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Story of Two Irishmen Who Died Rather Than Surrender

London, Sept. 23.—Gunner Motley, of the 31st Battery, Royal Field Artillery, who is from the poorest quarter of the East End of London, sends his parents a story of a great artillery duel at Cambrai.

He says:—"One of our batteries was under perpetual fire the whole day. They showered shells at the boys of the bulldog breed and things became very warm when the Germans found the range. The order was given at last to abandon the guns. This is the time when men don't obey orders. They stuck to their guns; they did, however, ease fire, and the Germans, who thought our guns were out of action, advanced rapidly. Then we wiped them clean out and took many prisoners and eight guns."

Bravery of Two Irish Dragons

A trooper of the Fourth Royal Irish Dragoons, returned home invalided, says:—"One of our men carried his chum to a farmhouse under fire at Mons, and when the retreat was ordered they got left behind. A German patrol called at the house and found them. They were only two Irishmen—one wounded—against 12 Uhlans. They kept the Germans at bay behind furniture, and wounded and killed six; then the remaining six Germans ran off to bring a machine gun and destroy the house."

"Rather than bring suffering on the farmer and family and the whole village, the two hunted Irishmen made a rush for it with some mad idea of taking the machine gun brought against them. They got no further than the threshold of the door, where they fell dead, the blood bespattering the walls of the house. They could have made terms with the Germans but wouldn't do it."

"Sing-Songs" Around Camp Fire

A private of the Second Royal Scots nicknamed "Joe," writes to his sister:—"Every night round our camp fire we take our photos out—that is, if we have any—then we have a 'sing-song.' The favorite songs are 'Never Mind' and 'The Last Boat is Leaving for Home.' The French people give us a great welcome in every town and village, but the Germans give us the best welcome. I never thought any of us would get away from them, but we kept them back and won the day with heavy losses. When all was over we laid in the trenches from four in the morning till six at night with shells bursting all round. You would be talking to a man next you and then turn round to see him lying dead."

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A graphic account of the never-to-be-forgotten five days' fighting is given in a letter received by Mr. G. A. Smiley, Excise officer, Chestow, from his brother, who was wounded while engaged with the Gordon Highlanders.

"On Sunday, 23rd, at Mons, we rose at four a.m. and marched out 1,100 strong. We took up ground on the extreme flank of the British force. Immediately we started to entrench ourselves, and to the good trench work we did we put down our freedom from casualty. Later in the day a hellish tornado of shell swept over us, and with this introduction to war we received our baptism of fire."

Wonderful Gunnery

"We were lining the Mons road, and immediately in our front and to our rear were woods. In the rear wood was stationed a battery of R.F.A. The German artillery is wonderful. The first shot generally found us, and to me it looked as if the ranges had been carefully taken beforehand. However, our own gunners were better, and they hammered and battered the Germans all the day long."

"They were at least three to our one, and our artillery could not be in fifty places at once, so we just had to stick it. The German infantry are bad skirmishers and rotten shots, and they were simply mowed down in batches by our chaps. They came in companies of, I should say, 150 men in file five deep, and we simply rained bullets at them the live-long day. At about five p.m. the Germans in the left front of us retired, and we saw no more of them."

"Hell Let Loose"

"The Royal Irish Regiment had had an awful smashing earlier on, as also had the Middlesex, and our company were ordered to go along the road as reinforcements. The one and a half mile seemed a thousand. Stormed at all the way, we kept on, and no one was hit until we came to a white house which stood in a clearing. Immediately the officer passed the gashell was let loose on us, but we got across safely, and I was the only one wounded, and that was with a ricochet shrapnel bullet in the right knee."

"I knew nothing about it until an hour after, when I had it pointed out to me. I dug it out with a knife. We passed dead civilians, some women, and a little boy with his thigh shattered by a bullet. Poor fellow he lay all the time on his face, and some man of the Irish was looking after him, and trying to make him comfortable. The devils shelled the hospital and killed the wounded, despite a huge Red Cross flag flying over it."

