

ATROCITIES OF GERMANS BEYOND ALL CONCEPTION

Red Cross Nurse From Dumfries Pens Letter in Diving Moments After Being Horribly Used.

SIMILAR OUTRAGES TOLD OF BY EYE-WITNESSES

Germans Entered Belgium Mad With Alcohol and Stories Told of Their Actions Tax Credibility—Only Small Part of Outrages Come to Light—Evidence of an American.

(From the Edinburgh (Scotland) Evening Dispatch of Sept. 16.—The Dispatch is the evening journal published by the owners of the Edinburgh Scotsman.)

Shocking details have reached Dumfries of the death of Nurse Grace Hume, a young woman belonging to the town, who was engaged in Red Cross work in Belgium.

On Sunday, Sept. 6, the field hospital at Vilvorde, near Brussels, to which she was attached, was set on fire by the Germans, and atrocities were perpetrated on the wounded and the nursing staff.

One of the letters describes the circumstances of Nurse Hume's awful death in a letter to Dumfries, in which she states that an Allied soldier caught two German soldiers in the act of cutting off Nurse Hume's left breast, her right one having been already cut off. The Germans were instantly killed by the soldier, and Nurse Hume died in great agony. When the hospital had been set on fire by the Germans, they started to wreak vengeance on the wounded soldiers and the nurses who were in attendance on them.

In spite of her terrible injuries, Nurse Hume managed to scrawl a note to her sister in Dumfries. The note, which is dated Sept. 6, and which is not complete, says:—"Dear Kate—This is to say good-bye. Have not long to live. Hospital has been set on fire. Germans cruel. Man here has had his head cut off and my right breast has been taken away. Give my love to— (Here there is blank, and the note finishes). "Good-bye—Grace."

The letter referred to above was written by Nurse Mullard, who, on her way from Belgium to Inverness, on Friday last broke her journey at Dumfries, and conveyed there to Miss Kate Hume the news of her sister's terrible death. She had written the account of Nurse Hume's death, intending to have it forwarded to her sister, but on account of her being ordered home from Belgium for a few days, she was enabled to hand the letter personally to Miss Hume, and also to give her some fuller details.

Nurse Hume is a daughter of A. Hume, music teacher, Dumfries, and was twenty-three years of age. While in this country she was on the nursing staff of a hospital, and about three weeks ago she volunteered for service at the front, and proceeded to Belgium. She had already given admirable services on the field, performing deeds of genuine heroism, when on Sunday, Sept. 6, the field hospital at Vilvorde, near Brussels, to which she was attached, was set on fire by German soldiers, and numerous atrocities perpetrated on the wounded and the nursing staff.

Nurse Mullard, in her letter, also gives an example of the bravery displayed by Nurse Hume in her work, and in connection with Miss Hume she gave a fuller account of her heroic action on the field, when she saved a wounded soldier from a barbarous attack by a German soldier, who was attacking the German, who was disguised in the uniform of one of the allied troops. He made to fire at the wounded soldier, who was nursing with great bravery, but she shot him dead.

Nurse Mullard's letter describing how her friend met her death is in the following terms:—"At Vilvorde, near Brussels. "I have been asked by your sister, Nurse Grace Hume, to hand the enclosed letter to you. My name is Nurse Mullard, and I was with your sister when she died. Our camp hospital at Vilvorde was burned to the ground, and out of 150 men and twenty-three nurses only nineteen nurses were saved. I was one of those who managed to get away. I expect to pass through Dumfries about the 15th September, but am writing this in case I should not see you. Your sister gave me your address, so, as I know Dumfries well, I shall send it to your office if I do not see you.

"As there is a shortage of nurses at Inverness, fifteen of us are to be sent there. Grace requested me to tell you that her last thoughts were of Andrew and you, and that you were not to worry over her as she would be going to meet 'her Jack.' These were her words:—"She endured great agony in her last hour. One of our soldiers (our men) caught two German soldiers in the act of cutting off her left breast, her right one having been already cut off. They were killed instantly by our soldier. Grace managed to scrawl this enclosed note before I found her. We can all say that your sister was a heroine. She was a 'loose nurse'—that is, she was on the fields looking for wounded soldiers—and on one occasion when bringing in a wounded soldier a German attacked her. She threw the soldier's gun at him and shot him with her rifle. Of course, all these are true.

