

Col. Garrick Writes From Headquarters

Canadian Intelligence Officer Tells How General Hughes Had Kitchener Hustle More of Our Troops to the Front

Lieut.-Col. J. J. Carrick, intelligence officer with the Canadian expeditionary force in a letter from the front gives many interesting details of recent operations. It is dated May 15, and says, in part:

"On arrival out here I was at once posted to Gen. Alderson's staff and shortly afterwards detailed to be stationed at British general headquarters, as a necessity had become apparent for some one to act as a connecting link between Canada, the War Office and the division and British headquarters. This is about the only point in this section of France where, under present conditions, cables can be received and despatched promptly. My reception at British headquarters was most cordial, and Gen. Lambton, military secretary to Sir John French, at once arranged to have a motor car placed at my disposal so that I should be able to move rapidly about as occasion required. I was fortunate in this respect, as hardly a day passes but that I receive numerous cables from Ottawa with instructions or requests for information from General Hughes, and, having the car, there is no delay either in securing the information asked for first hand or carrying out his behests.

A Night in the French Trenches.
"You will have read so many accounts of the second battle of Ypres that I will not attempt to give you any version of my own. Three or four days previously when our third brigade was about to take over from the French the trenches the fierce fighting subsequently occurred—I spent the night with General Turner in the French trenches.

Indescribable Havoc.
"On the afternoon on which the battle opened, not very long before the French were fumed, I was up at headquarters of our 2nd brigade. At that time there appeared to be nothing unusual on foot but on my way back through Ypres, which was more or less crowded with soldiers and civilians, the Germans had already commenced a bombardment with shrapnel and high explosive shells which, lasting for many days, was to complete the devastation of that city. That day alone there were over four hundred casualties in Ypres. The havoc wrought by the big seventeen-inch high explosives in a town is indescribable, one shell alone being sufficient to knock down the side of an ordinary house or make a hole over forty feet broad and twelve feet deep, should it pitch in a street or open place.

Plastered with Lead.
"During the fight I was at or around divisional headquarters most of the time. Although the chateau occupied by the general and his staff escaped the high explosives, almost every inch of the surrounding country was plastered with a hail of German lead, so that coming and going was a matter of no little excitement and danger.

Equal of Britain's Best
All the inhabitants of the villages and countryside in the zone of the Ypres naturally fled, and I shall never forget the scenes I saw on the roads which were choked with streams of these unfortunate refugees and long strings of fully-loaded ambulances going one way and with the reinforcements of infantry, cavalry and artillery and processions

of huge lorries laden with munitions and stores going the other. Our boys certainly covered themselves with glory in the fighting and have earned for themselves the reputation of being the equal of the best troops in the empire.

Mission to Kitchener
"On the day after the critical stage of the fight was over I received a long cable from Gen. Hughes, indicating that Canada was anxious to have an army corps in the field, but that hitherto there had been some unaccountable delay in securing transport to bring our second division over. I showed this to Sir John French, who expressed the greatest anxiety to secure any further Canadian troops that were available and at once cabled over to Lord Kitchener that he was sending me over to see him about this matter and urging that no efforts should be spared to get our second division over. I found Lord Kitchener equally enthusiastic, and directly after my first interview with him he took the matter up personally with the admiralty and pressed it with such energy that in a very few days all arrangements were complete. Needless to say I was very pleased with the success of my mission, and I wish you could have heard the way in which Lord Kitchener spoke of the achievements of our men.

Reinforcements Arrive
"I had not been back from this trip many days before the British adjutant general here, Gen. Macready, asked me to go over to Shorncliffe and secure for him a report on our available reinforcements there, as he was most anxious to bring our divisions up to strength again as rapidly as possible. I was away only two days, but secured the necessary information, and our troops are now resting back of the front lines and receiving their reinforcements.

All Canadians Together
As you know, the Patricias came out before our division, and have never formed part of our division, but have been attached to a British division. I found that the losses that they had sustained from time to time were being made good at the expense of our division, itself in need of every available man, and as the Patricias themselves were most anxious to join the Canadian division, it was arranged to carry that proposal through. While discussing the matter with Gen. Labton, Prince Arthur of Connaught happened to be present, and declared himself very strongly in favor of having all the Canadians under one command, so that Canada might get full credit for all that she is doing.

The Patricia Remnant
"I may say that on visiting the Patricias to the north of Ypres the other day I found them in the support trenches. The previous day they had been in another hard fight, and their ranks had been reduced to one officer and about 170 men. On the same day I had to visit our artillery to secure some information for Gen. Hughes. Although the division has been back from the front for some days, our artillery is still right in the vain of the fighting, in such advanced positions. In fact, that it was impossible to get to them except after dark. They have now been upwards of three weeks in the thick of the fighting, but their spirit is still splendid."

