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CANADIANS SHARE IN HAIG'S VICTORY
ADVANCE OF HALF A MILE BY THE DOMINION FORCES
WAVES OF CANADIAN TROOPS IN AN ADVANCE AT DAYBREAK SWEEP FORWARD TO VICTORY

Fresh From Destroying the Enemy Forces Cooped Up in Lens, Dominion Troops Smash Forward for Half a Mile in Passchendaele Region, Braving the Mud and Slime of Flanders.

By W. A. Willson
Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Oct. 26.—Back again in the bloody salient, smashing forward towards the Passchendaele Ridge, the Canadians, fresh from destroying the enemy forces, cooped up in Lens, advanced at daybreak this morning on the front extending roughly from Passchendaele, on the Zonnebeke road to Wattenmen. They have many strong points in front of them, such as Wolfe Copse, Bellevue, Spur, Augustus Wood, Heine House, Hillside Farm, and the higher land to the northwest, but the Canadian troops, avoiding the impassable swampy area known as a marsh south of the north of the marsh, they launched the brunt of their attack against Bellevue, while the second wave, to the south, advanced against Augustus Wood, Heine House and Hillside Farm.

While not a major operation, this morning's attack will rank as one of the most historic incidents in the war in the history of the Dominion, for the battalions engaged advanced from practically the identical trenches held by Canada's veteran division on April 22, two and a half years ago, when the Germans, launching their gas attack, captured St. Julien, and might have stormed thru to the coast but for the desperately gallant fighting of the battered battalions of the Dominion. Today those trenches are ours again, and Canada, in an advanced area, has wrested from the Hun the only bit of the Dominion's trenches he has succeeded in holding in this war.

The Canadians advanced over half a mile, capturing many fortified places. The formidable German position at Deck Wood is dominated by our battalions, who are holding the surrounding higher levels, and away to the north our troops have advanced beyond the enemy's stronghold at Bellevue Copse, and have carried this position. There was sharp hand-to-hand fighting at Laankeek-Bellevue, but an attack of our battalions on the southern ridge, to the right of the marsh bottom, found the enemy largely demoralized. We engaged him at close quarters with grenades and forced him steadily back beyond Decline Copse.

Thru Slime and Mud.
Proceeded by over two hours of concentrated artillery barrage, the advancing force to the north plunged forward thru slime and mud to the German advance positions before Bellevue Copse, where the scene of desperate fighting on October 12, and which had extensive wire entanglements, with many five-foot-thick concrete "pillboxes."

During the last ten days our artillery, moved up with the greatest difficulty thru seas of Flanders mud, has been giving Bellevue Hill the daily effect of our fire, having been demoralized early in the two-hour barrage which demoralized the German prisoners wandered into the Canadian lines utterly dazed from the effects of our fire on their concrete shelter. To the south of the marshy ravine our outposts for the last week have been constantly encroaching on the German positions Augustus Wood, Heine House and Hillside Farm. That the Canadian attack was a minor one is shown in the allied advance on, roughly, a ten-mile front from Ghetuvelt, in the north, to Ghetuvelt. Today, at the time of filing this despatch, the engagement is progressing favorably to the south, with stubborn fighting to the north.

Among the battalions engaged are those of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Central Ontario.
At 5.40 this morning the whole salient on the ten-mile front from Houthulst Wood to Ghetuvelt awoke to the noise of thousands of guns smashing the German line in a two-hour barrage which demolished his advancing positions and wrecked many of his strong points. The German forward lines were marked by one long line of continuously bursting shells, while our back areas were marked by the persistent flashes of fire and roar of the guns from the advanced artillery positions, to miles back, where the heavy howitzer batteries rained great shells on the enemy lines. In the Canadian front line our battalions were waiting on ground, which a light drizzle had turned largely into slime. Wallowing forward with a spirit which nothing could dampen, the infantry passed steadily on, meeting with the strongest opposition at Dnd Farm and Bellevue. Our artillery, raking the enemy's position, largely demoralized his defensive, while our counter-battery work equalled anything in the history of the Canadian front. For a time the German artillery maintained their barrage over our forward area, but as the fire of our guns increased his fire gave signs of disorganization. The only severe shelling our infantry received was from the enemy position to the south. While our own guns poured lead into the Hun position, he largely failed to retaliate upon our batteries, only stray shots falling in the rear of our forward area. By noon over 100 prisoners had been cap-

Drop Six Tons of Bombs On Enemy Burbach Works

London, Oct. 26.—Six tons of bombs were dropped by British aviators on the Burbach works, west of Saarbrücken, Rhenish Prussia, Wednesday night, says a British official aviation communication issued tonight. The communication adds that four hostile airdromes also were attacked, 46 heavy bombs having been dropped, and that direct hits were obtained on a group of hangars.

