

The Times Tribute to the Newfoundlanders

Following is the article in the London Times to which Lieut. L. C. Murphy referred in his recent telegram to the Governor. The substance of it has already appeared in our columns, quoted from a despatch to the Montreal Star.

NEWFOUNDLANDERS TO THE FORE.

Gallantry in a Morass—Mud Through Deep.

In proportion to their numbers there are no troops in the Army which have earned for themselves a finer reputation than the Newfoundlanders. Nothing could have exceeded the splendour of their sacrifice on July 1 last year on the Somme. Nothing could have been sterner or braver than their later fighting there upon the Switch Line. This year at Arras, beyond Monchy, they behaved magnificently, and, as I told in my dispatches at the time, inflicted relatively colossal losses on the enemy. Once more in the recent fighting here they have done superbly.

It was in the advance beyond Steenbeek, when they were among the troops whose task was to cross some 500 yards of what is known as "Floating Swamp" to attack a strong fortified position with concrete defences on the farther side. Floating Swamp is the name for a quaking morass which gives no foothold anywhere, but heaves and oozes and bubbles to unknown depths as you wade through it.

In this case experience showed that the depth varied from the height of a man's waist to his chest or throat. When a man sank much above his waist he had to stay there to be pulled out, if fortune favoured, later. Those who were only knee-high or waist-high or less than up to the armpits went on. There was no time to stay then to pull a comrade out, for the barrage, like a pillar of smoke by day, moved on before, and they must follow as close as might be behind it.

Swept by Machine-Guns.
The swamp itself was a fearsome thing to breast, and it was swept by machine-gun fire, which, however, spluttered blindly through our barrage. Among the Newfoundlanders are men of the hardy fishing class, and especially trappers and lumbermen from the woods, accustomed to fight with Nature in all her moods, whom nothing in the way of floods or swamps or man can appal.

Behind our barrage they went doggedly on in the grey of the early morning, wading, stumbling, forcing a way as best they could. Those who were badly hit sank into the dreadful ooze. Some lightly wounded went on

after their comrades or made their painful way back. But the rest went on, and, mud from head to toe, with only their rifles held above their heads still dry, panting and almost worn out, on the heels of the barrage they rushed the German fort. There was a short burst of wild fighting, and the fort was theirs after as fine an exhibition of mere physical endurance as men have often been called on to show. Then, when it was over, they turned to help their comrades who were still embedded in the slime, and, in bodies of three or four together, they pulled them out and got them safely to shore. It is largely owing to them that our line here is now well beyond the Broenbeek, up the first stages of the ascent on the other side of the dip to the little valley bottom.

While the Newfoundlanders breast the morass English troops on their right worked round the south side of the great swamp and stormed the fortified positions which the Germans had established there. They had drier going, but were even more exposed to the machine-gun fire which swept their advance, and they, too, behaved with the greatest dash and gallantry.

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1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT HEADQUARTERS.

St. John's, Sept. 18, 1917.

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Regimental Order.

By Colonel Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C. M.G., Commanding Officer.

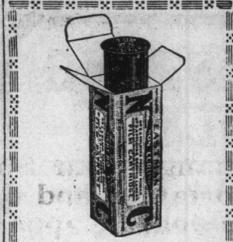
Transfer:

Lieutenant Macness Johnson, transferred to the Indian Army, on probation, from August 30th, 1917.

J. J. O'GRADY, Captain and Adjutant.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Education and under the provisions of Section 4 of the Education Act, 1916, His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct that a new Methodist Educational District shall be created, to be known as the Horwood District, the boundaries of which shall be from Man Point in the District of Fogo, inclusive, to Coakerville, in the District of Twillingate, inclusive. The Board shall meet at Horwood.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Rev. Fred. W. Moulton, Messrs. Peter Ginn, Edwin Mews, (Horwood), Herbert Elliott, (Beaver Cove), and Herbert Harris, (Gander Bay), to be the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Horwood; Messrs Samuel



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Hudson (of William), Robert Noseworthy, and Richard Noseworthy, to be members of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Pouch Cove, in place of Messrs. Nicholas Thistle and John S. Noseworthy, resigned; Mr. Isaac Bussey, to be a member of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Port de Grave, in place of Mr. Robert J. Strange, retired; Mr. Stewart Gillespie, to be a member of the Methodist Board of Education for the District of Carbonear, in place of Mr. John Vatcher, retired.

At the Crescent.

