

a huge wound on its head and one eye put out."
—Facsimile in Bédier, 8.

Unsigned diary: "Langeviller (August 22); village destroyed by the 11th Pioneers. Three women hanged to trees." Same diary, August 30: "We destroyed eight houses with their inhabitants. In one of them we bayoneted two men with their wives and a girl of eighteen. The girl all but melted me; her look was so full of innocence. But we could not repress the excitement of the troops; at such moments they are beasts, not men."—Bédier, in facsimile, 15-17.

Wholesale Massacres of Civilians.—Diary of Philipp, 178th Regiment of Infantry: "At the entrance to the village (near Dinant) lay about fifty dead civilians, shot for having fired upon our troops from ambulances. In the course of the night many others were shot, so that we counted over two hundred. Women and children, lamp in hand, were forced to look on at the horrible scene."—Bédier, facsimile, 12.

Diary of officer in this regiment, name unknown: "The men simply threw the males of the village into the flames."—Bédier, 11.

Diary of a soldier of the 32nd Reserve Infantry Regiment: "Creil, September 3. The iron bridge was blown up. Because of this the streets were set on fire and the civilians shot." [The bridge was blown up by the French troops, not by the inhabitants.]—Bédier, 9.

Diary of a lieutenant in the 49th Infantry