

Pictou Co. Indian Recommended for Victoria Cross.

To have disposed of seventy-one German snipers on the Western front is the proud record of Stephen Toney, a Nova Scotia Indian, and a former member of the Nova Scotia Highland Batt. who returned home this week. Although he has received no official word, Toney states that it seemed generally known, and was told to him by officers at

Bramshott Camp, that he was recommended for the Victoria Cross. He arrived in the city Thursday, and left for his home at Pictou Landing, Pictou Co. yesterday afternoon.

Sniper Toney enlisted in the 193rd. regiment, when the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade was being formed. On account of being a good shot, he was immediately placed in the sniper's platoon. He went overseas with the Brigade, and was transferred to an Upper Canadian Batt. but was soon transferred back

to the Nova Scotia Highland Batt. He performed his services at Vimy Ridge, Triangles and Mericourt.

At Vimy Ridge on April 9th, he disposed of fourteen German snipers. He was shifted to Triangles where he shot off thirteen. It was at Triangles that he received the congratulations of the general commanding the Brigade, who was watching the effect of Toney's work through a periscope. After watching him shoot thirteen Germans, the general told Toney he was the man

they were looking for, and that he would do the best he could for him.

Toney was next moved to Mericourt, and here continued his good work. One of his victims was known as a bad sniper, and it took Toney two hours to locate his man, and of course, when he did, the German was a dead one.

Toney was gassed at Triangles on June 12th, 1917, and was sent to England for treatment. When he reached Bramshott Camp the officers there informed him of his having won the Victoria Cross. He explained

that he had not received any official word about the award, and had not received the cross. After spending some time in England, he once again crossed to France, took up sniping, but on account of being gassed he was unable to stand it. The gas even affected his eyesight, and this of course hindered him in firing at night. Everywhere he went on reaching France the second time he was hailed as a V. C. man.

"I did not go over there for anything," he said at Pier Two yesterday. "I went over to help the Empire the best way I could and I have done the best I can." He explained that should he not receive the cross it would not affect him. Previous to enlisting he was working at his home, doing coopering work, and said yesterday that if he could not go back at that work, he would have to work with his fiddle—Morning Chronicle.

Fifty Eight Years Ago

From a copy of the Halifax Reporter dated July 26th., 1860 we note the preparations made at Halifax, at that time for the arrival of the week of the Prince of Wales, who was our late King Edward. His Royal Highness' Squadron consisted of His Majesty's Ships Hero, Ariadne and Flying Fish. The nature of the public reception regatta government ball's sports and review of troops and warships were described. It was a great time in Halifax. Some noted members of the press were in Halifax, at that time including E. H. House of the N. Y. Tribune Mr. Andrew artist for Illustrated London News, Mr. Woods of London Times, and Dr. Rawlings of Frank Leslie's Illustrated. Halifax, had erected about 20 arches on the different city streets. One arch at Junction of Barrington and Spring Garden was erected by Archbishop Connolly, at his own expense costing over 150 pounds.

Grand Celebration Expected Soon

A large number of citizens assembled in the Town Hall on Thursday evening to make arrangements for the Grand Celebration to take place in Kentville just as soon as official word is received. No further bells will be rung until the news is confirmed. Then joy bells will ring, bonfires blaze and the sky be lit up with fireworks Kentville will celebrate in such a way that it will be a day never to be forgotten by our people and especially the children.

Celebrating too Soon

On the strength of a cable to New York that the Armistice had been signed at 2 o'clock on Thursday, the public in cities and towns throughout America started peace celebrations.

Wolfville commenced its celebration right afternoon and about three o'clock Kentville followed suit though no official confirmation could be obtained. Bells rang whistles blew, and soon the Street was thronged with a merry cheering crowd in parades around the square on foot in autos and in teams and all sorts of noises guns horns etc were heard. Flags everywhere were in evidence and joy seemed unbounded for a time. The excitement ceased in the evening when a bulletin was issued that the news was unconfirmed and no further celebration would take place until word was officially received.

St. Paul's Church

The people of St. Paul's congregation will meet on Sunday at 11 a. m. to praise God for His goodness, and to acknowledge His protection in this war now about to end. The subject for thought will be "Divine Protection." In the evening the subject will be "The profits from the Investment of Self."

Sunday School will meet after the morning Service. Xmas Boxes for our boys overseas have been prepared, and forwarded.



Confronted as we are by those who have given their all, dare we set a limit to our own sacrifices in Freedom's cause?

Our hearts and our sense of duty to God and humanity must answer the question:—"How much is expected of me?"

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