

The Canadian V.C.'s

How Men From Canada Earned the Empire's Highest Tribute for Bravery in the Field of Battle.

CAPTAIN ROBERT SHANKLAND, V.C., D.C.M., 43rd BATTALION.
 For most conspicuous bravery and resource in action under critical and adverse conditions.

Having gained a position, he rallied the remnant of his own platoon and men of other companies, disposed them to command the ground in front, and inflicted heavy casualties upon the retreating enemy. Later he dispersed a counter-attack, thus enabling supporting troops to come up unmolested.

He then personally communicated to battalion headquarters an accurate and valuable report as to the position of the brigade frontage, and after doing so rejoined his command and carried on until relieved.

His courage and splendid example inspired all ranks, and, coupled with his great gallantry and skill, undoubtedly saved a very critical situation.

Capt. Shankland was born in Ayr, Scotland, in 1887. He enlisted as a private in Winnipeg in 1914. He won the D.C.M. at Vimy Ridge.
 (FROM OFFICIAL GAZETTE.)

BY CAROLYN CORNELL.

The taking of Bellevue Spur, near Passchendaele, by the Canadian army in the fall of 1917, was strategically necessary before the troops could dig in for the winter. Up to that time they had occupied a situation which was little better than a musketry trench. The trenches were obliterated. There only remained a few shell holes filled with mud. If Bellevue Spur was not taken the Canadian division on



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that front would have to retreat three miles to take up winter quarters. It was the 43rd Battalion which took the spur and the coup was carried out successfully owing to the gallantry of one of the officers, Capt. Shankland, Robert Shankland.

"It was undoubtedly Shankland's good work that won the day," says Lieut.-Col. William Grassie, who was officer commanding the 43rd Battalion, Cameron Highlanders, at that time. As the taking of Bellevue Spur was the necessary preliminary to the taking of Passchendaele, we may say that on this one man's resource and courage was hinged the success of the whole campaign, and the final establishment of the Canadian line on the high ground at Passchendaele.

The 43rd Battalion went into action Oct. 24th to relieve the New Zealanders, who had been holding that sector of the line. Everybody knew that the attack was coming. At 5.45 o'clock in the morning of Oct. 24th, it was a bad mix-up. The condition of the Canadian trenches was beyond description. The enemy kept up heavy fire, and the Canadians suffered terribly. The next day the punishment continued. The casualties were heavy. Lieut. Shankland had been held back with about 180 men at St. Julien as a reserve. They were sent out on the 25th. The Highlanders kept up the struggle all day. It was win or retreat, and "retreat" was a word unknown to Canadians, as long as there was any left to fight.

The weather conditions during this engagement were awful. The plan on which the Canadian army was entrenched, in mud holes, was swimming with water. There were no nice regular trenches with parapet and parapadee, as we have seen them demonstrated in vacant lots in Canada, or drawn on blackboards. The very awfulness of the situation made them more determined to get to the

Afraid To Tell Mother!

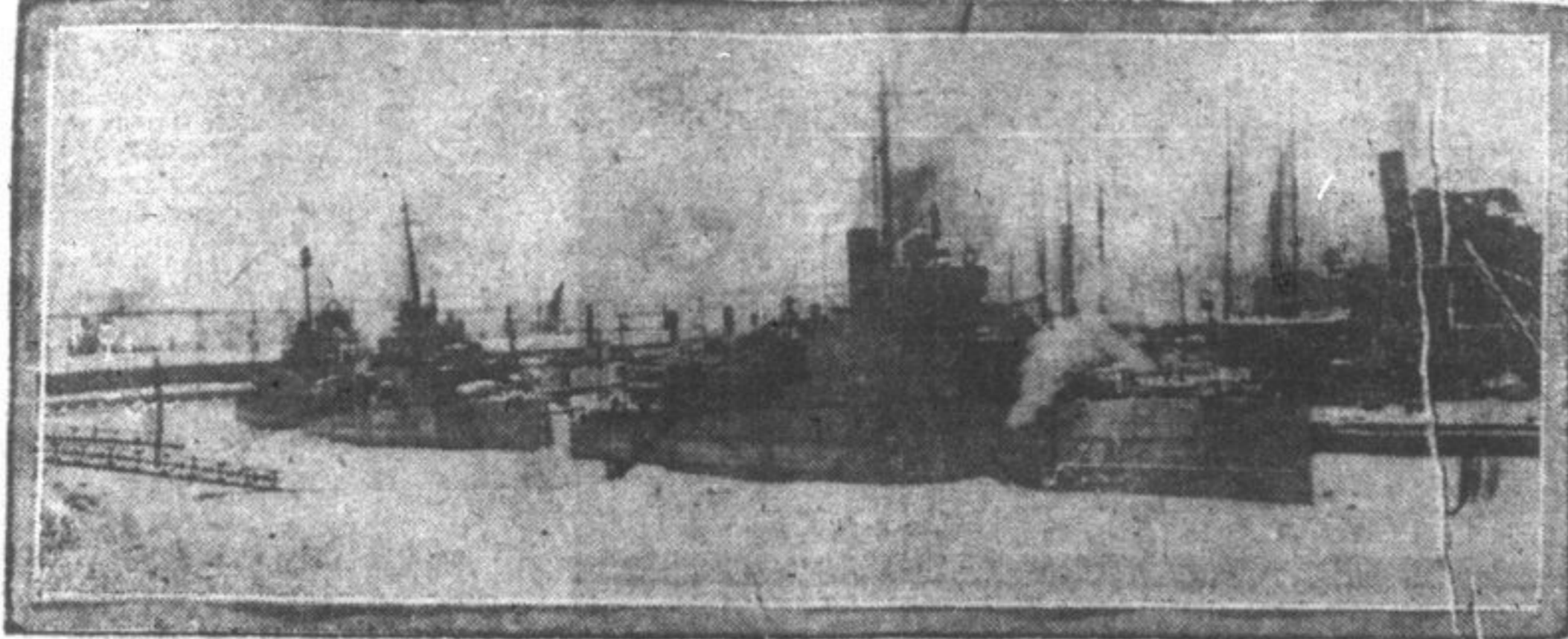
The child won't play or smile. He is real sick. His tongue is white, breath feverish, stomach sour. He fears he is in for a dose of awful castor oil, calomel or pills. How he hates them. He would rather remain sick.

