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Sleep with Dead Lying All Around

The Gananogue Reporter published the following interesting letter from Private Rod O'Connor, a native of Gananogue, and a young man well known here having worked in one of the local barber shops.

Somewhere in France

June 1st, 1915
Dear Brother and All—Well, Tom after firing all morning, and having just got my dinner, and feeling a bit tired, I thought I would write you a line or two before going back to the gun.

Well, Tom, we had a real lively old battle this morning, and, believe me, we made them quit. We had two good direct hits on a German battery and they put about half a dozen in and around our gun. We have a trench just back of our gun into which we drop when the firing gets too heavy, and this morning they dropped a big 8-inch shell! plump into it. Billy Gordon was in it at the time, and it was, of course, enough to nearly drive him mad. No wonder he nearly went to pieces, the escape was so narrow. I don't want to see another occurrence of the kind for a while. A. Stunden and I pulled him out of the trench and carried him into an old house. We could hardly handle him till I gave him a little drop of my rum ration, and it pulled him around a bit. He is all O.K. now, but he will have to go back to the horse lines, as his nerves are all gone and when the guys out here once lose their nerve they never come back.

And, say, what ever keeps me up? I don't know, Tom. I have seen the dead piled up six high; seen men blown to pieces, and what I have not seen is not worth telling about. And, ah! the awful smell—ah! ah! And still I can say that I have never felt a bit shaky or nervous yet; and believe me, I could tell you things that would make me shiver all over if some one told me the same. It is nothing to have to sleep out here with a lot of dead lying around—not yet counted up—and the stench would almost set you crazy.

Jack Acton said that he could eat his dinner off a German that had been

dead for six months, and I guess he could. Young Jack is the pet of the Battery, and he has a German helmet and has it on all the time he is around our gun. He is sure some Jack, and has more nerve than any five men I ever saw. I guess I can say the same about Alf Stunden. But I could say other things about some of the boys that would not sound so good. Still Tom, our boys have been in a lot of fighting, and are getting fed up with it. We are all tired out. You know we never take off our boots or change our clothes, so you can tell what shape we are in. Say, crummy is no name for it; scratch all the time. When you sit down to eat you just eat and scratch at the same time; and oh, when you try to grasp a moment's sleep, oh! my, you scratch and groan.

Well, Tom, this is the hottest spot yet. You can't believe the way they shell one another, simply all the time, day and night—never stop.

Well, Tom, write me a good long letter, and tell dad to write me. Say, has he been getting the \$20 all O.K.? Well, Tom, give my love to all and write soon.

From your Bro.,

Rodd

C 40698, 1 Brig., 3rd Battery

The Latest From the Front

Since the opening of the Great European War last August the cable service of The Globe, Toronto, has attracted attention from one end of Canada to the other owing to its completeness and reliability. Every day the cable news is condensed and interpreted on the front page under the title of "The War Summary." This feature makes plain and intelligible what would otherwise be confusing to the reader. The Globe maintains its position as "Canada's National Newspaper," as is proven by the fact that its circulation of 87,000 is much larger than that of any other morning paper in the Dominion.

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