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AIR RAIDS FAILED TO UPSET DIGNITY OF LONDON COURTS

By J. W. Pegler, U. P. Correspondent

London, July 7.—(By Mail)—While bombs rained in the streets nearby and a hundred guns roared at the sky during the last big aeroplane raid, judges, counsel and witnesses in London courts went right along with the dull job of boiling down evidence into justice.

Rose Witten, a pretty girl of seventeen, stayed in the witness box in one court and gave her evidence in a little louder tone to be heard above the bombs.

"You need not continue if you are frightened," said the judge to Miss Witten.

"I'm not frightened," she replied. "Let's go on with the story."

Before continuing the case the justice appealed to all in the court room to "die like Englishmen" if they must die.

In Justice Darling's court the roar was deafening but the court didn't adjourn for a moment. While the raid was at its worst he turned to the counsel and said: "The raid seems to be over. Let us go on with the case till they come back."

In the Chancery Court, Justice Astbury interrupted to say: "I am told there is a raid going on. If you look out of the windows you may see the aeroplanes." "Not interested," said a witness.

TRENCH TALES

"I was just getting back to our front line when a 9.2 burst very close," said a young French Infantryman. "I saw the flash and woke up in a hospital, deaf and dumb, but without a scratch. I got my speech back more or less in three days, but as you see, I am still stammering a bit."

"I didn't see many prisoners, but I did see a German sergeant-major, only eighteen years old. He was a big, strong fellow. Some of the others were very weedy, but the Germans are all cunning and crafty in a dirty sort of way. They do things that we would never dream of doing, because we like to fight fair; but they can only play a dirty trick once. Some of their dodges get us wondering for a bit. Take the way they deal with raids. I've been on a lot. Sometimes you'll find their front line absolutely empty, and the next night stiff with men. They'll make their trench look deserted on purpose to draw you, and then they'll counter attack heavily from further back."

"If cunning was everything in war, the Baches might have won it by now; but if guts and staying power were everything there wouldn't be any Fritzies left alive."

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

By Harold McGrath of the Vigilantes

Lord, give me this my manhood to stand straight. Lead me into battle with a clean heart and a sober mind. Deliver me from blind hate and wanton ruthlessness; give me only that white anger that helps righteousness to battle.

Help me to preserve the Idea of my forefathers.

Let me keep my mother's face before me and the feel of my father's hand upon my shoulder; and strengthen them against the day when I shall return no more. Amen.

HOW TO TELL THE RANK OF AN ARMY OFFICER

Washington, Aug. 2.—You can tell the rank of an American army officer by knowing that:

- A Second lieutenant has an epaulette with no bar.
- A first lieutenant has an epaulette with one white bar.
- A Captain has an epaulette with two white bars.
- A Major has an epaulette with a gold maple leaf thereon.
- A Lieutenant Colonel has an epaulette with a silver maple leaf.
- A Colonel has an epaulette with a silver spread eagle thereon.
- A Brigadier General has an epaulette with one silver star.
- A Major General has an epaulette with three silver stars.
- A General is exceedingly rare. Thus far in our history there have been only two. They were Washington and Grant.

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YOUTHFUL HERO HONORED WITH LEGION OF HONOR

By Henry Wood, United Press Correspondent

Paris, July 7.—(By Mail)—The cross of the Legion of Honor was today conferred upon a twenty-one year old Alsatian by the name of Alt as the result of a most remarkable career in the French army, prompted solely by his great desire to see his native province of Alsace reunited to France.

Alt's services in the Alsatian cause have now been cut short by the loss of one leg. Although the cross of the Legion of Honor is designed to recompense him in part for this, he declares the recompense that will satisfy him will be the ultimate return of Alsace to France.

Alt, has been from his boyhood, one of the Alsatian cause. When the war broke out he was at Toul. Although only 18 years of age then, he enlisted in the French Foreign Legion and made the campaign on the Yser. With twenty-seven wounds in his body, he was left on the Belgian battlefield for dead, but was later picked up and taken to a hospital. The doctors declare that he was his

determination to get well and keep on fighting for Alsace that pulled him through. Hardly was he out of the hospital than he was back in the French ranks demanding to be assigned to the most perilous tasks.

Alt had been serving for some time as an observer in a large tree far in advance of the French lines. Eventually the tree fell under suspicion of the Germans and they at once once surrounded it with a barrage fire that made escape practically impossible. The Germans directed shell after shell at the tree until one struck squarely and felled it to the ground. In the fall, Alt received wounds that made it impossible for him to flee. From nine in the morning till midnight Alt lay on the ground, hoping against hope.

At midnight, the barrage ceased and a German sergeant and two soldiers crept out of their trenches to take Alt prisoner. He drew his revolver, waited till they were close, and shot all three.

French comrades reached the wounded Alsatian and carried him back to their lines.

The Legion of Honor was conferred on Alt at the hospital where he is recovering from the angu-

tion of his leg.

FORMER SLACKER

DIES A HERO

London, July 5.—(By Mail)—Conscientious Objector, shirker, volunteer soldier and now one of England's dead heroes—that is the war career of Henry Bellamore.

When war came Bellamore called it the Devil's invention. He fought against conscription on conscientious grounds, preferring jail to the battlefield.

"If I ever see a wounded soldier fall from his crutches I won't help him up again," said Bellamore. This so aroused his neighbors at Bath, that they burned him in effigy.

A few weeks later he experienced a change of heart. Though exempted from the army he volunteered. Soon he was the most popular soldier in his regiment, the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Recently the former conscientious objector was killed in action, the supreme sacrifice.

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