

the brave men of our Island Empire continue to enthuse the noble and generous of future generations. The thousands who have died are the seed that will for ages hence nourish the beautiful flower of patriotism, the perfume of which sends the blood coursing through one's veins as nothing else can.

Let us lose no opportunity of teaching and preaching patriotism. It is a religion as well as a duty. It is the giving of one's life for another. It is, as one of England's young poets said: "Who lives if England dies?" Life would not be worth living with a subjugated or defeated empire. Britishers all over the world would have held their heads in shame and life would have become a burden.

The splendid sacrifice of the ancestors of Britishers are still in full bloom. The spirit of Drake, Raleigh, Nelson, Wellington, and all the heroes who have made England's name great, is still the spirit of a conquering people. If the gods of war favour Britain as no other country has been favoured, it is because the British people understand the blessings of liberty. They have been ever willing, in spite of all their detractors may say, to recognize the principle of democracy and the duty that the strong owe to the weak. Britain has never abused its position, although its statesmen have made mistakes, some of them quite serious. But the British people have always held true to their ideals. They have been generous in recognizing merit, no matter who the possessor. Several races have they taught to govern in accordance with the best constitutional practice. Tyrants they have never sympathized with. They have adhered to those traditions that teach the Britisher that to strike below the belt is fighting foul. And that to strike a man when he is down is cowardice for which nothing can atone.

The combination of qualities that the geographical position and institutions of England have generated can be explained in a passage which I quote from the article written by D. H. Lawrence and published in the November 1918 issue of the "English Review".

In trying to explain this phenomena he states: "There is, no doubt, some peculiar potentiality attaching to every distinct region of the earth's surface over and

above the indisputable facts of climate, and geological condition. There is some subtle magnetic or vital influence inherent in every specific locality and it is this influence which keeps the inhabitant stable. Thus race is ultimately as much a question of place as of heredity. It is the Island of Great Britain which has really determined the English race, the genius of place has made us one people."

In other words, we are what we are because we were born in the Island of Great Britain or so strongly attached to its institutions although born outside of it, that we are fundamentally different from other peoples and determined to cherish our traditions and institutions against the world.

2717105 GRIER WILLIAM SPR.

The undermentioned Articles are the contents of the above Sapper who has this day been admitted to Military Hospital. Handed in by Lance Corporal Glenn.

- 3 Blankets
- 1 Greatecoat
- 1 Snake Belt
- 1 Pair of Suspenders
- 1 pair of Reg. Boots
- 1 woolen undershirt
- 1 pair of drawers
- 1 fatigue shirt
- 3 pairs of Socks
- 2 Towels
- 1 pair of P. T. Shoes
- 1 Woolen O. D. Shirt
- 1 pair of Fatigue Pants
- 1 issue Razor and Case
- 1 Shaving Brush issue
- 2 testaments
- 1 Housewife complete issue
- 1 Holdall issue.
- 1 Shoe Brush issue
- 1 leather wristlet **only**. No watch
- 1 Mit issue (not pair)
- 1 briar Pipe in case
- 1 soap box
- 1 mirror
- 2 Kit Bags issue
- 1 Serge Tunic with ornaments complete
- 1 Cap with badge complete
- Miscellaneous shin

Received by.....1:1:19.
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HE DIDN'T.

Archie:—"Will you call for help if I attempt to kiss you?"
Clarissa:—"Yes, if necessary; but I don't see why a big, strong man like you should require any help."

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