

youngest and oldest contributed each his share in attaining the end we had in view. They were outnumbered ten to one in men and ten to one in artillery pieces, but they held. As you all know by this time, we were at the extreme end of the British line, next to us being the French and then the Belgians. We just knew that we must not let the enemy through, and I imagine that at that time this was about all we did know.

"I shall never forget seeing the gas for the first time. I was with Col. Loomis arranging for the selection of a graveyard at the time, for this was something which we invariably attended to on all occasions when fighting was imminent. In each of those graves, a foot below the ground, is placed a bottle which contains the name and regimental number of the one who has fallen, and any other particulars available. As we stood in the cemetery with Col. Loomis, I saw the first haze of greenish brown vapor rolling towards us from the German lines.

"'Colonel,' I said, 'there is that gas that we have heard so much about.' We were soon to see its effects, and I can tell you they were terrible. We saw the Turcos, as brave fellows as you could ask to have with you, writhing on the ground and gasping out their lives in horrible pain. It seemed especially awful because we had almost got used to the Germans themselves. For quite some time we had been within thirty yards of their lines, and we would cry for the waiter or chaff 'Fritz,' and occasionally even throw stones at them like schoolboys. Then this gas; it was too inhuman for words."

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DECLARATION OF WAR

[By The Associated Press]

Vienna, May 23, (via Amsterdam and London, May 24.)—The Duke of Avarna, Italian Ambassador to Austria, presented this afternoon to Baron von Barian, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, the following declaration of war:

Vienna, May 23, 1915.

Conformably with the order of his Majesty the King, his august sovereign, the undersigned Ambassador of Italy has the honor to deliver to his Excellency, the Foreign Minister of Austria-Hungary, the following communication:

"Declaration has been made, as from the fourth of this month, to the Imperial and Royal Government of the grave motives for which Italy, confident in her good right, proclaimed annulled and henceforth without effect her treaty of alliance with Austria-Hungary, which was violated by the Imperial and Royal Government, and resumed her liberty of action in this respect.

"The Government of the King, firmly resolved to provide by all means at its disposal for safeguarding Italian rights and interests, cannot fail in its duty to take against every existing and future menace measures which events impose upon it for the fulfillment of national aspirations.

"His Majesty the King declares that he considers himself from tomorrow in a state of war with Austria-Hungary."

The undersigned has the honor to make known at the same time to his Excellency, the Foreign Minister, that passports will be placed this very day