French Guns Enfilade Foe in Laon Vale

London, Oct. 26.—The French guns, attacking the German crown prince's army, occupying positions that were strongly fortified and having the keenest appreciation of their value. Fronting them were the finest divisions of the German crown prince's army, occupying positions that were strongly fortified and having the keenest appreciation of their value. Fronting them were the finest divisions of the German crown prince's army, occupying positions that were strongly fortified and having the keenest appreciation of their value.

Through Flooded Fields

London, Oct. 26.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency.)—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France telegraphed today: "Today's battle has been fought on flooded fields, in a driving rain, pitiless in its intensity, although the meteorological experts overnight regarded it as a marvel that the troops have accomplished so much. The sum total of the day's results is a series of most important tactical gains, although we should have done much more under more favorable heavens."

Official Report of Gains

London, Oct. 26.—The text of today's official communication follows: "Operations with limited objectives were undertaken by the British and French armies early this morning on the Ypres battlefield. After a fine day yesterday, with a fine drying wind which gave promise of improved fighting conditions, the weather changed suddenly during the night and a heavy rain has fallen almost without a break since a very early hour this morning. "Notwithstanding the great difficulties with which the allied troops had to contend considerable progress has been made and valuable positions have been won on the greater part of the fronts attacked. "The main operation was carried out by English and Canadian regiments on our front north of the Ypres-Roulers railway. Canadian battalions moved forward along the main ridge in the direction of Passchendaele and, passing beyond their ob-

New Positions Won Give Allies Great Tactical Advantages

By the Associated Press.
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Crown Prince Fails

Gallic Artillery Cuts Up German Division on Arrival from Galicia.
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Tactical British Gains Made in the Ypres Region

Progress Would Have Been Greater, But the Weather Was Unfavorable.
London, Oct. 26.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France and Belgium says the sum total of today's attack in the Ypres sector is a series of important tactical gains. "It is only because we know we should have done much more had the heavens favored the operations," the correspondent adds, "that one cannot regard the collective success with complete satisfaction."

BERLIN ADMITS GERMAN LINE MAY HAVE TO BE WITHDRAWN



All that remains of a small station near Lens. Ground recently captured by the Canadians. (Official photograph.)

ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FOOD FACES PEOPLE OF CANADA

Hon. W. J. Hanna Declares Allies Must Be Supplied at All Costs—Increased Production Campaign Launched.
Points in Mr. Hanna's Speech
The price of wheat is fixed. The profits to the flour millers are fixed at 25 cents per barrel so that the price of bread will adjust itself.

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Brazil's Deputies Vote for War with Germany

Measure Authorizing a Declaration of War Got Almost Unanimous Support, the Vote Being 149 to 1.
Rio Janeiro, Oct. 26.—The chamber of deputies today, by an almost unanimous vote, declared that a state of war existed between Germany and Brazil. The vote was 149 to 1.

French Troops Continue Their Pressure Toward Laon and German Defence is Sorely Tried—Filaire Village Captured and Enemy Forced to Retire.

London, Oct. 27.—With the important railroad junction of Laon their objective, the French troops are continuing their pressure against the forces of the German crown prince north of the Aisne River. In another attack on the right the village of Filaire has been captured, a footing has been gained on the plateau north of Epine de Chevreigny, and the enemy has been forced to give ground north of Lohapelle Saint Berthe. These successes, while not as great in importance as those of previous days on the centre and west flank of the attacking lines, serve materially to bring the right wing into alignment with the remainder of the front and place the entire line in a better position for another smash northward toward Laon.

Militia Officers Must Report Under Military Service Act

Ottawa, Oct. 26.—Officers of Canadian militia regiments must report for duty under the Military Service Act just in the same way that civilians are required to do. This was the opinion expressed by a high official of the militia department today when asked whether a Canadian militia officer could be compelled to serve in the ranks under the Military Service Act.

Union Man for Pontiac

Ottawa, Oct. 26.—The Pontiac Conservative Association today met at Shawville and decided to disband and form a new union organization. The meeting was adjourned until next Friday, when a union candidate will be chosen. Frank Cahill is the Laureate nominee.

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