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Hunt Germans Like Rabbits

Philip Gibbs, in his letter from the British front in France, on Wednesday last says.

The taking of Mouquet Farm by the Australians and afterward by the Canadians was the worst menace to the Germans, enclosing them on the right, but the astounding episode which happened yesterday will show most clearly the difficulties of the British troops and the cunning of the German earthworks. It is many days since I reported the final capture of Mouquet Farm, and since I saw its ruins from High Ridge. These bits of broken brick work were the remnants of a place more important once than the ordinary French farmstead. It is a series of buildings such as one finds in France attached to a big chateau, with barns and outhouses and stables. The last British line of trenches struck through the middle of the place, having two bits of the ruin to the north of the trench and one to the south behind the line.

The Germans seemed to be well away to the northward in the shellcraters beyond the British parapet and nobody suspected Brother Boche was near at hand. It was with great surprise a few days ago that one of the English officers saw two Germans rise suddenly from a hole behind the British line near the southern ruin of bricks. One of them beckoned to him.

"Be careful, sir," said a sentry, but the officer imagined the two Germans had strayed into the British lines and wanted to be taken prisoners. He went forward slowly until quite close to them; then he fell dead, shot by the man who beckoned to him, who with his comrade disappeared immediately into some hole which could not be found.

A day or two later a working party digging to the neighborhood broke through a deep tunnel. Instead of searching it they filled it up again. The British found themselves being sniped at from other holes in the ground. It came into the heads of the British officers that beneath the ground even behind the lines were nests of Germans who might turn upon them at any moment or blow them up by a charge of gun cotton. Orders were given to draw back a little from Mouquet Farm, and the guns were turned on it again, flinging high explosives and shrapnel over the place as in the old days. Then some soldiers were sent forward to clear the trenches if they could find them. They came back without success so the place remained one of our "mystery corners" until yesterday.

When the attack was to begin on Thiepval from the trenches to the south and swinging to the left from Mouquet it was dangerous, but it was decided to carry out the attacks without worrying about the underground inhabitants. The attacks on Thiepval began, and instantly the British troops on the right had advanced beyond the farm to Zouthern. Trench parties of graycoats came out of the tunnels of Mouquet and began firing machine guns in the backs of the British soldiers. By good luck there was a young British officer not far away who kept his head and had a quick way of dealing with a situation of this kind. He was in charge of a working party, but he saw his chance of a scrap.

"Come on, boys," he shouted. "Never mind your shovels."

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His men threw down their tools and followed him. I don't know how many there were of them, but only thirteen came back. They brought with them one German officer and fifty five men as prisoners, and there were no living men left at 6 o'clock last night in the tunnels of Mouquet.

It was only a small episode in the rear of the assault on Thiepval, but it was extraordinary and not without importance on the right wing of the advance, for men do not like to go forward with machine gun fire from behind. It shows the way in which the ground all about here has been used for subterranean fighting.

So it was in Thiepval. Above ground there was nothing to see today, and for a long time but the black and broken tree trunks with their lopped branches. No men could have remained alive above ground yesterday when the British guns hurled upon it a stream of heavy shells, which burst all over the village with violent upheavals of earth and vast clouds of curly black smoke filled with death. The German garrison kept below in a long series of vaults and tunnels, which they had strengthened and linked up and dug deeper in a way that could have surprised the old French farmers who used to keep their wine and stores down there centuries ago. They had made many exits, so that they could pop up with rifle and machine guns at many spots between the four corners of the village and they were ready for another British attack. I know these things because I have been talking with the survivors of the garrison. They are nearly all men of the Tenth Regiment, and they held Thiepval for two years.

It belonged so much to this regiment that instead of being relieved in the ordinary way like other troops and sent

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off to different parts of the front they received the honor of defending Thiepval since the beginning of the battle of the Somme. The regiment has arranged its own relief, company by company, Bapaume being their rest camp.

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Recruiting Meeting

On Monday night, Sept. 25th, a great recruiting demonstration was held. A beacon fire was lighted on Grafton hill and at 7.30 o'clock a parade started through the town, headed by Pipe Major Farquarson of the Kilties, with the Bagpipe Band of the 65 Field Battery and the 67th Regiment's Brass Band.

The parade ended, at the Armoury, which was filled to capacity.

Rev. Frank Baird acted as chairman in the absence of Deputy Recruiting Officer Ketchum, and the first speaker was Major Laurie, of the Kilties, who despite the fortythree wounds he sustained while at the front with the First Canadian Division, feels it his duty to return to the firing line. While Major Laurie was speaking a member of the 65th Battery, mounted on a black horse, arrived with the fiery torch and threw it at the feet of the Major, who gave it to another rider of the battery who started it along on its circle of the province.

Lieut. Wetmore, a local boy who has returned from the front, made an eloquent speech.

Judge Carleton was the next speaker and then Miss Darling recited the Scottish poem "Light, Light the Fire on Craig Gowan Height." Sergt. Carter, a returned hero, made an excellent

speech and at the close of the meeting the following enlisted: Joseph Balston, George Allan, Bernard de l'Esch, Benjamin Wallace, John Shedin, Ernest S. Parsons and Frank Baker, making seven in all.

Rod and Gun

In "The Outlaw" in the October number of Rod and Gun Magazine which is now on the news-stands, H. C. Haddon gives some intimate details in the life of a family of wolves, which the writer observed at first hand, from the birth of the cubs up till the time when one of their number became a famous hunter and a destroyer of cattle on the ranch of a Western farmer. In "A Bull of Triple Creek" A. Ray Giddings gives a dramatic account of a fight between two bull moose, the human element being supplied by the two trappers and a woman, the wife of one of the trappers, who witness the encounter between the two rival bulls, and one of whom is narrowly rescued from death. The Light that Saved, Camp Magic, On the Trail of the Wounded Bull Moose, A Story of Eggs and Skins, and other articles besides the regular departments, constitute an interesting issue for the sportsman, whose thoughts at this time of the year are turning to the opening of the big game season. W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock, Ont., are publishers of this representative Canadian publication.

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Thanksgiving Day on

October 9th

The last statutory holiday in the year (Thanksgiving Day) has been fixed for the second Monday in October, the ninth of the month, an order in council having been passed to that effect.

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The Boy Scouts received \$5.00 this week from a friend toward their fund for Christmas gifts for the Wounded Soldiers.

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