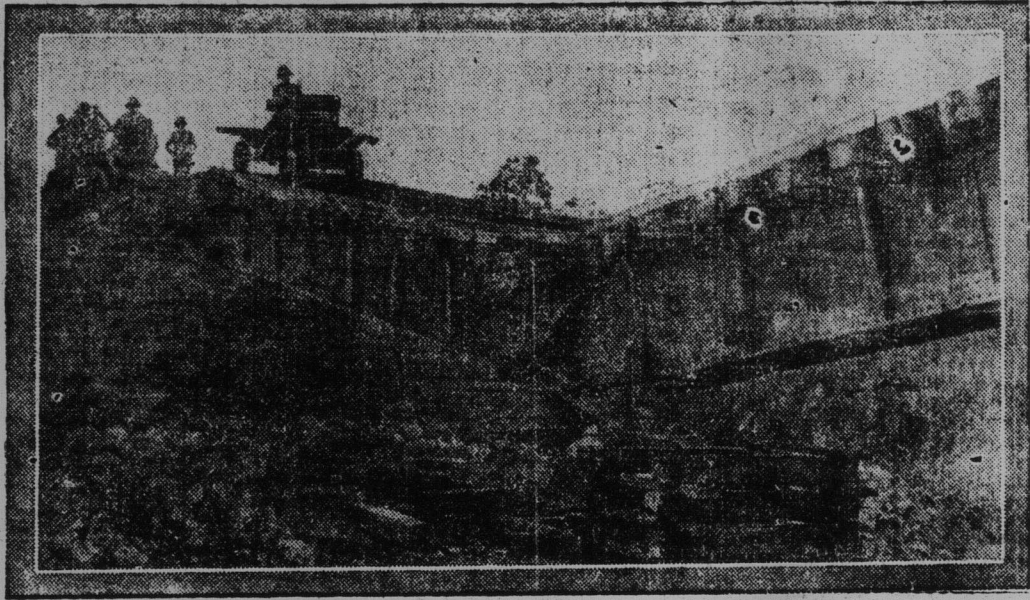


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BORDEN'S REPLY TO LLOYD GEORGE

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Sir Robert Borden has sent the following reply to the stirring war message received by him yesterday from Mr. Lloyd George, British prime minister:

"On behalf of the Canadian people I send to our kinsmen of the Motherland the assurance that our hearts are as undaunted and our determination as resolute as when we ran ourselves in the empire's battle line two years ago. All our sacrifices would be worse than useless unless the purpose for which this was undertaken is achieved in such a victory as assures the future peace of the world."

"Your message reached me in the western provinces of Canada while engaged in commending and supporting proposals for better organization of our national service and for more effectual utilization of our natural resources from the Atlantic to the Pacific. I have found everywhere the strongest determination that both the human energy and the national resources of this dominion shall be utilized to such purpose as will throw the full strength of Canada into the struggle."

"At Regina and Brandon I read your words to two great gatherings and the response which they evoked was splendid and inspiring. We shall indeed tread the path side by side in full realization that the sacrifice, however great, is for a cause transcending even the interests and destiny of our empire, and in supreme confidence that this path alone can lead to the ultimate triumph of democracy, liberty and civilization."

Chaplain On Battle Front

Canadians Are Well Looked After

No Religious Disputes

Church Services Are Well Attended And Parades Are Taken in Turn

London, Nov. 27.—A few years ago I dropped in one night at the Christ Church Cathedral Young Men's Institute and found Rev. A. H. McGreer throwing himself with enthusiasm into the effort to provide healthy recreation and relaxation for men at the end of the day's work. The spirit which he then displayed is now directed into similar channels, but amid sterner circumstances. The cinema flash past and the billiard balls, due to the accompaniment of the swish and crash of shells. In some measure Col. Almond and Major McGreer have become universal providers for the Canadian troops. The Chaplains Corps, which they direct at headquarters "somewhere in France" has undertaken the task of looking after social and physical interests as well as the spiritual and moral well-being of the troops, and this is being done without any detriment to the primary work of the chaplain.

