

World War One News



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The Western Front. The French, Belgium, and British Allies have been engaged during the past week in trench fighting and have made progress in 9 certain directions, consolidating positions hitherto secured. German attacks on French and British lines have been repulsed.

The Eastern Front. The Russians, after having been driven out of East Prussia with heavy losses, turned upon the German forces at Prasnysz and defeated them, capturing thousands of prisoners, guns, and stores. In the Carpathian Mountains, between Galicia and Hungary, the Austrians on Sunday suffered heavy losses. In Bukovina, on the borders of Romania, the Russians are again advancing against the Austrians and have partly occupied Czenowjtz, a few miles from the Romanian frontier.

The Dardanelles. The French and British squadrons have destroyed the outer forts of the Dardanelles. Landing parties have occupied the forts of Kum Kale and Seddul Bahr, from which the Turkish garrisons fled. Some 5,000 Turks are stated to have been killed and wounded in the bombardment of the forts, while the British losses were but three killed and a few wounded.

Borth Local News "Mrs J. Morgans of Brynowen Terrace has received the Princess Mary Gift Box from her brother, **Sapper Wm. Richards R.M.R.E** (Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers) from the front". **Princess Mary** was the seventeen year old daughter of **George V** and **Queen Mary**. She appealed for money to give every serving man a box for Christmas 1914.

The boxes were brass. Inside was a pipe, lighter, 1oz. of tobacco, 20 cigarettes all wrapped in yellow monogrammed paper, and a greetings card. Non-smokers had a bullet pencil and a packet of sweets. The box was five inches by three and a quarter inches wide by one and a half inches deep small enough to fit in a pocket. The box was quite pretty enough for his family to keep as a souvenir.

Wounded 21st July 1916 **Sapper Wm. Richards R.M.R.E.** who went out to France with the expeditionary force, is home on leave, having been wounded in the head and arm, he was in hospital for seven months.

Mr A. C. de Boinville whose house volunteer's have to sign-on in, has been ill, fortunately he is amongst us again after a severe illness".

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