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DARING OF "GINGER" SHIELDS OF SCOTTS

Single-handed a Little Machine Gunner Holds Up Enemy Horde—Stories of the Great Battle Told by Men of the Scottish Regiments Taking Part in it.

With the Allied Army in France, May 8.—One of the first things that strikes an onlooker in the wake of the great battle is the cheerful mien of the men who have been in it, and the grim, determined look on the faces of the men going up to the line to go in it.

TO RESIST THE ATTACK

of the germs of many diseases such as Grip, Malaria, Typhoid, Cholera, and all of us—fight or die. These germs are everywhere in the air we breathe. The odds are in favor of the blood impure.

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Royal Scots. He had been fighting and marching and starving by turns for five days and five nights, yet his spirit was good in spite of his three wounds.

It was, just a wee bit exciting. Miss, he said to me, and w' a when mair men the Germans might have made it hot for us when they drove against our line. Where we were they attacked with between four and five thousand men. Three companies of our regiment were in the line. One was in reserve behind, and was thrown back with other troops when the Germans attacked our flank and rear.

The three companies had to bear the brunt of the fighting for as many days. In that time we had thousands of the enemy thrown against our line, but for two whole days we never budged by as much as an inch. They attacked us with the fury of wild beasts, and their generals didn't care a button what losses the men endured.

One whole battalion was wiped out in front of our position, dead being piled on dead until there rose in front a great wall of corpses, behind which the surviving infantry were sheltering until they were assailed flank and rear by our machine gunners and wiped out.

I am certain that not a man of that battalion escaped death or wounds and other battalions also suffered severely. We could have held on indefinitely, but with our line being forced back to right and left and our rear being menaced it became necessary to withdraw. That we did on the third day, but we did it at our leisure. Every time Fritz tried to hurry us he found that Scots are not hurried on a job like this.

You know the story of little "Ginger" Shields, the "baby" machine gunner of our lot. In the retirement he got over-looked. "Ginger" was too good a soldier to go back without orders, so he just took it into his head that it was the colonel's wish he should remain at his post to give the enemy a lively time when they came to occupy the position we had left.

At last the Huns came rushing forward. "Ginger" lay low until they were in front of him, offering a nice target, and there was never a better machine gunner than Shields. When he had got the enemy near enough to his liking he just got going with his two thumbs, and after that it wasn't exactly thumbs up for the Germans.

They went reeling back faster than they came and little Shields had the time of his life blazing away at them. He kept it up for nearly three hours, and then his ammunition ran out. By that time his comrades were far away and there was little chance of escape, for the enemy were swarming forward in the rear, to the right and left, and from everywhere. Shield fired his last rounds into the enemy in front, then smashed his gun and flung it at the heads of a bunch of Germans coming along the communication trench. They replied with round after round of machine gun fire, and poor little "Ginger" went down.

We did not encounter opposition until we were within 80 yards or so of the parapet of the captured trench. We were challenged then, and answered with a few winches of bayonet in the throat of the man who challenged, and we were over the parapet like a whirlwind.

From all points the Huns came rushing up to the assistance of their men, but we rained bombs on them, bayoneted where we could, and fired volleys of rifle fire into the trenches at every turn. In less than ten minutes after entering we had captured a position that it took the Germans five hours to seize after two days' incessant bombardment. Two-thirds of the Huns holding the trench were killed or wounded, and the rest put to flight.

Counterattacks were delivered soon afterwards, and continued with great fierceness all through the next day. We beat them all back, and smashed one by an attack with the bayonet when the enemy was still in the open. In that fight we put to rout a battalion of the kaiser's own guards, and captured the colonel and most of the officers, besides inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

I do not think, said an officer of the fifty-first divisional staff to me, that a battle or series of battles had produced such a fine series of acts of individual heroism as this one. Two men of the Gordons were the last of a rearguard cut off in Mametz village. When their comrades were all killed these two sought refuge in a shell hole, where they held on through the night, defying all enemy attempts to rush them.

In the course of the fight one of them, named M'Ewan, was badly wounded, just as they had made up their minds to make a run for safety. He insisted that his companion should go without him, but Patterson would have nothing to do with such advice. He declared that whatever fate befell his comrade he would share, and before dawn the two got out on their weary trudge to the British lines, after four days of fighting and marching.

It was a hopeless task, for M'Ewan was badly hit and had to be carried most of the way, but Patterson repeatedly refused to desert his comrade.

Morning found them still several miles behind our withdrawing lines, and the ground over which they had to trudge was being swept by shell fire from both sides, in addition to the rifle fire of the snipers. The two men who had been without food for nearly three days, except for two biscuits, were forced to shelter in a shell hole once more, but it was only shelter in name, for shells were bursting over it, and burst in the hole itself.

