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## SAYS WOUNDED WERE SHOT

Man Who Claims to Have Been in Red Cross Service Tells Grievous Tale.

Atlanta Georgian.

"When a soldier was found hopelessly wounded, beyond human aid, we killed him. We had to do it out of mercy. Chloroform and ether were too scarce, and too precious to use. We just attracted his attention to something and then blew his brains out," said Dr. A. Hammond, at the Piedmont.

Dr. Hammond (and he admits that's his middle name and not his surname, because he likes to talk freely of various things) returned only a few weeks ago from a service of nearly six months with the German Red Cross, though he is English by birth and still a British citizen. He brought with him the scars of 27 pieces of shrapnel which peppered him from head to toe. There's a bandage over his right temple, and his arms are dotted with bits of plaster and stained a bright yellow from the antiseptic fluids used in the hospitals.

Dr. Hammond, quitting the Red Cross because of his wounds, came back to America, where he had lived ten years; to travel for a house dealing in surgical instruments and supplies. He has been several days in Atlanta.

Won the Iron Cross.

"Rather odd story, that wound," he said. "I had a girl friend in Detroit, a Miss Hinkenhoff. When she heard I was going to Europe she said: 'If you reach German soil, look up my uncle, Captain Hinkenhoff.' I didn't expect to find him, but one day, just out of Verdun, in the midst of fierce fighting, I heard somebody cry, 'Captain Hinkenhoff is shot!' I rushed to the wounded man, threw him over my shoulders, and brought him out safe. As I was carrying him that shrapnel exploded and peppered me. Luckily, only the small pieces got me, and were only flesh wounds. The Kaiser gave me the Iron Cross, presenting it in person. I gave it to the Detroit girl when I came back to America."

Dr. Hammond, a surgeon, went to England after the outbreak of the war to serve with the British Red Cross, but they were too slow getting away, he said.

"My family is a very old one, dating from William the Conqueror," he said. "They were slow about sending us, and I became impatient. I asked Kitchener when we were going, and he said he didn't want to send all his blue blood to war just then. He said let the French and Belgians do the fighting a while. I suppose I came in that class, for my people are lords, and all that, so there wasn't much chance for me to go. So I went across to Germany and joined the German Red Cross, thinking the experience I'd get would be worth a lot to the English if I could rejoin them later. But when they started at last the Kaiser wouldn't let me go. So the English say I'm a deserter, and all my property in London has been confiscated."

Dr. Hammond also showed a scarf pin with an add. yellowish stone, rather like a topaz.

Belgian Royal Gem

"This was given me by the cousin of King Albert of Belgium," he explained. "It had been in the Albert family for generations. They esteemed it very highly."

Dr. Hammond was in the Red Cross work at Amersville, Met, Pinecourt, Nancy and a village near Verdun, and saw terrific fighting at all these battle fields.

"At Champagne Hill," he said, "the trenches were literally knee deep in blood. We had to sleep on piles of dead bodies to keep out of it."

The courage of the East Indian troops of the Allies was graphically described by the surgeon.

"Nothing could stop them," he said. "When the Indian charged a trench, they wore wire gauntlets which came up above the elbows, and carried long, curved knives. Bullets didn't seem to bother them. They came on anyway. When they reached a German trench, they grasped the bare bayonets with gauntleted hands and began to work their knives. They would cut a German half in two."

"The Germans couldn't stand up against heads like that, and they'd break and run. The Kaiser gave orders to shoot everybody who ran, but they had to shoot too many. He saw something else had to be done. To show you how smart he is, he sent down to India and started a revolution down there so the Allies had to take those Indians out of Europe and rush them home to defend their own country. Oh, the Kaiser is smart."

Knock For English

Dr. Hammond says he is absolutely neutral, but he doesn't appear to think highly of English courage.

"The English held 75 miles of firing line, the French 500 miles, the Canadians 200 miles," he said. "The English furnish the money and the ammunition."

"We had 66,449 nurses on the west front," he said. "They attended 218,000 beds in field and base hospitals. We stacked the wounded up in tiers of bunks in improvised hospitals, with just room enough to move a bit. Yes, we had just as good results in saving them as in the finest hospital at home."

"I don't know how the war is coming out. Germany can't be starved out. She is bringing in solid trainloads of supplies through Holland all the time. England can't stop her. I thought the drive at Verdun would mark the end of the war. If Germany got through, they won. If they didn't, their spirit would be broken. But now I don't know."

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## How a Torpedo Works

Philadelphia Ledger.

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The present-day torpedo is a very different sort of weapon from that used half a century ago. It is shaped something like a cigar and is about 23 feet long and 21 inches in diameter. It weighs considerably more than a ton, and its construction costs from \$5,000 to double that sum. It is made to travel in a certain direction in a fixed line and to explode when it strikes some solid object, such as a ship's bottom. A torpedo of the largest and most modern type will tear a gaping hole in the stanchest ship ever built. The nose or "explosive head" of a torpedo contains the deadly charge of high explosives, nitroglycerin and gun cotton being often used.

When the torpedo strikes its target a tremendous detonation follows instantly, riving in both the outer and inner "skins" of a vessel. The hole it makes in a ship's bottom varies in size, but is seldom less than 10 by 30 feet. The torpedo travels toward its victim at the rate, roughly, of about 1,000 yards a minute. The distance and rate of speed have to be calculated to a nicety before the torpedo is discharged. It is kept to its destined course by perpendicular rudders in its tail. The modern "dirigible" torpedo was first used in a naval war during the Chilean revolution of a quarter of a century ago.

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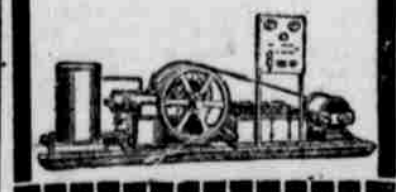
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