

French Strengthen Positions. Paris, via London, Oct. 16.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads: "There was great reciprocal artil-lery activity along the entire Somme front.

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portance has been reported." British inflict Heavy Losses. London, Oct. 16.—The official com-munication from British headquari-ers in France, issued tonisht, reads: "It is confirmed that the losses in-curred by the enemy in last night's attacks upon our positions at Schwa-ben redoubt were exceedingly heavy. Sixty-eight prisoners, including one officer, were left in our hands. Our losses were very light. "In the neighborhood of Neuville St Vaast our heavy artillery and treach mortars carried out an orga-nised bombardment on the enemy's lines. Good results seemed to be ob-tained.

tained. "Much successful work was carried out by our aeroplanes yesterday, in conjunction with our artillery. One hostile battery position was com-pietely destroyed, and many others severely damaged. Bombe were irop-ped on an enemy railway station, and upon dramsport moving benind the enemy's lines with excellent effect."

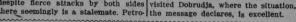
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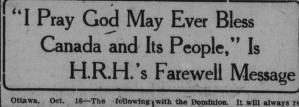


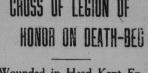
Other. \_ O. Snow, Port La Towe, N. S. Wounded and missing— Lleut. E. C. Bryson, Hilden, N. S. Previously reported missing, now re urned to duty— Berlin, Oct. 16, via wireless to Sayille .-- "A British and an Italian warship, in consequence of a fog, collided in the Messina Channel (between the mainland of Italy and the Island

R. Anderson, Plaster Rock, N. B. Saptain Hugh P. Bell, 40 Bronton treet, Halifax, N. S. of Sicily) Amsterdam reports," :ays an item given out by the Overseas









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