REMINISCENCES OF A GRENADIER, 1914-1919

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649690169

Reminiscences of a Grenadier, 1914-1919 by E. R. M Fryer

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd. Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

E. R. M FRYER

REMINISCENCES OF A GRENADIER, 1914-1919



In Demy Svo., Specially Designed Cloth Cover, with 14 fullpage Illustrations by A. Pearse, 5s. net.

BOLTS AND BARS

BY

F. C. VERNON HARCOURT

Author of "The Devil's Derelicts," etc.

Daily Telegraph says:-

"As mere pictures of prison life these powerful and effectively-written tales by Mr. F. C. Vernon Harcourt are positively fascinating in their realism. They are far more interesting, far more vivid and attractive, than nineteen-twentieths of the average detective and criminal stories which have come into fashion in the past twenty years, and constitute now so large a portion of the current literary output. There is, moreover, a purpose in each one of these masterly tales, a purpose with which every thoughtful and thinking man cannot but sympathise. is scarcely an exaggeration, says Mr. Vernon Harcourt, 'to assert that every prison throughout the length and breadth of this Christian land is a standing monumnent to the non-success of all past and present systems of criminal administration.' And with every word of this and his admirable introduction we cordially agree. . . There is no type of offender, no form or aspect of prison life, which Mr. Vernon Harcourt has not studied and turned to account in his vivid and fascinating volume. commend it, with its powerful introduction, to every reader who admires realism in fiction, and can appreciate fiction based upon reality. No better pictures of prison life have ever been written in this country, and the evils of the present penal system were never more graphically and interestingly laid bare."

London : DIGBY, LONG & CO., 16, Bouverie St., Fleet St., E.C.

Univ. of California

REMINISCENCES OF A GRENADIER

REMINISCENCES

OF A LABORAGE

GRENADIER

1914-1919

E. R. M. FRYER

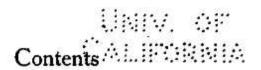


Digby, Long & Co.

16, Bouverie Street, Fleet Street, E.C.

1640 F83

DALIFORNIA California



CHAP.							PAGE
I.	THE EARLY DAYS .		***		***	***	1
II.	AT VARIOUS BASES .		See.		***	***	9
III.	THE WAR AT LAST.		met.	ee.	3.00	***	15
IV.	IN THE TRENCHES:	WOL	VERGI	NA MER	KEME	IEL	
	(TO BND OF 1914)			***			20
V.	MORE KENMEL			•••			29
VI.	ST. ELOI AND THE C	CADE	T Sci	HOOL			36
VII.	EARLY DAYS AS A G	REN	DIER	244			41
VIII.	CUINCRY AND GIVEN	CHY				***	48
IX.	THE GUARDS' DIVE	HON	AND	THE B	ATTLE	OF	
	Loos		***	***	***	***	54
X.	THE 3RD BATTALION	AND	THE	Новв	NZOLIJ	RN	
	REDOUBT		***	ter	***		62
XI.	LAVENTIE		**				76
XII.	YPRES, 1916		***	***		***	82
XIII.	YPERS, 1916 (CONTIN	(TED)	***	2004	22.		95
XIV.	THE BATTLE OF THE	Sol	MEE	***	200		103
XV.	SAILLY SAILLIBEL AN	ND S	r. Pi	BRRE V	AAST		122
XVI.	THE GERMAN RETIE	EME	NT AN	D APT	ER		135
XVII.	YPRES SALIENT, 191	7	***			***	141
KVIII.	THE PILKEN OFFEN	SIVE			***	***	149
XIX.	THE PILKEN OFFEN	SIVE	(CON	TINUED]			161
XX.	SIX MONTHS AT HO	MB				.,.	174
XXI.	BOIRY ST. MARTIN	•••	***	•••		***	178
XXII.	THE 1918 OFFENSIV	B : ()) Mo	TENNE	VILLE		187
KXIII.	THE 1918 OFFENSIV	B: (2	CA	NAL DU	NORD		206
XXIV.	THE 1918 OFFENSIV	R: (3) Es	TOURKE	L TO		
	MAUBRUGE	***			***	***	217
XXV.	THE MARCH TO GE			***	***	***	233
XXVI.	COLOGNE: AND HOL	ME A	GAIN				238

Reminiscences of a Grenadier

CHAPTER I

THE BARLY DAYS

EVERYONE knows how the War started; if they don't, it is through their own idleness, as books on the subject are legion; I do not propose, therefore, to do more than tell how it started for me and for many more harmless civilians at that time employed in peaceful occupations.

The London Season had just come to its allotted end, a season perhaps more magnificent than any of its forerunners. Everyone had given themselves up to amusement; this, indeed, seemed to be the sole object of existence. Whether people had any foreboding of the misery that was to descend on the world I know not, but I remember often feeling that something vague was going to happen, and that the season of 1914 was going to be the last of its kind.

Reminiscences of a Grenadier

Well, as the last joined schoolboy knows, the War for us started on August 4th, we being forced to declare war on Germany, it taking effect from midnight of that date.

I shall not easily forget the scene outside Buckingham Palace that night; the Palace was surrounded by cheering, enthusiastic crowds, all shouting themselves hoarse and singing patriotic songs—in fact, doing all the things the phlegmatic Englishman is supposed never to do.

Next day I went to the City as usual, but was put to work on the new Government War Risks scheme, the insuring of ships at more reasonable rates than the insurance companies were able to give. That day and the next I spent answering questions for shippers and ship-owners of all nationalities, and precious boring it was too!

Whether it was boredom or patriotism which drove me into the Army I don't know, but next day, the 7th, I set off on a tour of the Territorial Regiments in London to try and get someone to take me in. The Inns of Court wouldn't look at anyone who hadn't previously been a soldier of