

ALLIED FORCES HOLD UNDOUBTED SUPREMACY OF AIR FIGHTING

So Declares Major Nelles Ashton, Home on Sick Leave From Front—Had Narrow Escape From Death

"The morale of the Canadian Tommy is absolutely wonderful. In the face of everything, he maintains the best of spirits. Trouble with his officers is unknown."

On Somme Front.

Thus Major A. N. Ashton who, on Sunday evening returned to his home here after being wounded at the front a month ago. It was on Aug. 2nd last that Major Ashton relinquished the command of the 36th Reserve battalion at West Sandling Camp, and departed for the front, there to be attached to the 4th Battalion in the capacity of company commander. In company with 120 other majors, Major Ashton made the journey, marching some 48 miles through France, then travelling by train and bus, and completing the trip on foot once more. He reached the 4th battalion just as it was being transferred from the Ypres sector to the Somme salient, where for ten days the battalion was in heavy fighting, shelled intermittently and sustaining heavy casualties. Five days of the ten were spent in the reserve line, and five in the front line trenches.

Major Jones Commanding. In the absence of Lt. Col. Colquhoun, the 4th battalion was commanded at that time by Lt. Col. Rae, and, he being taken ill shortly afterwards, Major T. P. Jones of this city assumed command. Lt. Col. Colquhoun returned to the front and reported at headquarters of the 4th battalion about Sept. 9, but did not immediately assume command of the unit, returning instead to England, where he visited Major Ashton in a London hospital.

Revolver Saved Life. It was on the evening of Sept. 8, that Major Ashton sustained his wound, while returning from battalion headquarters to the front line trenches, and hearing orders. He was struck by a German sniper's bullet, and his escape from death was nothing short of miraculous; the missile striking instead the revolver presented to Major Ashton by the city of Brantford, and glancing off, causing only a contusion of the abdomen in place of a mortal wound.

To a Courier representative this morning, Major Ashton showed the revolver in question, the handle badly shattered by the bullet, as well as imparting the information given here.

In Hospitals.

Owing to the heavy artillery fire being carried on at the time, it was not until the next morning that Major Ashton was removed to hospital. In the next few days he passed through four such institutions in succession, arriving in London, on Sept. 13th. There, while in hospital, he met Lt. Col. Colquhoun, and Lieut. Eric Cockshutt, attached to Woolwich Arsenal for artillery instruction. The journey home was quiet and uneventful, and Major Ashton reached the city in the best of spirits and very much recovered from his injuries. He is home on sick leave only, being due back in London on Nov. 22, which will limit his stay here to a month.

Sir Sam Abroad. Major Ashton crossed the ocean upon the Olympic, bearing some 1,200 wounded soldiers, also a number of noted Canadians, Sir Sam Hughes, Premier Hearst and Hon. Dr. Pyne. He high in his praises of the treatment accorded the wounded in the hospitals, declaring that all possible for the comfort of the men is done.

4th is Rebuilt.

Of the original 4th Battalion, states Major Ashton, very little remains, whether of officers or men. The unit is now made up largely of drafts from the 36th and 76th battalions, with a few from the 58th, to all which Brantford furnished quotas. The front line trenches on the Somme front he characterized as being in very poor condition, for the most part nothing more than a series of shell holes. There are no dug-outs, and sleep is practically impossible on the firing line; the trenches are very muddy, ankle deep in water; rain almost incessant. At the point where the 4th was stationed, until relieved by the 1st Battalion, the enemy trenches

THE EARLY AUTUMN SCARFE



To fill in between the warm days and the cool ones of later autumn. Dainty scarfs of satin, velvet and chiffon with marabout trimmings are being shown; the most popular being the taupe mulberry or Bordeaux satin with the fluffy down of the marabout in pure white or grey.

were about 75 yards distant, with no entanglements or defences between.

War Not Yet Won.

As to the length of the war, Major Ashton expressed inability to answer.

"I can see no possibility of peace before the spring," he told the Courier. "I saw some 200 prisoners taken by the First Battalion, big stalwart men of the Prussian Guards. They firmly believed that Germany would win the war or that at the worst, the result would be a draw. One man enquired what would be done with him, and laughed to scorn the idea that he would be sent to England. Told us we could not send him there, because of the German control of the English Channel, which made the British army practically marooned in France. So far as I could see, there were no great signs of weakening in the morale of the German forces."

Allies Are Supreme.

One point which impressed Major Ashton particularly was the undoubted supremacy of the allied forces in the air. This is a point conceded by all German prisoners. The British and French airmen are absolutely intrepid in their work, and outclass the German aviators by far. The artillery fire of the British is also superior to that of the foe.

COMING EVENTS

GOLD MEDAL Elocutionary Contest, Thursday evening, Oct. 12, in Colborne St. Church, under auspices of Royal Templars.

HEAR TWO OF CANADA'S foremost women speakers—Mrs. J. M. Henshaw, Vancouver, with lecture on "Work of the Field Ambulance Corps" in France, splendidly illustrated with lantern slides; Mrs. H. P. Plunk, Toronto, corresponding Secretary Canadian Red Cross, will give an address on "Work of Canadian Red Cross." Victoria Hall, Friday, Oct. 13th, 8 p.m. Silver collection for "Soldiers' Xmas Stocking Fund."

