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Officer Plays Prank on Germans for Benefit of Newspaper Correspondents and Visitors; Fires Lone Shot From Hidden Turret

STILL BOMBARDING CITIES OF BELGIUM

Allies Declare It Does Nothing More Than Waste German Ammunition; Civilians in Little Danger Even Roving on Battle Field

(By United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, June 17.—(By mail.)—A Canadian artillery major played a side-splitting joke on the Germans for the benefit of the three American news association correspondents at the British war front in Belgium last week.

From a commanding elevation and a safe distance the correspondents and the foreign office official who was escorting them had been watching a brisk "straf" between the Canadian batteries and the German big guns on the plain below them.

The Canadians started the row. "Our airmen, you see," explained a Canadian captain, "have located a lot of Bosch dugouts and we're going to bust 'em."

The "straf" was in full blast a few minutes later. The Germans responded enthusiastically.

"Don't stand up so's to show against the skyline," warned the colonel in charge of the party. "The Bosches could land a shell here if they wanted to."

"It isn't this party I'm worried about," he added, "but I don't want to get them in the habit of shelling this position. It would be bad for people who have to be here later."

After a while the "straf" subsided. "Would you like to see one of our batteries?" asked the Canadian captain.

The party declared it would be more than delighted. The hill had to be descended and a big field crossed to get to the battery.

"You three chaps go ahead," said the colonel to the Canadian captain and a couple of the correspondents.

"Now you two," he told the foreign office official and his own aide, after the first trio had gained a lead of 300 feet or so.

"Now, we'll go," he concluded when the official and the aide had made a fair start.

"If we all went in a bunch," he pointed out to the correspondent who accompanied him, "the Bosches might think it worth while to land on us with a whizzbang."

The battery was announced in a burrow which anybody could have passed unconsciously at a dozen-foot distance and an aviator could hardly find with a microscope. It had been there for months, said the major who commanded it.

"Would you like to see a shot fired?" he inquired.

The correspondents and the foreign office official certainly did want to.

Hardly had the shell cleared the gun's muzzle before a funny idea seemed to strike the major and he began to laugh uproariously. The others' eyes turned on him curiously.

"I was just thinking," said the major, "how that one lone shot will puzzle the Bosches. At first they'll think a bombardment's starting. Then, when nothing follows it, they'll get to worrying."

"I'll bet they lose sleep wondering what we fired that single shot for."

"Besides, the bombardment being over, it's just time in the afternoon for 'em to be taking a bite to eat and our shell must have landed just right to muss up the tea things."

Three or four Germans were killed, for all anybody knows, merely to give a good laugh to three correspondents, a foreign office official and a Canadian major.

Earlier the same day the colonel took the correspondents and their guardian official to see one of Belgium's ruined towns.

It must have been once quite a good sized city, handsomely and substantially built, but the German guns had battered it completely to pieces.

Some tottering walls still stood, but there was not a whole building in the place.

"And they're still shelling it," said the colonel, "so don't linger, and when you cross the grand square keep close to what's left of the walls. If a shell

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should fall in the square while we're in it, the walls are some shelter."

"Doesn't it look as if it would do much good to keep on shelling this place," commented a correspondent.

"It does us good," said the colonel, "for it wastes the Bosches' ammunition."

In this town is an emergency hospital in a cellar under a building which has not been quite so badly smashed up as the others. To get to it, you go down through a kind of cinder-ore cellar stairway with a bomb proof cover.

While the party stood talking with the surgeon in charge, a German aeroplane appeared overhead.

"Quick!" cried the colonel; "get cover!"

The tourists dove into the cellar like chipmunks and for about 30 minutes the aeroplane kept them cooped up there.

"The other day a group of Irish Guards stood gaping at an aeroplane just like that," said the colonel, "and in less than two minutes a shell dropped near them. The aviator had wireless their position to a German battery."

This was the nearest the correspondents and the foreign office officials came to being under fire.

The officers they met did their best to make the visitors think they were in awful danger. They were continually saying things like:

"The road we're going over now is shelled every day." "You can't tell what minute a shell will drop here," and "Keep your head down now or you'll draw the Bosches' fire."

But somehow nothing happened.

There's no make-believe concerning the danger involved in crossing the Channel, but there doesn't seem to be much—for civilians—in roving around the battlefields.

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ADDITIONAL LOCAL

J. R. Nugent went to Oklahoma City last night on business.

Harry Ojers returned last night from a trip to Lincoln, Neb.

Marie Toomer, 1015 South 9th St., is reported quite ill today.

C. F. Redann, trainmaster at El Reno, was in Chickasha today.

G. W. Patten and Ben Morgan spent yesterday in Verden on business.

Mrs. H. K. Ellis of Verden is spending the day in Chickasha.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Collins of Nimekah, were trading in the Chickasha stores yesterday.

Mrs. Clarence Miller of near Middleburg was shopping in Chickasha yesterday.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Morris, west of the city, is reported sick.

Mrs. Harry Butcher of Wiburtook is spending a few days in Chickasha with her sister, Mrs. C. T. Streeter.

Mrs. L. E. Pettigrew of Ada is substituting for Mrs. J. H. White in her kindergarten, while the latter is in Wichita, Kansas.

Miss Luella Anderson has accepted a position with Mrs. Antle and Cook for general office work.

Mrs. W. E. Gillespie and son, Guy of Cisco, Texas, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alger Melton, and with other relatives in this city.

Louis Lester expects to leave tomorrow for Crowell, Texas, where he will spend the summer with Mr. and Mrs. A. Briant.

Little Roberta Estes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Estes, is still seriously ill.

Misses Lohanna, Margaret Terrell and Marie Freeman returned yesterday from Alex, where they attended a house party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Click.

R. G. Walker of Alex is attending to business in Chickasha today.

David Willis, a real estate man from Marlow, is a business visitor in the city.

Mrs. Ike Brown is visiting relatives in Ada, Okla. Her sisters, Carrie and Brookline Roach accompanied her home.

G. L. Garrett of Oklahoma City spent yesterday in Chickasha on business.

Mrs. W. H. Hoover of Nimekah was among the out of town shoppers in Chickasha yesterday.

John Major, accompanied by J. L. Lyon, of Oklahoma City, went to Middleburg on business today.

John Grish, accompanying Reford Road, Junior, Willie Dewa and Sam Grish, will make an overland trip to Medicine Park tomorrow.

Mrs. Ed Estes has returned home from Parsons, Kansas, where she has spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Ross Day. Dixie Day accompanied her home.

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