

K-5, but, profiting by our experience (11), did not move out over the open from the communication trench. Instead, he adopted the plan which the writer and his officers had considered and recommended earlier in the battle. At 2.45 a.m. (May 24), the attack was made. Lieut. Tozer with his bombers proceeded up along the communication trench toward the parent German line and succeeded in almost reaching the fort, but was held up by an impossible machine-gun fire. Lieut. Murdie, with about fifty men and with bridge-ladders, supplied by Capt. Harboard, stole out in the darkness to the left of the fort and placed these hurriedly constructed contraptions across a deep moat which had been dug, not very far away from the enemy trenches. Over these bridges Major Edgar (22), lead about 500 men to the attack and though the guns from the fort literally sprinkled the intervening space with lead, these gallant men, lead by the mighty Edgar, dashed right through the wire entanglements and engaging the Huns with their bayonets, rifle butts and fists, captured about 200 yards of trench. What Germans were left retired into "K-5," now surrounded by Canadian troops, and connected by a well-constructed communication trench, with their third line in the rear, some two hundred yards away. In this attack one company of the 7th Battalion (1st British Columbia) took part under Major Edgar's command.

The day of the 24th (Victoria Day) was spent by the attacking force in holding on and digging in." Major Edgar having received no less than eighteen wounds, and Lt.-Col. Tuxford being ill, Major Odlum, O.C. of the 7th Battalion (1st British Columbia) took command of both units.

It was after a conference at our Brigade Headquarters on the morning of this day with British Artillery Officers (III) that accompanied by Capt. Smith (Observing Officer of the 9.2 Battery), I made my way back again to the forward line, after having spent some time at the Observation Station, looking through the powerful glasses and range-finders, that would show distinctly blades of grass waving in the breeze a mile or so away. We proceeded to the point about 125 yards from K-5, where we had installed our telephone the day before, and Capt. Smith did not hesitate to declare that we were right and that K-5 had not been reduced. He connected up and his battery by a few well placed shells put the kybosh on the fort and paved the way for the night attack.

#### THE THIRD BATTALION IN IT.

Night came on and the 3rd Battalion under Lt.-Col. Rennie (23) now celebrated the 24th by a brilliant attack on a position