Go to the Crescent Picture Palace to-day and see the city's best mid-week show. The Essanay Company presents Marguerite Clayton and Richard C. Travers in "Lost Twenty-Four Hours," a masterly production in three reels. "The Trail of Graft" is a very thrilling adventure of "Grant, Police Reporter" series with the fearless George Larkin as Tom Grant. Rosemary They and Harry Myers are featured in a refined feature comedy entitled "Hubby's Chicken." The usual classy musical programme accompanies this big mid-week show.

DOG FISH PLENTIFUL.—People at Portugal Cove are getting plenty of dogfish and are using them on their gardens.

Honors for the Regiment.

One Military Cross, Two Distinguished Conduct Medals and Twelve Military Medals Awarded.

Cable advices from Pay and Record Office, London, indicates that the following decorations have been awarded in the 1st Newfoundland Regiment:

- Military Cross, Sept. 9th. Capt. R. Grant Paterson, St. John's.
- Distinguished Conduct Medal, Sept. 9. 1438 Sgt. T. J. Dunphy, St. John's.
- 801 Cpl. H. R. Raynes, St. John's.
- Military Medal, Aug. 30th. 79 Sgt. A. Hammond, St. John's.
- 2079 1-Cpl. John Rose, Clarke's Beach.
- 88 Pte. J. H. Simms, Fogg.
- 2263 Pte. Patrick O'Neill, Fermusee.
- 2760 Pte. Geo. Mullett, Wesleyville.
- 2108 Pte. Arthur Murray, Adam's Cove, C.B.
- 1709 Pte. Thos. J. Meaney, Riverhead, St. Mary's.
- 705 Pte. John J. Peddell, St. John's.
- 2291 Pte. H. Spurrell, Pool's Island, N.D.B.
- 2523 Pte. E. Wiseman, Root Hr., N. D. B.
- 2344 Pte. Geo. B. Lacey, St. John's.
- 3011 Pte. Frank Dewe, Kelligrews.

C. E. Orphans

GUESTS OF MOTORISTS.

A number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the little children of the Church of England Orphanage took them for a spin in their motor cars yesterday afternoon. Leaving the institution the motor cars, eleven in all, proceeded around Quill Vidil Lake and then countrywards in the direction of Mount Pearl. A liberal supply of candies and fruit were on hand and the little people thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Those car owners who gave up their machines on such a pleasant afternoon for the benefit of the orphans are to be congratulated.

Returning Soldiers.

- The following are enroute to Newfoundland:—
Major Paterson
Major Cary
Lieut. Bemister.
13272—Willis Manuel, Loon Bay, N. D. B.
1602—A. W. Fitzgerald, 261 Theatre Hill, City.
2217—Richard Briard, 12½ Prospect Street, City.
1591—Henry West, Musgrave Hr., Fogo.
492—Achhd. Coombs, Upper Island Cove.
1052—Louis Sparks, Lower Island Cove.
1420—Leonard Sheppard, Harbor Grace.
1178—Richard Kenney, Petty Harbor.
688—Eliaser Benson, 68 Monroe St., City.
2165—N. A. Morrissey, Grand Falls.
B2266—Jas. Ryan, Grand River, Codroy.
432—M. T. Whelan, 5 Alexander St., City.
1652—A. F. Redstone, 277 Southside Rd., City.
1780—Michael Tracey, Torbay Rd., City.
C2950—Patrick O'Reilly, Fox Hr.
1492—Hector Ross, Jamestown, B.B.
388—Geo. W. Rees, 22 Mullock St., City.
1088—Ronald Dunn, Bayley's Cove, B.B.
1061—J. F. Ryan, 17 Flower Hill, City.
2479—Ernest Humphries, Newton, B.B.
13—R. C. Grieve, Monkstown Road, City.
1671—Shears, J. J., Robinson's Hd.
2618—Bradbury, John, Bay Roberts. And the wives of the following men: B272—W. Manuel, Loon Bay, N.D.B. 1052—L. Sparks, Lower Island Cove. 1492—H. Moss, Jamestown, B. B. 1671—J. J. Shears, Robinson's Hd. 1285—Staney, with two children. 1942—Martin.

Here and There.

A BIG CATCH.—The schr. Premier is back from the Labrador to Herring Neck, hauling for 1,200 quintals of fish.

FLOUR SHIPMENTS.—Several schooners are due here from Halifax the latter part of this week with cargoes of flour.

BAIT SCARCE.—There was a good sign of codfish on the local grounds yesterday, though boatmen did but little, owing to scarcity of bait.

SPORTSMEN LEAVE.—Quite a number of sportsmen left town last night and this morning so as to be on the hunting grounds at daylight to-morrow when the shooting season opens.

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