"I have just received word this morning to pack for Scotland, so will try and get this handed to you as there is no post from here, and we are making the best of a broken-down wagon. Truck by a shelter. Will give you fuller details when I see you. We are all quite fit here now, as there have been reinforcements.

I am, yours sincerely,
N. M. MULLARD.

(An note opposite to say which special help.)
Written opposite the signature is the date 7th September.

"Jack" to whom Nurse Hume referred,

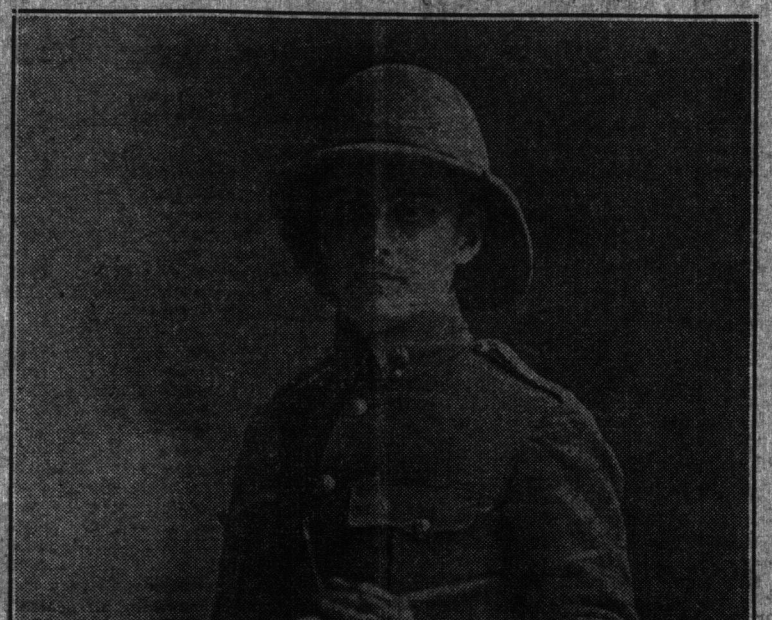
OFFICERS WITH ST. JOHN'S CONTINGENT AS THEY APPEARED AT VALCARTIER



MAJOR FRANK MAGEE.



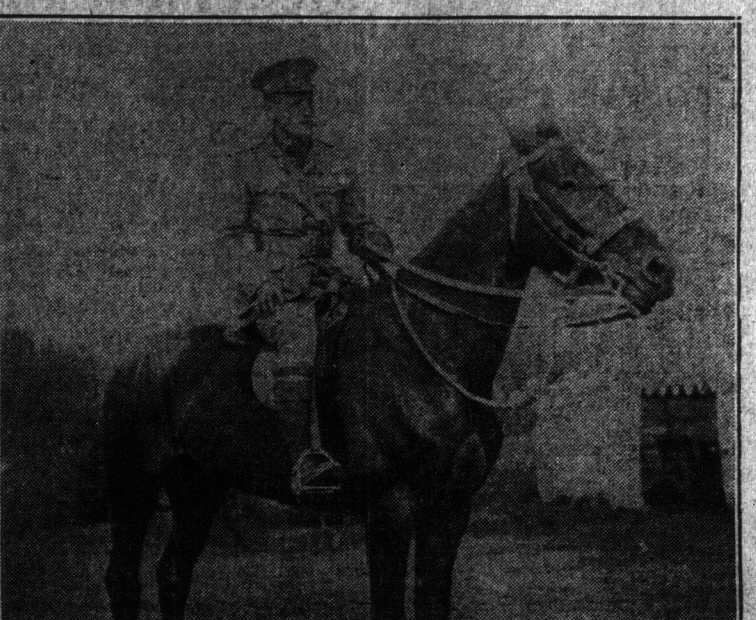
Standing—Lieut. C. Morgan, Lieut. Walsh, Chaplain Skerry, Theodore Roberts, J. J. F. Winslow. Sitting (at left)—Capt. H. E. C. Sturdee.



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TWO SACKVILLE CONCERNS MERGE

Sackville, N. B., Sept. 30.—An important business deal was completed today when the plant, real estate and retail establishment of the Standard Manufacturing Company, Middle Sackville, was taken over by A. E. Wry, Limited. Under the new management, the harness business conducted a Middle Sackville will be brought here and all the harness manufactured by the new company will be done under the roof of the establishment here, while the boot and shoe business will be taken to Middle Sackville and combined with the business already established there. It is quite probable that Sackville, because of its location, will be the main shipping point, and that the head office will be here.

