



## To The People of Newfoundland:

### FELLOW COUNTRYMEN:

The Mother Country has been compelled to go to war to preserve, among other things, the rights and liberties which we all enjoy as citizens of the Empire.

Newfoundland, in common with the other Oversea Dominions, has pledged itself to assist the Mother Country with material help in the present extremity.

This is to take the form of an increase of the Naval Reserve from Six Hundred to One Thousand men and the raising of a Regiment of Five Hundred men for land service abroad, and the Colony has further undertaken to assume the full cost of this contingent of Five Hundred men during the course of the war.

It is our duty and privilege, as loyal and patriotic citizens of the Empire, to voluntarily assist in supporting this movement, and to raise a fund for that purpose. This Patriotic Fund will be applied primarily in making provision for the dependent relatives of those who undertake to fight the battles of the country and the Empire by land and sea and afterwards to such other objects connected therewith as may be deemed desirable.

The need is great and in the confident expectation that this appeal will evoke a prompt and generous response, we respectfully but strongly urge all who can, to give as liberally as possible towards this most deserving object.

The undersigned, on behalf of the Patriotic Committee appointed to undertake the organization and despatch of this regiment, appeal for subscriptions toward this Fund. Contributions may be sent to the nearest magistrate, to the branches of any of the Banks doing business in the Colony, or to the Treasurer, J. S. MUNN, ESQ., and they will be gratefully acknowledged.

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## Big Conflict Was Marked By Strenuous Fighting And By Terrible Carnage

All Sections of the Allies Fought Well and Kept Much Superior Numbers of the Enemy in Check—Four French Machine Guns Held 2000 German Troops at Bay at One Point

THOUSANDS OF DEAD AND WOUNDED  
BLOCKED MANY PARTS OF BATTLEFIELD

British Expeditionary Force Occupied Mons and Successfully Repelled Six Attacks Within Twenty-Four Hours—Frightful Contest Between Rival Artillery Sections—Splendid Work of African Squadron of French Army

Paris, Aug. 29.—From the mass of confused details it is now possible to construct provisionally an outline of the great combat in Belgium. In the first place that it is evident that the first Germans to reach the field of action, came not from Brussels, but from the northeast. All the week the French had been in contact with flying columns of the army of the Meuse as far off as Genblou.

It seems probable that the battle of Dinant, which has been forgotten in the stress of later events, although it seemed to be a considerable victory, from which the French artillery in particular emerged with honor, really marked the end of an attempt to relieve and occupy Namur.

However that may be, they have since been slowly retiring toward the frontier, and this movement evidently prudent, became decisive when the German troops, thrown southward through Brussels, arrived upon the scene.

On Wednesday evening last (Aug. 19) French troops, including a battalion of the line, Chasseurs De Afrique and Turcos, with some artillery, were brought into Charleroi. By Thursday evening the Allies were engaged against increasing numbers of the enemy to the northeast of the town, but the northwest was still relatively free.

**Swarms of Invaders**  
The Brussels-Mons Railway was, however, cut midway and numerous bodies of Uhlans were found about Nivelles Hal. Hitherto Mons itself was not threatened.

Early on Friday morning (Aug. 21) a column of Uhlans broke into Charleroi. They were made prisoners, but by Saturday all the northern approaches to Mons and Charleroi were swarming with bodies of the invaders and serious fighting had begun.

The French artillery to the south of the town checked the first advance and put the German guns out of action. Four French Mitrailleuses are said to have kept at bay for three hours 2,000 men coming in by the northern roads. Infantry regiments were brought up but not in sufficient numbers to make pursuit possible.

Later in the day reinforcements, especially of Zouaves arrived. Some of them were engaged in disposing of German incendiaries in the town, while others crossing the Sambre at Thuin, pursued the enemy as far as Somain-L'Evêque.

**British Repelled Six Attacks**  
Meanwhile Mons had been occupied by the British expeditionary force.

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charge, while the perpetual flight of shells made, especially during the night, a wonderful and terrible spectacle. It seemed that the British on their side were more than holding their own, but although reinforcements were continually brought forward the position in Charleroi on Sunday (Aug. 23) evening was much more serious. Charge after charge was made by one side or the other, while the French and German artillery kept up an increasing bombardment.

**Germans Fired Buildings**  
By then the Germans have evidently fired a large part of the buildings and the fact that the place was no longer habitable even if it could have been held, may have been one of the reasons for the decision to effect a general retirement on the frontier.

While the Allies gradually fell back in perfect order, the line of fire moved southward until the allied army rested upon the base it now holds. That the Germans had been so far in superior numbers would seem to be shown by the very large area covered by their raiding patrols.

One such body of the Uhlans, coming from the neighborhood of Mons, actually crossed the frontier near Conde, on the Scheldt, Monday evening (Aug. 24). All through the night they traversed the neighboring towns and villages and tore up some of the railways.

After overrunning twenty miles of French territory at about four a.m., they were caught and wiped out by a French artillery regiment.

On Sunday morning a similar patrol of German dragons was caught to the north of Lille.

### DROVE GUNS OVER TRENCHES FILLED LEVEL WITH WOUNDED

Heavy Artillery Wheels Sunk Deep in Human Bridges as German Drivers Lashed Their Horses Into Furious Gallop

London, Aug. 30.—The correspondent of The Daily Mail describes a visit among the French who were wounded in the battles of Vosges and have been brought to Vichy, whose palatial hotels have been transformed into hospitals.

"I talked with many of these wounded," he said. "Three men who fought side by side said:

"It is probably our own fault that we are here. Our major fell at the first valley, and then all the other officers at succeeding valleys. When we found ourselves without officers we, not bothering about what was going on at the front, rear or flank, fixed bayonets at 1,200 yards and went at them, singing all the way. We were just fifty yards from the enemy when we were downed."

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