

The Hell Hole of Ypres

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IN years to come when truth has a hearing, when the Historians will have written time and again the events of "the War of the Allies and Germans," when our great grandchildren and their children will have learned by heart the valiant deeds of their ancestors, there will be written in clear blue above them all, the names of the soldiers, the heroes, the gallant men who fought and died at Ypres. **¶** The boys from the Land of the Maple, most of them only amateur soldiers, consisting of lawyers, college professors and business men, who before the War, were untrained, showed many striking deeds of heroism and self-sacrifice. They made their brilliant charge with dogged persistence in the face of overwhelming odds, game to the core, never faltering, and when it was over, there remained only 92 men of the Company of the 14th, to tell the story of the battle at the cross-road at Kersselaere. Words fail, and pen pictures are impossible to describe the horrors on that afternoon of April 22nd, when our boys not fighting against men alone, but against an inhuman and heretofore unknown method in civilized warfare—poisonous gases—carried the Flag to Glory and Victory.