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WITH OUR REGIMENT ON GALLIPOLI

Sergt. Normand MacLeod Writes Mr. Geo. Grimes an Interesting Letter—Tells of How Our Boys Have Earned For Themselves the Title of the "Coolest Bunch"

OURS IS ATTACHED TO FAMOUS 29TH DIVISION

Supply of Tobacco and Cigarettes Would be Welcomed by Ours—Regiment Extends Sympathy to Relatives of Those Who Have Given Their Lives For King and Empire

mours a day or two ago of a considerable advance over there; as to its truth I can't say. All we really know about the war is what is happening on our own part of the front or near us.

We did hear about the great Allied advance in France the other day, while just now the news came in that the advance is still going on. Personally, as far as the Dardanelles is concerned I think that another month ought to see it over and the straits opened up. I am even entertaining thoughts of being home for Christmas. Our men have taken to this life very well indeed. Our first day on the Peninsula showed that we were exposed to rather heavy shell fire while on the beach, but our lads came through it in a quite cheering fashion. Of course when they heard the shells screaming on their way through the air they quickly got under cover, but as soon as they passed overhead our fellows would jump up in order to see where the shells would burst. There seemed to be no nervousness at all.

I was told by one of the men of the 1st. Lancashire Fusiliers, a sergeant, who had been out here since the first landing, that our men were the coolest bunch he had ever seen landing on the beach. Several others, since, have said the same thing to me.

The first man of the Newfoundland Regiment to lay down his life for his King and Country was Pte. McQuinn of D Company, belonging to Bay of Islands. He was killed by a bursting shrapnel shell on the beach on the day after landing.

Frank Hardy, an old C. L. B. boy of St. John's, belonging to "A" Co. was the second. He was in the firing line with his company when a Turkish sniper's bullet found its mark.

Jack Blyde, a drummer boy of the C.C.C. of B. Co., was the 3rd. He also met death at the hands of a sniper, whilst in the trenches.

On Friday last, the 1st. Pte. S. Lodge of A Company, of Catalina, was killed by a piece of shrapnel during a shelling of our trenches.

These four Newfoundlanders rest on foreign soil, but I am sure that Newfoundland will never forget them. They gave up their lives, gladly, for the cause of righteousness, freedom and all that our beloved Empire stands for. We are sorry to lose them, and the sympathy of every man in the battalion goes out to the sorrowing ones at home; but, "Greater love hath no man this, that a man lay down his life for his friend," and a man's country and his own home are his friends in the truest sense of the word! Is not that true?

Altogether the battalion has had about fifty casualties since landing. I would like to tell you something about the way in which we live, but as it is growing late and our "friend" the enemy is beginning to send over his usual evening supply of "Turkish Delight" to us I think I had better hasten to a close.

I must say that we are well fed; despite of the almost insuperable difficulties of transport the A. S. C. is able to get food and water to us regularly and we are never short. The only thing we are rather short of is smokes. There is a supply of tobacco and cigarettes weekly but not nearly enough to last anytime, and we are wonder when the Tobacco Fund is going to get to work again? The men would also appreciate anything in the way of extra comforts, such as socks, soap, cocoa, condensed milk, lemon crystal, cake etc. Two things I think every man is keen on are chocolates, and the toothsome delicacy commonly known as "bullseyes." All parcels sent out should be very securely packed, preferably in soldered tins, as they have to stand quite a lot of knocking about.

Congratulations on you once again attaining the position of N. G. in Atlantic Lodge.

When in Egypt I met several brethren from the land "down under," including two who had been wounded and had just been discharged from hospital.

The Australians and New Zealanders have done wonderful things out here.

As far as the actual fighting around here is concerned, you know that we are not able to say much. There does seem to be considerable activity over Achi Babi bay, if the incessant naval and artillery bombardment counts for anything. There were ru-

ANGLO-FRENCH ROUT BULGARIANS

ST. PIERRE, November 7th.—An Official report from the Serbian Légation, Paris, dated Midnight, November 6th, says: "Serbian troops, with the help of French infantry and British cavalry, have scored a great victory over the Bulgarians at Isver. The Bulgarians were completely mown down, and are retreating in disorder. Bulgarian losses, up to now, are estimated at 100,000."

Globe, Harmsworth Paper, Suppressed by Authorities

Has Been Attacking Ministers of the Government for Some Time, and Dared the Authorities to Take Official Notice—Said Kitchener Had Resigned Despite an Official Denial—Was the Oldest Afternoon Paper in London

LONDON, Nov. 7 (official).—Yesterday afternoon Chief Inspector Fowler, with other police officers, acting under the authority of Sir Francis Lloyd, K.C.B., the competent military authority, entered the premises of the Globe, and seized all copies of the newspaper for yesterday and today, together with the printing plant and type.

