

GERMAN LUST FOR BLOOD INCREASES

MAJOR PERCY A GUTHRIE TELLS OF VISIT TO FREDERICTON BOYS IN 23RD AND 24TH BATTERIES

Made the Trip from Tidworth Over to Shorncliffe to Spend Sunday with the Boys from Here with the Second Contingent Before He Went to the Front.

THEO. BARKER HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO SERGEANT AND OTHER LOCAL BOYS HAVE WON PROMOTIONS

The Artillerymen Are Occupying Comfortable Quarters and Are Rapidly Being Rounded Into Shape as a Fine Fighting Force for the Empire.

In letters to his wife in this city, Major P. A. Guthrie, now second in command of the 7th Battalion of the First Canadian Contingent in Northern France, tells of his visit to Shorncliffe, where the 23rd and 24th batteries of Field Artillery are in camp.

Major Guthrie, who is a native of Fredericton, and who was promoted to major on March 14th, accompanied Major Guthrie on the trip to Shorncliffe, both officers having gone there to take over the barracks to be occupied by the 12th Battalion.

Major Guthrie gives an interesting account of the visit to Shorncliffe camp, and states that everybody he met looked the picture of health. He was more than delighted to meet the Fredericton boys, and to use his own words, "I never felt prouder than after I saw those bright brave men and boys."

While at Shorncliffe Major Guthrie had a narrow escape from serious injury. He was surveying an old trench with a thirty foot ditch around it, when the earth gave way from under him and he only escaped a fall by catching hold of an iron railing.

Here are extracts from Major Guthrie's two letters, the first written on March 15th and the second on March 16th:

Arrival at Shorncliffe.
"We arrived in Shorncliffe about 7.15 tonight (March 14th) and found our way up to camp, where we were taken in hand by Capt. Guest, of the 30th Battalion, from Victoria, B. C. I left my baggage and later arranged for a room to bring it in. We have just got the men put away in Ross Barracks, and so the day's work is done. Capt. Ronnie McAvity, our quartermaster, is along and he and I are to sleep on the floor in the ante-room, and a good comfortable night is ahead of us. We were side-tracked here and there along the line all day, and you can imagine how monotonous it got, taking a whole day to go about as far as from Woodstock to St. John."

"The 23rd and 24th Batteries, recently in Fredericton, are here, and some other units from Canada, and we are trying to locate some of the boys tonight, but without success. On our way back from their barracks, Ron and I went down to the cliffs over at Sandgate, and I saw very near making you a present of some insurance money. There is an old tower, one of the many built in Napoleon's time for the defence of the coast, and around it is a ditch about 30 feet deep. An iron railing runs around the ditch and I got inside this and walked along. Finally I felt the earth give way and I quickly caught the rail and dragged myself up, much surprised and a little foolish to think I had not remembered of the being around these old forts. Ronnie thinks it is cheaper to die in Germany, so I am not going to take any more chances exploring old forts after dark."

"This morning, March 14th, Capt. Ronald McAvity and I reported to the office of the G. O. C. Canadians, and as we had to come back again at 10.30 a.m. we went down to look up the New Brunswick boys in the meantime."

Meeting With Local Men.
"When we struck the line of the 23rd Battery the first chap we ran into was long, lank, good-natured Henry Harvey, who immediately listed all the Frederictonians up for us. We found Sergeant Major George G. Parker-bushy engaged forming up the Roman Catholic church parade, and he, as well as the rest of the boys, was glad to see us. Sgt. Saddler Geo. Seese came with a tear in his eye—dear old George—he is one of the best, and it made me feel good to see him. Allan Johnson is fat and fit. I hardly knew him in the uniform. Young McKenzie is the picture of health, and Jimmy Kitchen has the same pleasant grin he always wore at home. Theo. Barker has just been promoted to the rank of sergeant, and Corp. Harvey looks as though he had been soldiering all his life. Jack Allen is a strong husky chap and Gunner Burke looks as though he could put a stitch or two in a German. The Boone family are doing their duty. I met Allen, who is a good specimen of Canadian. As you know, his brother Milo went to South Africa twice during the Boer war. Young Clarke is getting longer all the time, and the same nagging twinkle greeted me from the eye of Tom Owens."

Always Proud of Fredericton.
"There are a few more Fredericton boys I will have to look up tomorrow if I have time. The first question they ask me is 'Where is Jimmy White and the 1st band?' They just received a batch of mail from home and were busy digging into The Gleaner. I guess The Gleaner gets everywhere, and I would not be surprised if the Kaiser first learns that he is licked from The Gleaner."

"I have always been proud of dear old Fredericton, but was prouder than ever after I saw those bright, brave men and boys today. They have left all that is dear to them in life: all their chances of success, and financially each and all have sacrificed much that the old flag may still, in every land, on every sea, flutter in the breath of every wind that blows. God bless them. Many will not return, but, believe me each will give an account of himself, and in event of death Fredericton shall have reason to be proud of them as she is proud of that gallant youth, Victor Hatheway, first of us all to render to Britain those things which are Britain's, viz., the strength and blood and life of every Canadian subject."