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with all the men who have won a distinction in this war, Capt. Shankland is extremely reserved in speaking about his honors. The facts have been gleaned from eye-witnesses and his superior officers. He now wears the two most coveted decorations of the British army, the V.C. and the D.C.M., which ranks a close second to the Victoria Cross, either decoration to his parents. It was some time after the winning of the D.C.M. that they found it out. During a short leave which he had about that time, he did not mention it to them, and as he was in a Canadian regiment the details were not published in the British dailies. His reserve was just as great with regard to the conferring of the V.C.

"By a strange coincidence," states an Ayr newspaper, "Mr. Shankland, father of the hero, first heard of his son's winning the V.C. from a Canadian chaplain whom he had met with by accident travelling from Glasgow to Ayr on the train, and had chatted with him. Following his usual habit, Capt. Shankland had not mentioned the fact that he had got another military decoration. It was almost a month later that Mr. Shankland received the letter from the chaplain. After relating how he had met Capt. Shankland in Lens, the chaplain continued:

"The man whose name is on everybody's lips here is no other than your son. We were engaged in operations in Flanders, and at the most critical part of the whole thing the 43rd was getting an almost impossible part to do. However, they went at it as only Scottish lads can go, but do what they could they seemed beaten and had to fall back. If they failed the whole thing went to pieces. They actually fell back, but not all for Lieut. Shankland rallied the retreat from part of it and turned it into victory. I was at the front myself that day, and every one who knows agrees that the man who was the means of saving the day and bringing us a brilliant victory was your son. I would have preferred that you should have got the first word from himself, but I know that he would not tell you about it, so I have written the facts to you."

Capt. Shankland has been twice wounded, once slightly and the second time more seriously. On one occasion a bullet which might have caused his death was glanced off by striking a tin candy box which he had in his tunic pocket and which had been sent him from Winnipeg.

The full details of the acts of heroism performed in this war can never be told, but we are glad that once in a while a glimpse is given us of the wonderful skill and courage of the men who have brought victory to the arms of Great Britain. It is necessary that the boys and girls growing up now should know what manner of men and what manner of deeds made up the greatest struggle that the world has ever known. It is an index, to, of what manner of men and women we expect them to be, to prove their right to citizenship in an empire won and held with such great sacrifices and heroism.

Rag Up Thirty Dollars.
 A man took a job at Oldtown, Me., digging holes for telegraph poles. He had been working but a few hours when he unearthed a tin can which was found to contain about \$30 in silver coins. The man dropped his spade and said that he guessed that he wouldn't work any longer, for he had money enough.

When a millionaire tells you how to get rich he never discloses his private scheme.



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War to Peace

Free Artificial Appliances for Disabled Soldiers

EVERY returned soldier, who is an amputation case, is provided by the Government with an artificial limb. He can have that limb repaired, and if necessary, replaced, without expense.

This is one of the many services rendered by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment to the returned soldier.

This department also supplies free "orthopaedic" appliances to correct as far as possible injuries to the feet, legs and arms; also special boots, splints, braces, etc. To those who need them, it also gives free surgical appliances such as trusses, spectacles, spinal supports, glass eyes, abdominal supports.

A Government factory has been established at Toronto to make artificial limbs. Here standard patterns, embodying the best ideas known, are manufactured.

In this work expert advice is given by surgeons who have seen overseas service, and who are in constant touch with similar work in other countries.

An experimental department is maintained for developing practical applications of new ideas, and for testing out all new appliances that become available in Canada or foreign countries.

Repair parts for standard patterns are kept in stock at fitting depots in the following centres: Halifax, Fredericton, St. John, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria.

At these depots there are experienced fitters who make repairs and adjustments under the supervision of surgeons. They also fit to individual patients appliances received in the rough from the factory.

These depots are so located that those requiring renewals, repairs or adjustments, can get them free without travelling long distances. If there is no fitting depot in the patient's town, he is instructed by the Department's Medical Officer to travel to the nearest depot. He is furnished with free first class railway tickets, an allowance to cover meals and other expense, and an allowance to apply against loss of time from his work. If he must remain there for longer than a week he is maintained at the Department's expense, and he and his dependents receive the same allowances as if he were in hospital.

Artificial limbs, orthopaedic and surgical appliances are furnished free only when their issue is authorized by a Medical Officer of the Department. These representatives are listed alongside.

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