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INSISTENCE ON UNITED STATES DEMANDS

Pres. Wilson Informs Count Von Bernstorff of Legality U.S. Claims

Washington, June 5.—President Wilson emphasized in an informal talk with Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, to-day the intense feeling of the American people over the sinking of the Lusitania and other violations of American rights on the high seas, and impressed upon him that the United States must insist upon an adherence by Germany to the accepted principles of international law as they affect neutrals.

No announcements were made after the conference which had been arranged at the ambassador's request, but it was stated authoritatively that there would be no change in the plan of the president and his Cabinet to send in response to the German reply to the last American Note an inquiry to ascertain definitely whether the Imperial government will abide by international law or follow its own rules of maritime warfare. The Note which is being written by President Wilson will be despatched by the end of the week.

A Frank Interview.
In twenty minutes conversation the president of the United States and the personal representative of Emperor William exchanged views on the delicate situation which has arisen in the relations between the two countries. Their meeting was cordial, their conversation friendly and both discussed fundamentals and not details. Count von Bernstorff later told friends that the interview had been satisfactory and that the president had spoken clearly and frankly. The ambassador felt very hopeful when he returned to his embassy. He believed the report which he prepared for transmission to Berlin would enlighten the German Foreign Office on the true state of the American government's opinion and pave the way to a better understanding.

TAKE 300,000 OF RUSSIANS

Germanic Allies Make Claims of Very Large Captures

Berlin, June 2 (via London).—The War Office gave out the following statement today:

"We shot down a British flying machine at Bixchoote. The occupants, one Belgian and one British officer, were taken prisoners.

"The sugar refinery east of Souchez into which the French penetrated yesterday afternoon, has been recaptured by an attack begun by the French against our positions at and south of Neuville during the evening was repulsed. Only a small section of trench on the other side of the high road from Neuville to Ecurie was occupied by the enemy."

"Fighting at close quarters in the forest of Le Pretre for the possession of certain portions of the trenches continues.

Eastern theatre of war: Successful engagements occurred against minor Russian divisions at Neuhusen, 50 kilometres (about 30 miles) north-east of Libau, and at Shidiki, south-east of Libau. The same thing happened further south in the district of Shavli, and on the Dubysa, south-east of Kelmly and between Uglamy and Ejargola. At Shavli we took 500 prisoners.

"South-eastern theatre of war: Further Russian entrenchments situated around Dunkowiczki (near Przemysl) were taken by storm yesterday. The vicinity of the Stry, the troops advanced in direction of Medicini.

"In the month of May 863 officers and 268,869 men were taken prisoners in the eastern theatre of war, as well as those announced yesterday. Therefore the total number of Russians who have fallen into the hands of the Germanic allied troops during the month of May amounts to about 1,000 officers and more than 300,000 men."

CALM COURAGE OF ENGINEERS

French Observer Pays Tribute to This Branch of the Service

Paris, June 6.—The part played by engineering corps in the fighting in the region of Arras is described in a narrative from an official observer attached to the French army, given out here to-night.

"In the vicinity of Carency the battle has been conducted by use of mines since January," the observer writes. "The calm courage shown by our men in the face of great dangers is especially worthy of mention. In this region the galleries and subterranean connecting trenches are more than a mile and a half in length, and the quantity of explosives used from March 6 until May 1 is more than twenty-eight tons.

"On May 9 an attack was begun on Carency. Early in the morning the attack was prepared by artillery and simultaneously by the explosion of seventeen mine fields which destroyed completely a majority of the enemy's barbed wire fortifications and breastworks and demolished the enemy's subterranean passages. German sappers and miners were killed outright, only 70 being captured.

Encouraged Infantry.

"This gave great courage to our infantry in charging, owing to the knowledge that the ground beneath was not mined and that they need not fear that any minute they might be blown up.

"Many other places also were captured, owing to the splendid work and long preparation of the engineers. Their work was particularly valuable at Lorette and Decaerville. The work of the sappers, in the construction of trenches, bomb-proofs, platforms for guns, and super-imposed galleries, also has been excellent. As soon as ground has been gained engineers are brought up to organize it against counter attacks.

"A letter taken from the body of a German says: 'The French engineers cause us to lead a life of infernal damnation.'

Berlin newspapers call the Americans "shirt sleeve diplomats," evidently as a term of contempt. But, judging by the results of German diplomacy previous to and since the war a pair of suspenders is a much more significant ornament in such matters than a yard of gold rope.

Dr. Montague, on the witness stand in the Manitoba Political Scandal Enquiry, admitted that he was pretty much of a rubber stamp in Departmental Affairs during his tenure of office as Minister of Public Works. The doctor, to judge from external appearances, must have been a particularly resilient chunk of Para.

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