The Globe has been inviting trouble for some time, virtually daring the authorities to take official notice. Its disregard of some of the wishes of the Official Press Bureau; its unstrained denunciation of members of the Cabinet who have incurred its wrath; an attack yesterday by the Globe on certain Ministers, in connection with the administration of war affairs; and its positive reiteration to-day that Secretary Kitchener had resigned, notwithstanding official denial, seem to have decided the authorities on suppression of the paper. The Globe is controlled by Cecil Harmsworth, brother of Northcliffe. It is the oldest afternoon newspaper in London.

A despatch from London to-day said that the Globe again asserted that War Secretary Kitchener had resigned.

GERMAN LOSSES ARE ENORMOUS

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Germany's enormous losses in fighting, chiefly on the Russian front toward the close of September, losses since doubled, if not trebled by the offensive on the Western front and in the campaign against Serbia, are subject to comment in a letter published yesterday from Horace Green, special correspondent to the Evening Post, written from Berlin on Oct. 3. Green writes:

"Germany is like a fever patient to whom a leech has been applied, and whose blood has been drained by the war menace. I have worked for some time trying to get the proper figures of this blood-letting. I find the answer on the walls and corridors and written files of the War Office."

"German casualties for a single week ending Oct. 1st were 61,955. In other words 61,955 German citizens or more than 8,850 a days have been killed, wounded or taken prisoners during the last seven days of Russian warfare. Since it takes a week or more to compile reports from the front, these figures can have no connection with the great fight of this week along the Western front, where with the renewed English and French offensive, it is said that the losses were three times greater than any similar period of the war."

Has Atlantic Lodge received the Odfellows' photo which was sent from Hawick? Please let me know.

Please remember me and all the Odfellows serving with the battalion to Atlantic Lodge and all the brethren. I should be glad to receive some newspapers from home. Sometimes it is very dreary waiting in the trenches and newspapers would help to pass the time. Should be very glad to hear from you again or from any Odfellows who should care to write me. That's about all for now, so I really must close.

Yours fraternally, (158 Sgt.) NORMAND MACLEOD. No. 8 Platoon, B. Co., 1st. Nfld. Regt., 88th. Infantry Brigade, 29th. Division, M.E.F., c/o G.P.O., London.

ELECTION RETURNS

DRY DISTRICTS: Port de Grave, St. John's West, Carbonear, Bay de Verde, Trinity, BONAVISTA

WET DISTRICTS: St. John's East, Ferryland, Harbour Main, Harbour Grace

Eight districts to hear from. Total votes for Prohibition up to press hour: For 14,865, Against 2,510

Majority 12,355

THE POLL. District. For Prohibition, Against.

Ferryland 628 305 321, Port de Grave 771 831 60, Carbonear 553 590 37, Hr. Main 1033 383 650, Hr. Grace 1214 1176 38, Bay de Verde 1069 1464 395, St. John's W. 1945 2158 213, St. John's E. N. 2470 2291 175, Trinity 2862 2215 647, Bonavista 2652 2805 153

BONAVISTA COUNT. The total poll of 3806 in Bonavista is a very fair vote in view of the action of a number church clergymen advising their congregation to refrain from voting. The contra vote of 466 and the affirmative vote of 2805 gives the 40 per cent and 153 votes in excess.

Private advices from Twillingate state that the total vote in the District exceeds that cast the last General Elections.

There is no news from other Districts outside of St. Barbe. Whilst the total vote is not known, it is learnt from reliable sources that the Bonne Bay end of the District has polled 95 per cent vote affirmative.

Fogo is also expected to poll a good vote. Burn is reported with 1495 vote polled.

STEAMER SUNK. ALGERS, Nov. 8.—The steamship Sid Ferruch was sunk yesterday 40 miles off this port, by a German submarine. The steamer's crew of 28 men arrived to-day at Algiers. Sid Ferruch carried no passengers.

OFFICIAL

BRITISH (To Governor of Newfoundland) LONDON, Nov. 6.—The King's progress is satisfactory. No further bulletins will be issued. General French reports air flights and mining activity. French aircraft bombarded the suffocating gas works in Alsace. German failure is reported at Dvinsk with considerable loss. The Russian offensive is continued at other points.

In the Balkans the French are successfully engaging the Bulgarians. BONAR LAW.

LONDON, Nov. 7 (official).—Earl Kitchener, at the request of his colleagues, has left England for a short visit to the Eastern theatre of the war.

FRENCH PARIS, Nov. 7.—Since Nov. 1st, activity of the enemy has been more pronounced on the entire Herzegovina frontier, says the official Montenegro communication, received this evening at the Montenegrin Consulate.

Furious infantry attacks against our positions have been supported by intense fire from heavy artillery. The fighting has been in progress day and night, all the week. Our troops repulsed every assault of the Austrians, who succeeded in occupying only one unimportant point on the frontier. Their losses have been enormous.

