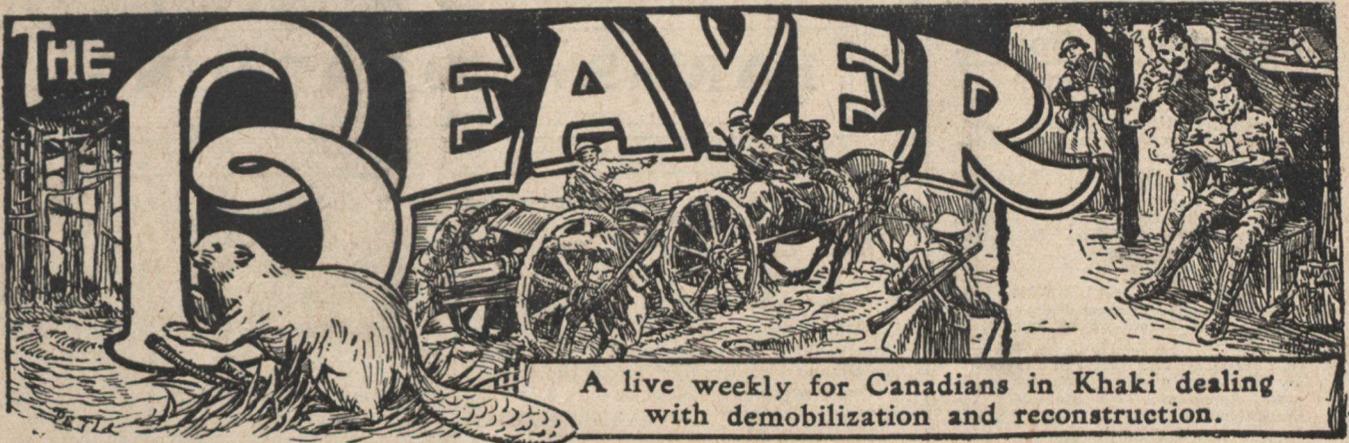


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THE "PILL BOX" V.C.

WHEN he invented the "pill box" Fritz imagined he had won the war.

The answer from the Entente was the mobile tank. Behind this invention, however, stood the invincible armies of the Allied forces. And while the "box" could put up a fight for a "little" while, it was only for a little while.

Canadians quickly discovered the art of capturing the "P.B." They have treed 'coons, and hunted "wood chucks" before to-day, and the game of smoking out a ground-hog was right into their mitt.

Artful as "Jerry" proved himself to be in a good many things, in this instance he quite overlooked the fact that the pill box could become a prison, and very often, when the artillery got busy, a tomb as well.

By a piece of excellent strategy Lieut. C. S. Rutherford, V.C., M.C., M.M., of the 5th C.M.R.'s persuaded 45 Huns to surrender. He won his "V.C." for most conspicuous bravery, initiative and devotion to duty.

When in command of an assaulting party Lieut. Rutherford found himself a considerable distance ahead of his men and at the same moment observed a fully armed strong enemy party outside a "pill box" ahead of him.

He beckoned to them with his revolver to come to him, in return they



beckoned to him to come to them. This he boldly did, and informed them that they were prisoners. This fact an enemy officer disputed, and invited Lieut. Rutherford to enter the "pill box," an invitation he discreetly declined.

By masterly bluff, however, he persuaded the enemy that they were surrounded, and the whole party of 45, including two officers and three machine guns, surrendered to him. Subsequently he induced the enemy officer to stop the fire of an enemy machine gun close by, and Lieut. Rutherford took advantage of the opportunity to hasten the advance of his men to support.

Lieut. Rutherford then observed that the right assaulting party was held up by heavy machine gun fire from another "pill box."

Indicating an objective to the remainder of his party he attacked the "pill box" with a Lewis gun section and captured a further 35 prisoners with machine guns, thus enabling the party to continue their advance.

The bold and gallant action of this officer contributed very materially to the capture of the main objective, and was a wonderful inspiration to all ranks in pressing home the attack on a very strong position.

Lieut. Rutherford enlisted as a private in Toronto.

Beaver Gallery No. 14: Lieut. C. S. Rutherford, V.C., M.C., M.M.