

## SECOND BATTLE OF YPRES

### Granville Officers' Dinner Commemorating Famous Action

*By Captain Wilbur C. Lowry*

It was with heartfelt honour and appreciation that the officers commemorated the second anniversary of the Second Battle of Ypres.

Under the capable hands of Lt.-Col. Starr and Capt. Baker a surprise awaited the members on entering the mess room on Tuesday at dinner time. Would that I could adequately describe arrangement of flowers and *crepe de chene*. It was beautiful. The meal itself—well—this is war time—but nevertheless it was possible to arrive at a certain "comfortable feeling." With the coffee came the toast to the King. Then Lt.-Col. Clarke was asked to make a few comments on the battle. He showed that though the Canadians had previously established a record for disregard of authority, for lovmaking, for hard training they at this time settled for ever the status of Canadian soldiers and nobody is ashamed of it; nor has it decreased.

Capt. Hart then pointed out two important phases of the battle. First the new and astonishing use of gas as means of attack. It was also on raw troops. Second: The importance of the stand. It had saved the coast of France which was well worth the price.

A few other speeches followed and then a toast to the fallen was reverently and solemnly proposed.

The company then proceeded to the Palace Theatre where there was special music and a show of that inimifable type found only in Ramsgate.

So ended the evening. No doubt there were thoughts of home. And although one mother has written these words: "I baked to day; I made a little loaf as usual, but there is no boy to eat it." Yet all felt that this longing is side-by-side with a just pride in the heroism of those boys in France.

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