

GALLANT CHARGE OF 26th BATTALION

(Halifax Record)

In a letter received at his home on Saturday, Sergeant-Major Roy Edwards of the 26th New Brunswick regiment, refers interestingly to several Halifax boys, now in France. Speaking of Private Maurice McPhee a Halifax boy, with the 26th New Brunswick and killed in action on October 13th, Sergt.-Major Edwards gives the following graphic description of the circumstances under which he met his death:

"Another day gone, and now to tell you that Maurice McPhee was killed this afternoon. We were ordered to clear out a crater, from which the Germans had been bothering us a lot. It was well known that the task of clearing the Germans out of that position would be very dangerous, so volunteers were stepped forward. It was however, called for, and the whole regiment decided that only a limited number of men could be used to advantage, and out of the thousand who offered, the required number of us were selected. We were then frankly told that there were poor chances of winning, but not a man faltered. The chosen ones just tightened their belts.

"Then came the word 'go,' and with a rush we broke cover and headed for that crater that was pouring a storm of bullets across the open ground. It was now to say of that encounter that we drove our charge home and captured the crater, but at a heavy cost, our losses in the few minutes it took to reach the crater and drive out the Germans being twenty-five killed out-

right and thirty more or less wounded. One of the killed was gallant Maurice McPhee, as brave a lad as ever fought for the old flag. Tell his friends in Halifax that he died a man's death, as did our other twenty-four comrades who crossed the Big Divide in those few minutes of bloody work.

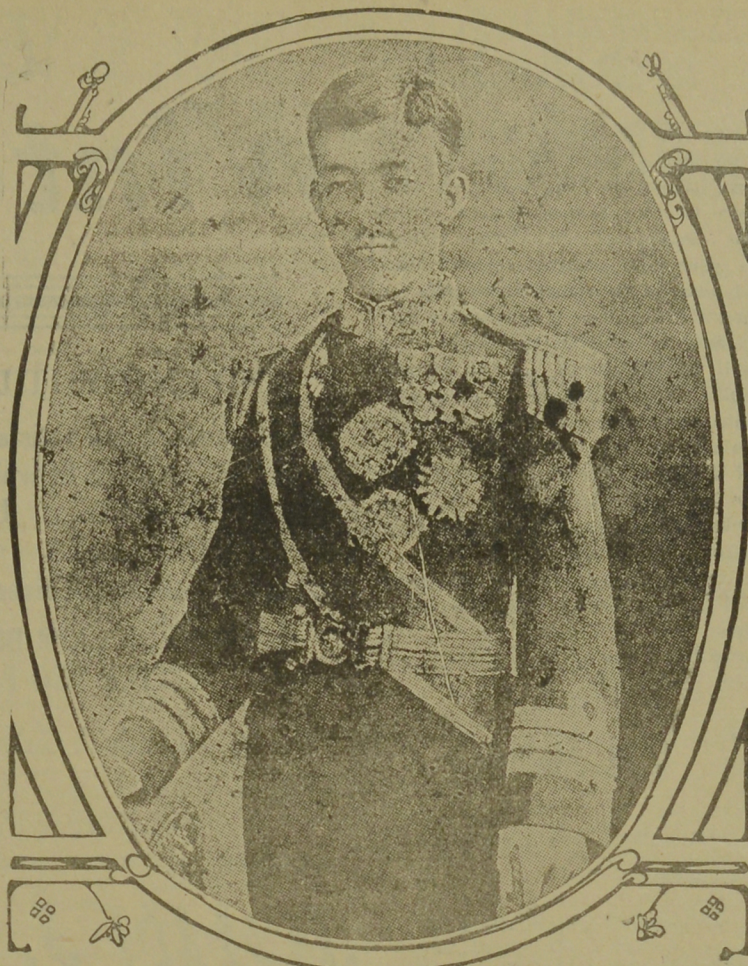
"In that desperate rush, and the rough house work at the crater, we lost some of the best men in our regiment, but the boys of the 26th are game, and ready to repeat as long as a man is left alive."

Referring to Harold Bennett and George Munro, the Sergeant-Major of the 26th says: "I suppose you have heard of the death of Corporal Bennett and Corporal Munro, both Halifax boys. These boys were not in my regiment, so I don't know exactly the particulars of their deaths but both, I am told, were very heroic lads, and that knowledge will be some consolation to their mothers and other friends."

He also refers to Cliff Davidson, another Halifax boy, a son of "Sandy" Davidson, the well-known north end carpenter, and of him he says: "Cliff Davidson is still with us, and is doing fine, and has been promoted to Corporal."

Of his brother, Hedley, the Sergt. Major says: "I have not seen Hedley since we landed here. His corps is located about eight miles from where my regiment is stationed, and I have not yet 'wandered so far from my ain fireside.'"

A man is such a timid creature that he has to have a written guarantee of safety before he will allow himself to become interested in a woman; but once interested, he is afraid of nothing on earth except that he may not get the woman.



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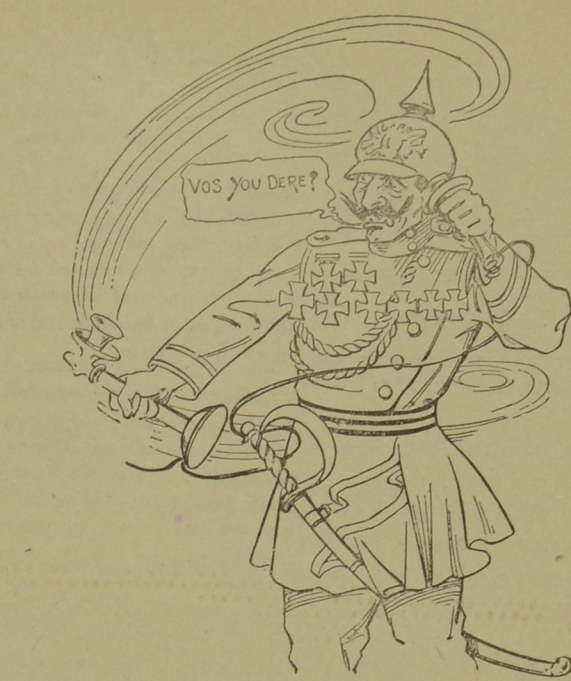
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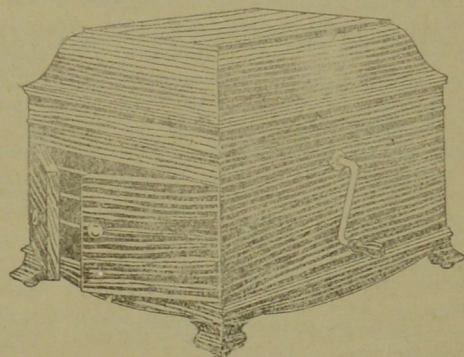


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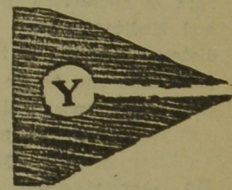
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