Terrible Scene

"When we got to the Royal Irish Regiment's trenches the scene was terrible. They were having dinner when the Germans opened on them and their dead and wounded were lying all around. Beyond a go at some German cavalry, the day drew in, and darkness saw us on the retreat. The regiment lost one officer and one man dead, one officer and some men severely wounded."

"We kept up this sort of game (fighting by day and retiring by night) until we got to Cambrai, on Tuesday night. I dare not mention that place and close my eyes. God, it was awful. Avalanche followed avalanche of fresh German troops, but the boys stuck to it, and we managed to retire to Ham without any molestation. Cambrai was the biggest battle fought. Out of all the glorious regiment of 1,100 men only five officers and 170 of the men answered the roll-call next day. Thank God, I was one of them."

"Of course, there may be a number who got separated from the battalion through various causes, and some wounded who escaped. I hope so, because of the heavy hearts at home. I saw the South Lances, and they were terribly cut up, only a remnant left of the regiment."

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By Sir Alfred Sharpe, K.C.M.G.

Saverolles, near Villerscotterets, France, Sept. 14.—(received London, Sept. 18.)—"I left Meaux this morning in the rain and wind and found the roads muddy and in bad condition to the Northeast. I hoped to get near to Soissons before night, but had little expectation of reaching the town itself."

"When within two or three miles of Meaux I came upon the recent battlefield over which the Germans advanced and then retired. The line avenue of trees on the Meaux, near LePerte-million road, has been much knocked about by shells, the large branches and whole trees are lying along the road and telegraph wires are all cut to the ground for many miles. It is littered with straw, broken carts, ammunition wagons, empty shell cases, clothing, boots, letters, knapsacks, and numbers of dead horses."

Most of Them Buried

"The bodies have been mostly buried. I saw only two unburied German soldiers near the road. In one place were several hundred large shells, which had been abandoned by the enemy. The tree trunks along the road were scored by bullets."

"Following the Soissons road to La Fertemillon, I passed through several villages which had been occupied by the Germans. All empty houses had been wrecked, the furniture broken up, the pictures, ornaments and crockery smashed, clocks, bedsteads, etc., demolished wantonly. It appeared to be the German system to wreck all unoccupied houses as a matter of principle."

Not Molested

"The peasants or others in this district who remained in their homes were not molested beyond being requisitioned for food and other supplies. In some cases receipts were given by the German officer for supposed value of a thing taken but these naturally are of no use to the soldiers. At Meaux I heard some grue some tales of German atrocities, evidence for which, however, was not convincing."

"The village of Neuchelles suffered severely. Most inhabitants had fled, leaving their houses closed and these were absolutely wrecked and looted not a whole thing being left in them. Furniture and every kind of household goods was carried out and broken up. The houses themselves were defiled in every way."

Lost Their All

"Very few people had yet returned to Neuchelles. Most of them had lost their all, vines, even, in many cases, were torn off the house walls. Why the German officers should allow their men to indulge in such wanton cruelties to the poor peasant people is more than one can understand. It is impossible that such wholesale and universal destruction could have been carried out without their knowledge and approval."

"At La Fertemillon, the wife of a French officer, who is one of the gallant defenders of Maubeuge gave me much information as to the happenings there. La Ferte had two German visitations, also one British and one French visit. My friend had several German officers quartered at her house, who behaved well. On the first arrival of the Germans in La Ferte the troops behaved fairly well."

Flee or Hide

"Most of the notables in the town had fled or were hidden. The Mayor was eventually found in a cellar and he and the cure were walked through the town by the Germans as hostages for the good behaviour of the citizens. A contribution in money and goods were levied on the town and it was paid."

"Before the troops finally left, however, they got out of hand and looted freely. I was told in La Ferte that French supports for the British troops fighting at Mons arrived too late to be of any assistance. Our troops had a terrible five days and behaved magnificently."

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