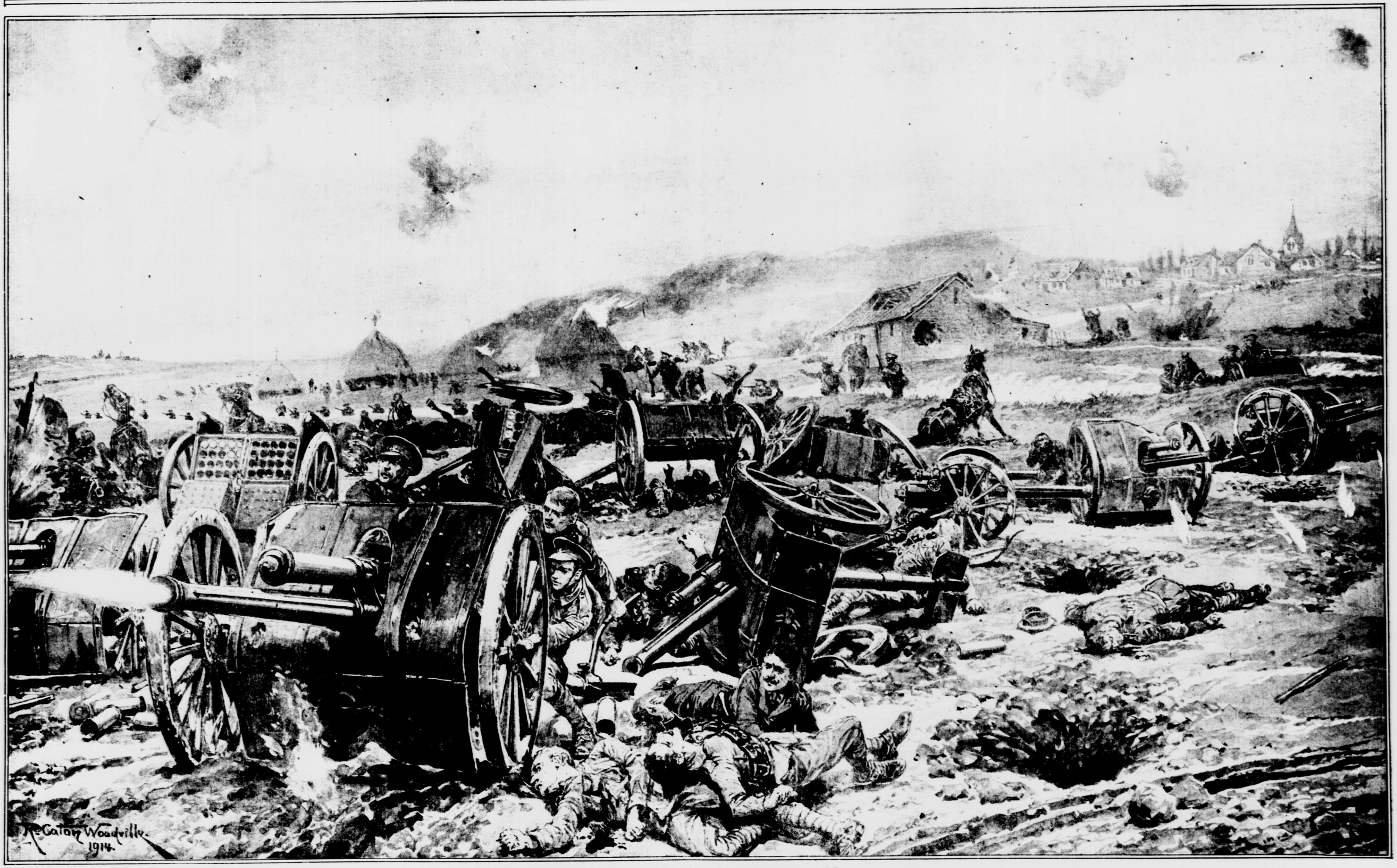
BRAVE FIGHT OF BRITISH BATTERY AT BAY



ARTILLERYMEN SURPRISED BY GERMANS IN A FOG.

Battery L of the Royal Horse Artillery bivouacked in a fog outside the village of Nery, near Compiegne. At daybreak the fog cleared away and the gunners discovered that they were only about 600 yards from the German trenches, while 800 yards away were six German guns on their right front and two on their right rear. The Germans opened a murderous fire. Three of the British guns were immediately put out of action and two others were soon afterward disabled. The last British gun was served by Sergeant-Major Dorrell, a gunner and a driver, until the ammunition gave out. All the officers and men of the battery were killed or wounded. On the other hand, all but one of the German guns were put out of action and were captured by the Queen's Bays, who went to the rescue of the battery.

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