Hot Coffee Served.
Much has been heard about the rum-tuck which is served to soldiers. The chaplains do not generally veto it, but they are offering a very good rival in the form of hot coffee as men are entering and issuing from the trenches. "The coffee does them as much good as the rum," says Major McGreer, "and it has no reactionary effect as has the spirit. We have served out as much as 125 gallons of coffee in twenty-four hours, and it is good coffee; in fact, wherever the Canadian army goes, the commissariat say we clear their stock of coffee and other goods. We have taken as much as \$1,000 a day in our canteens. The profits so far have been devoted to extending our work, buying new furniture

and apparatus. The cinema shows which are an adjunct of the canteens are highly popular with the men and as often as the films are exhibited there is an audience.

"The Canadian Chaplains' Corps," Major McGreer continued, "as we chatted together, is probably doing more for our troops than does any other chaplain's unit on the front." One reason for this, he explained, was that Col. Almond had asked for, and obtained, permission to work without restrictions. The G. O. C., General Sir Julian Byng, displays personal interest in the religious and moral atmosphere and he has given the chaplains every facility, with the result that they are at liberty to go in to the danger zone, at their discretion.

There is no religious division on the Canadian front. They have a "Ministers' Fraternal" there every week, I understand, as they have in Montreal and Toronto. Church parades are taken in fair turn, and the only line of demarcation is the separate celebrations of Holy Communion. In this respect the Presbyterians and Methodists have followed the Catholic and Episcopalian idea of having more frequent celebrations.

Services Well Attended.

Services are well attended, and one in particular was recalled by Major McGreer. During the heavy fighting on the Somme the electric plant in the marquee failed one Sunday evening, but a large congregation had assembled. It was suggested that candles should be distributed, and within a few minutes every fourth man had a lighted candle in his hand. Some men stuck them on their helmets. The lights all seemed somehow to converge with a bright radiation on the Crucifix before the altar. It was an impressive service; the singing was unusually hearty, and over 100 men stayed for the celebration of Holy Communion, and went into active warfare next day from which some never returned.

In ministering to the wounded and in performing the last rites over dead heroes, the chaplains in this way are exposing themselves very frequently as much or more than combatants though they have not the satisfaction of the latter in getting a stroke back at the enemy. It was in going after wounded men that Rev. Captain O'Gorman and W. R. Ball were wounded, and as has already been cabled by the writer, Major McGreer, Rev. Capt. W. E. Kidd, and Rev. Capt. R. F. Thompson have been awarded the Military Cross for their efforts in this direction.

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WIN MILITARY CROSS

Another brilliant paragraph in the military history of St. John, as it is being written by our gallant boys on the western front, has been added by Second Lieutenant William Edgar Crombie, who has been recently awarded the military cross. Lieutenant Crombie is a subaltern in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, of the imperial forces, but is a former St. John boy and well known in this city.

The official announcement as published in the London Gazette relating the circumstances under which he won the decoration, follows:

"After an attack, when his battalion had been relieved, he voluntarily stayed behind and, with a small party, brought in fifteen wounded men from 'No Man's Land.' He was frequently close to the enemy's wire and under machine gun and rifle fire."

Another gallant lad of the maritime provinces who had also been decorated with the military cross is Second Lieut-

tenant Colin Palmer Campbell, of the Royal Field Artillery, special reserve, who is from the town of Weymouth (N. S.).

The official announcement of his act of bravery follows:

"For conspicuous gallantry as field observing officer during operations. Though wounded in three places, he stuck to his post, and carried on his duties for several hours."

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE MAY DEFER GENERAL ELECTION

Following the announcement of the British premier that an imperial conference will be called at an early date to discuss concerted action during the war, the secretary of state for the colonies says that the date will depend on the overseas dominions. At Ottawa it is believed that the conference will be held in the spring. If parliament is in session at that time the Dominion government may ask for an adjournment for two months to allow the premier and some of his colleagues to attend the conference. In that event the discussion of a general election would not take place until parliament resumed.

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