FREDERICTON GIRL LED THE PROVINCE

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 30.—Winners of six of the county scholarships at the University of New Brunswick, in the examination exercises were announced by Dr. C. C. Jones, chancellor, today, with a further statement that Miss Mary M. Chestnut, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Fred. Chestnut, of this city, winner of the York county scholarship, was leader of all those taking part in the examinations in the province and now attending the university. The scholarships are worth \$80 each per annum, and are available for two years. The winners announced today are:

AGRICULTURE IN P. E. I.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 30.—The war has not interfered with the holding of the agricultural fairs on Prince Edward Island. Last week, during the four days' exhibition at Charlottetown passed off with ideal weather, and a large attendance. There were about 14,000 visitors. The judges declared that the showing of Ayrshires and the Yorkshires would do credit to any exhibition in Canada. The Island is proud to be the possessor of the famous Ayrshire cow Milkmaid VII, which won the championship of the world as a milk producer in her breed. She is owned by A. McFie & Sons, Charlottetown. Royalty, The Guernseys were pronounced to be the best in Canada.

Funeral of Newcastle Infant.

Newcastle, Sept. 30.—The funeral of the late Charles Robert, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stuart, was held yesterday afternoon, interment in Miramichi cemetery. The Methodist pastor, Rev. Wm. Harrison, conducted services, assisted at the house by Rev. S. J. MacArthur and at the grave by Rev. Alex. Frith.

WHAT BRITISH NATIONS OVERSEAS ARE DOING

DOMINION OF CANADA.
Expeditionary force of 32,000 men, and promise of 100,000 if necessary, including infantry, cavalry, artillery and medical corps. Two cruisers, two submarines and many transports. War appropriation of \$50,000,000. Gift of 93,000,000 pounds of flour, worth \$4,000,000. Provincial, municipal and private gifts of more than \$10,000,000.

AUSTRALIA.
Expeditionary force of 20,000 men. Gifts of food and supplies for troops at the front. Australian navy placed under control of the admiralty.

NEW ZEALAND.
Expeditionary force of 8,000 officers and men, and subsequent drafts to keep this at full strength. Defense fund of more than \$400,000. Provisions of butter and meat for British army. Shipload of food for poor of Great Britain.

SOUTH AFRICA.
Undertakes defense of territories and contributes largely to British relief funds.

INDIA.
Native military. Princes offer all their resources to the king, and contribute \$2,500,000 toward war expenses. Two divisions of native troops sent to the front.

COLONEL HUGHES' FAREWELL TO CANADIAN TROOPS

Minister of Militia Tells the Contingent it is the Equal of Any Body of Soldiers the World Ever Saw—Has Every Confidence That They Will Bear Themselves Bravely When Facing the Foe.

COL. GORDON SAFE.

London, Sept. 30, 8:40 a. m.—Col. W. E. Gordon, of the Gordon Highlanders, and aide de camp King George, who has twice unofficially been reported killed, is a prisoner in Germany and in good health. This news was conveyed to the British war office through the American ambassador at Berlin, James W. Gerard.

NEW BRUNSWICK REGIMENT FOR WAR STILL UNDECIDED

Fredericton, Sept. 29.—Hon. George J. Clark, acting premier, said today that the proposal that New Brunswick raise and equip a regiment to form a part of the second expeditionary force had been given some consideration recently, the proposal having been urged during the past ten days.

RESTIGOUCHE TO INSURE LIVES OF HER VOLUNTEERS

Dalhousie, N. B., Sept. 29.—The Restigouche county council met here in special session today and voted \$800 towards the patriotic fund and passed a resolution appointing Aldermen Montgomery, Harquail and Alexander a committee to insure the lives for one year of the fifty men who have gone from Restigouche county to the front.

A GENTLE GERMAN GOVERNOR.

An Englishman, residing in Ottawa, has received a letter, dated Sept. 14, from relatives in England. In the course of it the following passages occur:—"The M...s of G... had a German governess for the children. The police called at G... Castle a few days ago and asked to have her sent out for a walk as they wished to search her room. This they did, and found a number of bombs, maps, etc., concealed in her trunk and about the room, and they say other German governesses round Hereford have been found doing the same thing."