Marriages.

ETCHES-VAN NORMAN—At Grace Church, Brantford, on Saturday, Oct. 7th, by the Ven. Archdeacon Mackenzie, Rector, assisted by the Rev. Canon Plummer of St. Augustine's Church, Toronto, Harry Etches of Toronto, to Eleanor, youngest daughter of the late George Robinson Van Norman, K. C., Brantford.

DIED

CRESWELL—In Brantford, on Sunday, October 8th, Ellen H. Creswell, mother of Mrs. George Dunham, 131 Peel street. Funeral takes place on Wednesday, Oct. 11th from the residence of Mrs. Dunham, 131 Peel street, to Mt. Hope cemetery. Service at 2 p.m.

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THANKSGIVING GOLF.

The interesting programme arranged for Thanksgiving Day on the Brantford Golf course was seriously interfered with by threatening conditions of the weather. However, there was a fair turn out, considering, and the programme was adhered to so far as possible. The qualifying round for the President's Cup resulted and are drawn to play as follows: J. K. Martin vs. C. J. Watt, J. G. Caudwell vs. H. McKay, N. D. Neill vs. D. S. Large, Dr. Henderson vs. A. E. Watts. The first round must be played off by Monday 16th inst. those who survive must play off the semi-finals and finals by the 23rd inst. For the box of balls donated by Mr. Geo. Miller, Mr. J. K. Martin won first prize, and Messrs. C. J. Watt, Dr. Henderson, N. D. Neill and A. E. Watts tied for second prize.

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continuation of the Red Sox march to victory, and with no decided superiority in run-making power demonstrated by the American League, the supporters of the National League champions were not inclined to concede anything until they were forced to do so. On the other hand the Red Sox rooters came primed for the continuance of their favorites' triumphant progress, confident in the superiority of the Boston machine; supremely reliant that "class would tell" and cause the closing chapters of the story to be written in the records of the games to be played on Ebbets field to-day and to-morrow. With their starter likely to be Leonard, another left-hander, who when in shape is one of the hardest twirlers in the profession to hit, few of them could see much chance for anything but a third victory with another to follow with Shore or Mays on the morrow.

Manager Robinson of the Brooklyn, as usual, gave no hint of his probable choice, with Marquard in a come-back effort as a possibility.

The probable line-up of the teams for to-day's game is as follows: Boston—Hooper, rf, Janyrin, 2b, Warner, cf, Hobolitzel, 1b, Lewis, lf, Gardner, 3b, Scott, ss, Carrigan, c, Leonard, p. Brooklyn—Johnston, rf, Daubert, 1b, Myers, cf, Wheat, lf, Cretshaw, 2b, Howrey, 3b, Olson, ss, Miller, c, Coombs, p.

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The murderer of Walter Montgomery, near Madoc, is believed to have secured \$6,500. Montgomery was struck by a piece of spade. Joe

Montgomery, a brother, asserts his innocence.

Richard McNaughton, whose daughter, Irma, was killed by an automobile driven by a tester for the company making the car, was awarded \$1,500 and costs by a jury at Sandwich.

Announcement:

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IN FOURTEEN INNINGS TAKE SE

Longest World's Series Game
Boston After a Ha

By Frank G. Menko
Boston, Oct. 10.—Del Gainer, the hero of Boston to-night. He called upon yesterday afternoon the hour of Bean town's great need, and he responded with smashing single which scored a runner and gave the Red Sox a 2-1 victory in the fourteenth inning the second battle for the world championship.

It was a thrilling climax to an thrilling baseball drama, a victory that came just when it looked as if darkness would end the deadlock, sent into frenzy of baseball mad the 41,373 persons who witnessed

The game abounded in start plays. It was as different from first affair of Saturday as are and night. The Dodgers rose supreme heights to-day. They played like real world series performers and the Sox kept pace with them electrifying the stands with amazing plays afield. All in all, it was ball game, the kind that one re

abouts in fiction but rarely sees. The Dodgers were beaten, yes, not dishonored. They performed comeback as they promised, and their playing yesterday forced what they are going to do in the ture, it should inspire hope in hearts of their supporters, though the series counts two to n

ing against them. The Dod chief caused a surprise when sent Smith, his southpaw, to the ing line, and a wise choice it because Smith pitched one of prettiest games ever seen in the ribbon events of baseball.

"Babe" Ruth worked for the and hurled just as was expected him, a masterful game, rising to greatest heights in the pinches.

A Presentation to Shocker

Ottawa, Oct. 10.—Tris Speaker and his all-star American League were defeated by the International Leaguers by 3 to 2 in the game of their series here this afternoon. Shocker and Dauss were opposing pitchers, and both hit hard. George Burns had a hit run, while Tris Speaker and Bob Veach landed on Shocker for the base hits. Shocker was presented with a gold locket. Score: R.H. International .00010020x—3 1 Americans .010000001—2 1 Shocker and Madden; Dauss Stange.

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