, While Russians Continue Their Triumphant Advance Through Turkish Armenia — British Complete Capture of Le Sars and Take 500 Prisoners.

London, Oct. 8.—The British lines on the Somme front north and northeast of Courcellette have been considerably advanced, it was officially announced today.

A small part of the ground lost by the Germans in the recent fighting north of Lesboeufs, was regained by them last night in a counter-attack. Otherwise, says the official statement, the British held their gains. They have taken more than 500 German prisoners.

The text follows: "Yesterday evening the enemy counter-attacked our new positions north of Lesboeufs and recovered a small portion of their lost trenches. Elsewhere we secured our gains. The whole of Lesars is in our hands and more than 500 prisoners already reported.

"North and northeast of Courcellette we considerably advanced our front. The enemy delivered an attack on the Schwaben redoubt but was completely repulsed.

"Successful raids were carried out during the night by Irish, Midland and Yorkshire troops in the Fauquissart, Givenchy and Loos areas."

#### RUSSIANS STILL DRIVING TURKS.

Petrograd, Oct. 8, via London.—In today's official statement by the war office no events of importance in Volhynia and Galicia are reported. The situation in Dobruja also is reported as unchanged.

On the Caucasus front the repulse of a Turkish attack in the Ognott region is announced. The text follows:

"Western front: There has been no movement of importance.

"Caucasus front: In the direction of Ognott an attack by Turkish scouting detachments, supported by artillery, was successfully repulsed. Deserters who have been arriving lately in great numbers state that desertions among the Turkish troops, in the rear—have considerably increased with the beginning of the frosts. There were instances of the desertion of entire platoons.

"Dobruja front: The situation is unchanged."

#### NIGHT WAS RATHER QUIET.

Paris, Oct. 8, 3:07 p. m.—Neither the French nor the Germans along the Somme front were active last night, which was raining and uneventful, according to the afternoon's war office bulletin, which reads:

"The night was rainy and without any important event on the Somme front. The enemy displayed little activity.

"Our aeroplanes have regulated the fire and corrected the range of many of our batteries in the Somme area. They fought several aerial engagements and have bombarded Molains and Vaux Wood north of Peronne."

#### HUNS DRIVEN BACK 1,000 YARDS.

London, Oct. 7.—The British forces made an advance of from 600 to 1,000 yards behind Gueudecourt and Lesboeufs on the Somme front today, and captured the village of Lesars, on the Albert-Bapaume road, according to the official statement from general headquarters tonight.

The text reads: "This afternoon, in co-operation with the French on our right, our troops attacked from the Albert-Bapaume road to Lesboeufs. Between Gueudecourt and Lesboeufs our line advanced from 600 to 1,000 yards. We captured the village of Lesars and made progress to the east and west of it.

"Reports of the number of prisoners taken have not yet been received. The work of the infantry, as usual, was greatly assisted by our aircraft.

"In spite of the bad weather during the past five days our aeroplanes have done valuable work, and have dropped a large number of bombs on the enemy."

#### FRENCH TROOPS SHARE HONORS.

Paris, Oct. 7.—An attack by the French, in conjunction with the British north of the Somme carried forward the Entente line about two-thirds of a mile, says the official statement issued by the war office tonight. The attack resulted in the capture of all objectives.

The text reads: "North of the Somme our infantry, in conjunction with the British, attacked from the front of Morval-Bouchavesnes, and brilliantly attained all its objectives. Our line was carried forward 1,000 metres north-east of Morval. It crowns the western slopes of the Sully-Sailliael ridge, the whole of the Bapaume road to about two hundred metres from the entrance to Sully and skirts the western and southwestern fringes of the St. Pierre-Vaast wood, whence it continues over Hill 130 to south of Bouchavesnes.

"Up to the present over 400 prisoners, including ten officers, have been counted, as well as fifteen machine guns.

"Large assemblies of enemy troops, reported north of Sailliael, were caught by the concentrated fire of our batteries.

"South of the Somme and on the right bank of the Meuse there were violent artillery duels. There is nothing on the rest of the front to report."

#### ROUMANIANS TAKE TRENCHES.

Bucharest, Oct. 7, via London.—The Roumanian official statement today reads:

"Northern front: To the northwest there have been actions of minor importance. In the Canseni and Jui valleys (near Petroseny) our troops resumed the offensive.

"Southern front: There has been an artillery duel along the Danube.

"In Dobruja our troops on the right flank advanced and occupied enemy trenches. In the center we repulsed a night attack by the enemy."

#### SERBS DEFEAT BULGARIANS.

Salonki, Oct. 7, via Paris.—Bulgarian positions north of Pojar,

## MORE NEW BRUNSWICKERS IN SUNDAY CASUALTY LIST

### Ottawa Roll of Killed and Wounded Indicates that Maritime Battalions have Again been in Heavy Fighting.

Ottawa, Oct. 8.—The midnight roll, N. S. casualty list follows:

**INFANTRY.**

**Killed in Action—**

W. Simmons, Trenton, N.S.

Lieut. E. N. Welch, St. John, N. B.