SERBIAN. PARIS, Nov. 7.—An Athens despatch to the Havas News Agency, dated November 5, says that an official statement issued by the Serbian Legation estimates the Bulgarian losses in killed and wounded up to the present, at 100,000.

KITCHENER HAS GONE TO THE EAST

LONDON, Nov. 8.—It is generally assumed that Earl Kitchener has gone East with the immediately object of re-arranging the military personnel at the front, effecting in conjunction with the Allied nations, some Central organization of control of the scheme of military operations. To unravel tangles in the East with Britain's partners will likely occupy his attention for some time. Whether when his task is accomplished, Kitchener will, or will not, return to the War Office, is known only to a very few and must depend on developments. It is not thought that Premier Asquith would undertake the burden of a prolonged tenure of the war portfolio in addition to his present heavy labors, and so speculation may soon be set at rest.

When a vote of credit is introduced by the Premier in the Commons on Wednesday, there will be full opportunity for debates, and for the extraction of such information as the Government is then in a position to furnish.

The London News Agency claims to have authority for the statement that Earl Kitchener intends to remain in office as Secretary for War, until the end of the war.

"Cranford Chine" left Lewisporte for Barry, Saturday, with 1608 cords of pit props.

SAYS KITCHENER IS NOT NEEDED AT WAR OFFICE

Times Thinks he Should Devote His Attention to Affairs in Near East—Post Says His Leaving the War Office Will Not Encourage Confidence in Government

OFFICIAL

The Following Additional Information Respecting Casualties of the First Newfoundland Regiment Already Reported Has Been Received To-day, Nov. 8th.

1177 Private Thos. Crawford Gowans, 175 Pleasant Street; wounded in neck; Secondary hemorrhage, dangerous. Progressing favourably. 265 Private William Jas. Somerton, Bell Island; wounded severely. Progressing favourably.

Kitchener's Resignation Officially Denied LONDON, Nov. 8.—Following was issued officially last night:—"The statement that Earl Kitchener has resigned his post as Secretary of State for War, has already been authoritatively denied. It is equally untrue to suggest that Earl Kitchener has tendered his resignation, or that his visit to the King had any relation to any such subjects, or that his visit to the Eastern theatre of war may in any way be taken that such resignation is contemplated. On the contrary, this visit is undertaken by him in discharge of his duties as Secretary of State for War, which duty he has no intention of abandoning."

New Leader Greek Cabinet ATHENS, Nov. 8.—Shouldouhis has accepted the mission of forming a new Cabinet. All the members of the former Cabinet, except former Premier Alexander Zaimis, will retain their places in the new body. It is practically certain that dissolution of the Chamber of Deputies will be avoided.

RUSSIAN PROGRESS PETROGRAD, Nov. 8.—The period of extremely desperate fighting in the region of the village of Semikovka Stenikowce and on the western shore of Lake Ischkuve, has now ended, with swift frontal surprise attacks undertaken some days ago, including the crossing of the river Stripa.

ANOTHER SUBMARINE OUT OF ACTION LONDON, Nov. 8.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co., says that the German submarine which stranded near Teshelling, has been interned with its crew by the Dutch Government.

GERMAN STEAMER FRASCATI CAPTURED AMSTERDAM, Nov. 8.—The Telegraph's Delft correspondent reports that the steamer Frascati, of Hamburg, has been captured in the Baltic Sea and taken to Raumo, Finland.

THE LUXEMBURG CABINET RESIGNS PARIS, Nov. 8.—The Grand Duchesse Marco, of Luxembourg, to-day accepted the resignation of the Luxembourgian cabinet, and charged Dr. Leusch Lawyer to form another ministry, says a despatch from Geneva to the Paris Temps.

TOOK A BUN TO "KILL" A PANE. At 7.30 Saturday evening some one passing down on the opposite side of New Gower Street threw a bun of fresh bakers bread across the thoroughfare and in through a large pane of glass in Mr. Frank O'Neill's store window. Mr. O'Neill who was taking tea tried to discover who threw the loaf but could not locate him.

CRIMINAL MATTERS SPOKEN OF. Rumor has it in certain places in the City that not long since an episode occurred of a very criminal character and savoring of the case which stirred Sydney, C.B., some years ago. Another glaring criminal matter is also spoken of and it is said arrests will be made when the proper time comes.

HERRING FOR FRANCE. The French barqpt. Raymond sailed today for Fecamp, France. She has on board 4,000 qtls. codfish caught on the Banks the past summer and took from here also 1,890 bbls. herring, shipped by M. Bidel of the American-Canadian Importing and Exporting Coy., of Paris.

Two of the freight cars which came off the track across country a few days ago were wrecked. In one was a horse (though the car turned completely over) did not receive a scratch.

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