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How a British Lieutenant Captured a Trench



HOW LIEUTENANT LEACH, V.C., AND SERGEANT HOGAN RECAPTURED TRENCH FROM THE GERMANS
In this drawing, prepared especially for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere, is shown how Lieutenant Leach and Sergeant Hogan, of the British army, won the Victoria Cross by recapturing a trench from the Germans, killing two and capturing six of the enemy. In the course of the account a writer stated that while Lieutenant Leach was shooting along the section of the trench Hogan watched the parapet to ward off attacks from above, as the Germans might crawl over the section and shoot them down from above or take them in the rear. When the section had been cleared by the two men they took up their stand at the next corner and repeated the manoeuvre. Leach had now to fire with his left hand. As they advanced section by section Hogan put his hat on the end of his rifle and raised it above the parapet to indicate to the English how far they had made progress, so that they the English would not sweep with their fire the part of the trench that had been retaken. This went on, corner after corner being captured, until the two men were approaching near to the Germans, when they heard one of their own men, who had been taken prisoner in the morning, call out, "Don't shoot; the Germans wish to surrender." Sixteen surrendered, and twenty wounded Germans also were captured, making thirty-six prisoners in all.

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Never envy the man with a hand-some wife—at least until you have heard her talk."

Sir John French Praises The Canadian Troops

Ottawa, March 29.—H. R. H. Duke of Connaught has received a letter from Sir John French, in which he refers in terms of the warmest praise to the Canadian troops. He says: "I have the warmest confidence in their capability to do valuable and efficient service."

HORN'S COUNSEL TO SEEK RELEASE

Will Ask Writ of Habeas Corpus This Week—Latest Feature in Case.

Boston, March 29.—Attorney Daniel T. O'Connell, counsel for Werner Horn, was at the Federal Building on Saturday in conference with United States Commissioner Hayes. At the end of the talk he stated to the newspaper that he will bring habeas corpus proceedings in the United States District Court before Judge Morton this week.

Mr. O'Connell reviewed his efforts in Maine to secure a hearing before United States Judges Putnam and Hale, and stated that he was going to test the legal right of these judges to refuse to hear habeas corpus proceedings. This legal question may be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. O'Connell was very anxious to find out from Commissioner Hayes just what lawyer Edward S. Dodge's standing in the case is. He argued that Mr. Dodge should state his position in connection with the request for the extradition warrant said to have been secured by the Canadian Government for the extradition of Horn on the charge of blowing up the International Bridge at Vancouver.

Mr. O'Connell was informed that Mr. Dodge was the representative of Charles Fox, who came over from New York as the representative of the British Embassy, and appeared before Commissioner Hayes in relation to the extradition warrant. It was pointed out that Mr. Fox was the attorney of record in the case so far and the position of Mr. Dodge was to keep Mr. Fox informed of happenings in connection with the case.

GERMAN MURDERERS SINK THE LINER FALABA WITHOUT GIVING PASSENGERS TIME TO ESCAPE

The British Steamer Aguilu Also Torpedoed and the Crew Fired Upon While They Were Attempting to Escape in Boats—Germans Angered by Attempt of Ships to Escape.

IT IS FEARED THAT UPWARDS OF 150 PEOPLE PERISHED THROUGH MURDEROUS TACTICS ADOPTED

Many Women Among the Victims on Board the Falaba, Whose Captain Also Lost His Life—The Captain of the Submarine Grimly Watched the People Fighting for Life.

London, March 29.—Upwards of 150 lives were lost in the sinking of the British liner Falaba, which was torpedoed by a German submarine on Sunday afternoon. The ship, bound from Liverpool for London, had a crew of 42, and three passengers, and of these 23 or 24 were rescued. Of those rescued eight died later from exposure.

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In both cases, on sighting the submarine, the captains tried to escape by putting on all speed possible, but the underwater craft overtook the steamers, showing that Germany now has some of her most modern submarines engaged in the blockade operations against England.

The captain of the Falaba, who was one of those lost, was given five minutes to get his passengers and crew into the boats, but, according to survivors, before this was possible, a torpedo was fired, striking the engine room and causing a terrible explosion. Many persons were killed, and the steamer sank in ten minutes.

Travelers which happened to be in the vicinity rescued most of those who were saved; others got away in boats, which were ready for launching, and which were quickly lowered when the order was given to abandon the ship. Those who were still on the steamer when the explosion occurred were thrown into the sea, and it took the fishermen an hour or more to pick up the people in the water who managed to keep themselves afloat.

The Aguilu was attacked off the Pembrokeshire coast. The submarine, which in this case was the U-28, opened fire with her gun, shells from which killed a woman passenger, the chief engineer and two of the crew. Even after the crew had commenced to lower the boats, according to the story of the survivors, the Germans kept up their fire, and some of the boats were riddled with bullets.

The captain of the trawler Ottilie, whom the commander of the submarine told of the sinking of the Aguilu, went to the rescue and picked up three boats, containing nineteen of the crew. The fourth boat, which contained the other members of the crew, could not be found, and it is presumed that she foundered. On their arrival at Fishguard several of the crew were bandaged, having been wounded by the fire from the submarine.

GIVE NO WARNING TO MERCHANTMEN

German Admiralty Orders Submarines to Sink Merchant Ships Without Warning.

London, March 29.—An Amsterdam despatch says the German Admiralty will shortly order that submarines sink all British merchantmen without warning, giving as the reason that merchantmen are armed and have fired at German submarines and are therefore considered warships.

ITALY GETTING READY FOR ACTION

Troops Congregated Along the Austrian Border Awaiting Decisive Moment.

Basil, March 29.—The sixty-seventh Italian infantry regiment has left Como, on the Italy-Swiss frontier. It is officially stated that the regiment is going into summer camp for firing practice, but it is rumored that the force is on its way to the Austrian frontier.

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