R. M. Drysdale, Halifax, N. S.

Lieut. F. D. Foley, St. John, N. B.

**Died of Wounds—**

Corporal R. T. McLaughlin, Stellarton, N. S.

J. G. Mitchell, Tilt Cove, Nfld.

**Seriously Ill—**

J. D. A. Dowling, North Sydney, N. S.

**Missing—**

T. Ellis, Gay's River, Halifax, N. S.

**Wounded—**

P. M. Tamlyn, Sussex, N. B.

Lance Corporal A. Watling, Chatham, N. B.

**Medical Services.**

**Wounded—**

Arthur P. Gibson, Woodstock, N. B.

Sergt. George K. Shiels, Gagetown, N. B.

William Stickland, Nell's Harbor, N. S.

Corporal Miles B. Patterson, Fredericton, N. B.

Gray E. Sprague, Collins, Kings Co., N. B.

Thomas G. Gilchrist, Pictou, N. S.

Lieut. R. L. Murdoch, Chatham, N. B.

Carlton E. Blakeney, Peticodiac, N. B.

Wm. P. Crawford, Hampton, N. B.

Percy E. Cuthbertson, Truro, N. S.

Charles F. Johnson, 63 Peleham street, Lunenburg, N. S.

Lance Corporal John H. Lutes, 207 Dominion street, Moncton, N. B.

John Meiver, 213 Rockland Road, St. John, N. B.

Pioneer Vincent McLean, Sydney Mines, N. S.

Henry McNeil, Pictou, N. S.

George E. Griffin, Goldboro, N. S.

Wilfrid W. Huestis, 19 Kensington Road, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Fred A. Wallace, Central Greenwick, N. B.

James Knight, Head of Pleasant street, St. John's, Nfld.

Jacob Manuel, 119 Lockman street, Halifax, N. S.

Henry Williams, 12 Creighton street, Halifax, N. S.

Harvey C. Berryman, Milton, N. S.

Wm. McGraw, Newfoundland.

Kenneth Sidney Fisher, Londonderry, N. S.

Gordon Pratt, Campbellton, N. B.

**ARTILLERY.**

**Killed in action:**

Sergt. Lloyd Corish, Pictou, N. S.

Lieut. Stanley K. L. MacDonald, St. John, N. B.

Gunner David W. Roy, Yarmouth, N. S.

**Wounded:**

Lance Corporal Walter Best, Stellarton, N. S.

north of Lake Ostrove, were captured yesterday by the Serbians. A large number of prisoners and much booty also was taken.

**ITALIANS CAPTURE MOUNTAIN PEAKS.**

Rome, Oct. 7, via London.—A mountain, 8,127 feet high, at the head of the Vanoi Glemon Valley, northwest of Trent, has been captured by Alpine troops attached to the Italian army, says the official statement given out today. An Austrian attack in the Upper Boite Valley, it is added, was checked by the machine gun and rifle fire of the Italians.

The statement follows:

"On our offensive in the rough mountain region between the Avio and Vanoi Glemon Valley resulted in further success yesterday, when at the head of the Vanoi Glemon Valley Alpine troops captured one of the peaks of Cima Bua Alta, 2,456 metres (8,127 feet) high.

The enemy, who was strongly entrenched, put up a stubborn resistance, but was virtually annihilated. Twenty survivors, including the commanding officer and some men were made prisoners.

"On the slopes of the Lesser Laga Suoi, in the Upper Boite Valley, enemy detachments attempted a surprise on our advanced lines. They were allowed to come within a short distance of the trenches, and were overwhelmed and scattered by concentrated machine gun fire. In the Travigno Valley the enemy artillery yesterday continued to bombard our new positions without interfering with the work of consolidation.

"On the remainder of the front there were the usual artillery actions. At Gorizia considerable damage was done to buildings, including a military hospital."

#### British Passenger and Freight Vessels Fall Prey to Underwater Craft Which Gives Sailors Scant Time to Take to Boats Before Opening Murderous Torpedo Fire on Non-Combatant Craft—A New Development of the German Underwater War — So Far as Known No Lives Have Been Lost.

## STEAMER STEPHANO OF NEWFOUNDLAND LINE ONE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HUN VISITOR

Boston, Oct. 8.—The submarine arm of the German navy ravaged shipping off the eastern coast of the United States today. Four British, one Dutch and one Norwegian steamers were sent to the bottom or left crippled derelicts off Nantucket Shoals.

Tonight, under the light of the hunter's moon, the destroyer flotilla of the United States Atlantic fleet was picking up passengers and crews of the destroyed vessels and bringing them into Newport, R. I. So far as known there was no loss of life, though at a late hour the crew of the British steamer Kingston had not been accounted for.

A submarine held up the American steamer Kansas, bound from New York for Genoa, with steel for the Italian government, but later on establishing her identity, allowed the American to proceed. The Kansas came into Boston harbor late tonight for her usual call here.

The hostile submarine is believed to be the U-53, which paid a call to Newport yesterday and disappeared at sunset. Some naval men, however, declared that at least two submarines are operating close to the American shore, though outside the three-mile limit.