Despite the danger to himself Patterson crawled out across the shell-swept ground to see if he could obtain rations from the haversacks of some of our dead lying in the neighborhood. In doing so he was wounded by a shell splinter, but managed to crawl back to the place where he had left his comrade with water and food.

When night fell the two men made another attempt to reach our lines, and after great suffering they succeeded in doing so. The last stage of their trudge took place under heavy rifle fire from snipers, who could make out the two slowly moving figures in the grey dawn, and both men were hit again. Nevertheless they got into our lines, and are now in hospital.

the counter-measures suggested in the message taken by the sergeant at the risk of his life had been carried out, so the day was saved. That same battalion of Gordons held at bay a brigade of German infantry subsequently, and drove them back three times from important positions menacing our line of retreat in the Albert region.

CONVICTED GERMAN AGENTS MUST SERVE

Richmond, Va., May 8.—German agents convicted of conspiracy in the sinking of the steamer Liebenfels in Charleston harbor January 31, 1917, must serve prison terms, according to the decision of the United States circuit court of appeals here yesterday afternoon. The defendants are Johann Klattenhoff, formerly captain of the Liebenfels, who was ill in a hospital at the time his vessel was sunk, and Paul Wierse, associate editor of the Charleston American. Klattenhoff was fined and sentenced to serve six months in

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federal prison, while the editor was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to two years in prison.

City Election Thursday. Columbia, S. C., May 8.—The regular city election to determine who shall occupy the mayor's seat and the chairs of two councilmen will be held on Thursday. R. J. Blalock is the nominee for mayor, and W. A. Coleman and M. M. Rice are the nominees for councilmen.

State Constable Busy. Columbia, S. C., May 8.—T. J. Smith, state constable, has filed with Governor Manning his report, giving in detail the results of the force working under his direction during the month of April. The officers seized 600 quarts of whiskey, one automobile, one pair of mules in Oconee county. The constables also captured and assisted in capturing 23 stills.

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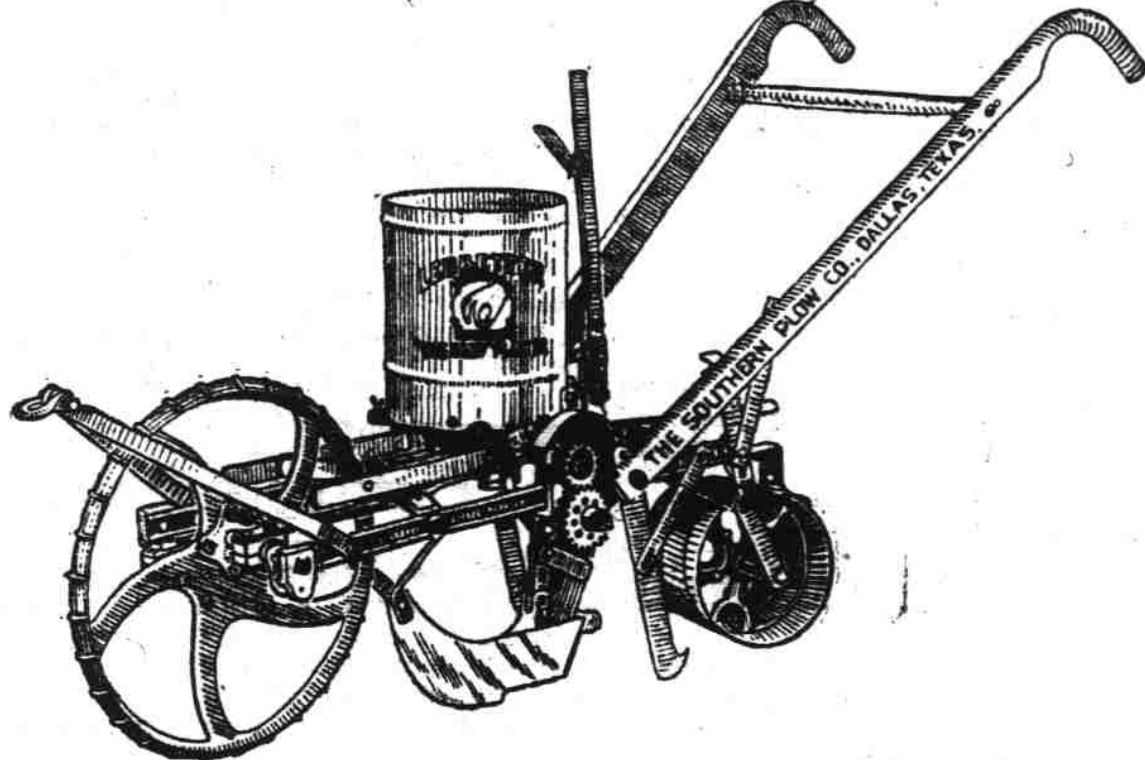
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