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CANADIAN TROOPS IN SUCCESSFUL TRENCH RAID

British Officers Declare Their Work Marks
A New Phase in Modern Warfare---
Stalwart Men From the Prairie Provinces Took the Huns by Surprise, and They Scampered for the dugouts-

With the British Armies in France, via London, Dec. 25.—North of Arras certain Canadian troops have just accomplished what the British officers declare marks a new phase in modern trench warfare. In a raid which, however, was much more than a raid, they succeeded in putting out of action, temporarily at least, an entire battalion of German infantry. They took fifty-nine prisoners, including one commissioned officer, and estimated that they killed 150 Germans in dugouts which were blown to atoms after their occupants refused to surrender. The Canadian losses were extremely light.

The Daring Raid.

The raid took place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon on a front of 400 yards. The German prisoners taken admit that they were taken completely by surprise. The officer captured said he was convinced that something was about to happen, but believed that the attack was coming on Christmas eve. He reported to the higher command, but received no support.

The Canadians, mostly stalwart men from the plains of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, had skillfully established themselves well forward, so that when the artillery had ceased the preparatory fire they were in the German front line trenches in less than two minutes. The officer in command, who was reporting the raid to brigade headquarters by telephone, said that he had hardly uttered the word "they're off" before he had to say "they're in."

Consternation reigned among the Germans, who scrambled for the saps and dugouts leading to the rear, while the Canadians pelted them with hand grenades. Many Germans in the front line offered no resistance, but threw

up their hands with cries of "Kamarad." Others were taken as they fled for the second and third lines, for the Canadians pushed on quickly to the second line of trenches.

Huns Broke for the Dugouts.

One of the officers engaged said: "As we entered the trenches many Germans broke for the dugouts. All who did were subsequently well cared for. Each of our men was given definite instructions for his precise task, and a map of the enemy's trenches which proved absolutely correct. Each man knew every detail of the proposed operation. They were delighted at this, and entered the fight with great cheer. When they came out two hours later they were singing and as happy as school boys on a holiday."

"The neatness and despatch with which the raid was carried out were unique. The co-operation of the artillery was perfection. Beautifully placed curtains of fire prepared our advance and, creeping forward, protected us as they proceeded to absolutely demolish the enemy trenches and dugouts. The clean-up was accomplished in an hour and ten minutes, and the raiders signalled they were ready to return to their own trenches."

Enemy Completely Fooled.

No attempt was made at a counter-attack until the following night, when the Germans bombarded and raided their own first line, or what was left of it, thinking that the raiders were still there.

As a matter of fact the Canadians who carried out the operation were miles away. They were not part of the fighting line, but on rest and had gone forward for this particular piece of work, which was planned weeks ago.

HACKENSCHMIDT AGAIN AFTER CHARLIE ALLEN

To the Sporting Editor of the Mail.
I cannot understand why Charles Allen, wrestler, does not give a satisfactory answer to a challenge which appeared some time ago. He says he will not recognize Parker at all. As Parker is Hackenschmidt's manager, business can be done only through him, and it seems only a bit of childishness to try to back out of a fair deal.

Hackenschmidt will agree to throw three times in an hour; will also offer one dollar a minute for every minute it takes Hackenschmidt to throw Allen.

It is up to Allen now to show his colors or step in the background. He will also have to recognize me as the manager of Hackenschmidt.

(Sgd.) G. V. PARKER.
St. John, N. B., Dec. 25th, 1916.

Presented with Cane.

Hon. Captain and Quartermaster J. D. Black, of the 236th Highland Battalion, was presented with a silver-mounted cane yesterday by the N. C. O.'s and men in barracks. The band on the cane is engraved with his name and the battalion number.

Won the Cake.

The beautiful cake offered as a prize by the Women's Volunteer Reserve to the person who could guess the number of shells in a jar, was won by Mrs. Charles E. Scott, who guessed the exact number, 385. The shells were counted on Saturday by Messrs. G. N. C. Hawkins and G. A. Taylor. The fruit cake was made by Miss Kilburn and weighed nine pounds. A replica was made and decorated by Mr. William Butcher for exhibition purposes, free of charge.

Died Last Night.

Miss Mary Estelle McPeake, youngest daughter of the late P. McPeake, died suddenly last night at her home, 177 Smythe street. The deceased is survived by one brother, Capt. J. P. McPeake, of the 236th Battalion, and three sisters, Mrs. John O'Brien, of Nelson, Mrs. J. T. Jennings, and Mrs. J. Fred Ryan, of Fredericton. The funeral will take place from her late home on Thursday morning, with High Mass of Requiem at St. Dunstan's Church at 9 o'clock. The funeral will leave the house at 8.30. Interment will be made at the Hermitage.

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FESTIVE SEASON IN FREDERICTON WAS QUIET

Christmas day in Fredericton was celebrated very quietly, family gatherings being the order of the day. At the Baracks, Queen Street, Christmas dinner was served to the troops who had not gone on leave. At the various public institutions fare appropriate to the season was served.

At the Municipal Home a turkey dinner was served to the inmates through the kindness of Mayor Mitchell. Other individuals and societies who assisted in making the dinner a success were the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Young People's Society of George St Baptist Church, the King's Daughters and Mr. T. W. Rainsford.

At the county jail three prisoners who spent the festive season behind the bars were regaled to a dinner of which goose formed the chief item. Deputy Sheriff Timmins was the provider of the meal.

At the Victoria Hospital the patients were also remembered. Owing to the condition of a number of patients, the observation of the day was very quiet. Friends outside the hospital donated turkeys, fruit, candy, etc., in large quantities to nurses and patients.

PERSONAL.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., of Woodstock, is a guest at the Queen.

Mrs. W. T. Whitehead spent the holiday with friends in Moncton.

Messrs. Frank and James Roberts, of Lynn, Mass., formerly of this city, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. C. Parlee, of Moncton, and son, spent Christmas with relatives here.

Battery Sergt. Major J. H. McCollum, of the 9th Siege Battery, St. John, is in the city on Christmas leave.

Gunner James Adams, of 9th Siege Battery, St. John, spent Christmas at his home here.

Mr. Roy Harrington, of Gagetown, is a guest at the Queen.

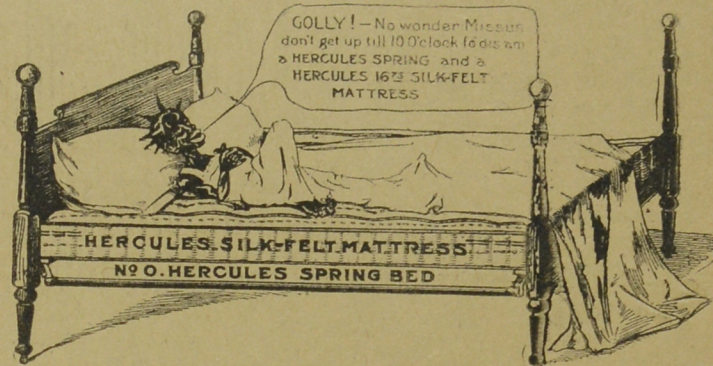
Mr. R. M. Drinan, of Toronto, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. Roger P. Scovil, of Gagetown, is at the Barker House.

Mr. H. W. Woods, M. P. P., of Welsford, arrived in the city last night. He left this morning for Gagetown.

Died in Hospital.

Extra Brewer, an aged resident of St. Mary's, passed away in the Victoria Public Hospital on Christmas Eve.



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