**WHAT THE U-53 ACCOMPLISHED.**

The record of submarine warfare as brought to land by wireless despatches, follows:

The steamer STRATHDENE, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk off Nantucket. Crew taken aboard Nantucket Shoals Lightship, and later removed to Newport by torpedo boat destroyers. The vessel left New York yesterday for Bordeaux, and was attacked at six a. m.

THE WEST POINT, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk off Nantucket. Crew abandoned the ship in small boats after a warning shot from the submarine's guns; officers and men were taken aboard a destroyer. The vessel was attacked at 10:45 a. m. She was bound from London for Newport News.

STEPHANO, British passenger liner, plying regularly between New York and St. John's, Nfld. Torpedoed southeast of Nantucket, while bound for New York. Reported still afloat late tonight. Passengers and crew, numbering about 140, were picked up by destroyer Drayton, and brought to Newport. The attack was at 4:30 p. m.

KINGSTON, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk southeast of Nantucket. Crew missing, and destroyer searching for them. This vessel is not accounted for in maritime registers, and may be the Kingstonian. The attack was at 6 p. m.

BLOOMERSDIJK, Dutch freighter, torpedoed and sunk south of Nantucket. Crew taken aboard a destroyer. The steamer was bound from New York for Rotterdam, having sailed last night.

CHRISTIAN KNUDSEN, Norwegian freighter, torpedoed and sunk near where the Bloomersdijk went down. Crew picked up by destroyers. The vessel sailed from New York Saturday for London.

**STEPHANO CAUGHT OUTSIDE SAFETY MARK.**

The sensation created yesterday, when the U-53 quietly slipped into Newport harbor and as quietly slipped away, three hours later, was less than the shock in shipping circles when wireless reports of submarine attacks began to come in to the radio stations just before noon today. Within a few minutes the air was literally charged with electricity, as wireless messages of warning shot up and down the coast.

The submarine or submarines had taken a position directly in the steamer lanes, where they could hardly miss anything bound in for New York, or bound east from that port.

Vessels of the Allied nations and neutral bottoms carrying contraband of war scurried to get within the three-mile limit of the American shore. Several who were following the outside courses shifted and made for the inside lane. The Stephano, of the Red Cross Line, however, was caught outside the neutral zone.

The destruction of this vessel was perhaps the biggest prize of the day. The craft had been sold to the Russian government and would have been used as an ice breaker on her first trip. Throughout the day and up to late tonight none of the patrolling fleet maintained by the British and French to protect their own shipping appeals were sent to Halifax, but the commander of the British naval station there refused to divulge what steps were being taken to meet the submarine attack. The work of the patrolling fleets was directed from Halifax, and ever since the war began cruisers and auxiliary vessels of the British and French navies have moved up and down the coast line.

The passengers and crews of the destroyed vessels who are being brought into Newport were not expected to reach there until midnight.

Preparations to care for them had been made by Rear-Admiral Austin M. Knight, commander of the Narragansett Bay naval station, and Rear-Admiral Elbert Gleaves, commander of the destroyer flotilla now at Newport.

The Stephano Still Afloat.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 8.—The torpedoed steamer Balch, reported officially to the naval station here by radio tonight, said that the British steamer Stephano had been torpedoed and sunk off Nantucket. Her crew was reported safe aboard the Balch.

A radio message from the torpedoed steamer Balch at 10 o'clock tonight said that the steamer Stephano was still afloat, six miles southeast

of Nantucket Shoals Lightship. The destroyer reported that she was standing by, although it seemed that the ship would go to the bottom.

Had Tourists Aboard.

New York, Oct. 9.—The Stephano belonged to the Red Cross Line fleet of the New York, Newfoundland and Halifax S. S. Co., Ltd., and was commanded by Captain Smith. She was built in Glasgow in 1911.

Most of the passengers on the

Stephano were tourists from New York, returning home.

All of the Americans on the Stephano who were rescued by the destroyer Balch, were transferred tonight to the destroyer Jenkins. The number of Americans aboard was not stated in the radio message received here.

Called at Newport.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 7.—The German submarine U-53 from Wilhelmshaven arrived in the harbor this afternoon. She crossed the ocean in seventeen days. The U-53 is a man-of-war, flies the flag of the German navy and has a single gun mounted on her deck.

The submarine anchored in the outer harbor, two miles down the bay. No one came ashore but a representative of the Associated Press, was allowed to go aboard and learn the vessel's story. The U-53 will go outside the harbor for anchorage during the night. The vessel is in command of

Commander Rose explained that the submarine, which is a regular war vessel and equipped with wireless, had put in here only to deliver official mail for the German ambassador.

Kingston's Crew Saved.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 9.—The British steamer Kingston has been sunk, the crew of which has been saved by an American destroyer. This word was received at the naval radio station tonight. No further details were given.

American Steamer Stopped.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 8.—The American steamer Kansas, of the American-Hawaiian Line, bound from New York to Boston with freight, was held up by a submarine at 5:30 o'clock this morning and was later allowed to proceed, according to a radio despatch from the captain of Nantucket Lightship. The Kansas's message did not identify the submarine or give any details of the incident.