

Freedom Lost and Regained

Padre Durnford Thanks God For Lesson Learned in Holland After Blood Bath of Italy

The people of Canada don't know anything about losing freedom, much less having to suffer, fight and die for it," Major R. C. Durnford, D.S.O., chaplain of the Seaforth Highlanders, Canadian Army regiment, declared in an address before the Women's Canadian Club Saturday at luncheon. The celebrated padre, speaking from his war diary, described graphically sanguinary experiences during the campaign through Sicily and Italy. There had been cause to doubt the worthwhileness of it all but such doubt was utterly dispelled when one saw the utter devotion of the people of Holland on the occasion of their deliverance. "Thank God for the lesson 'Holland,' he declared. "There learned what freedom lost and how restored, really meant. I had but hope that I can convey to you people here at home, here I myself am so happy to again, some idea of the great which you and I owe to the men who fought and who will ever come back, those men who made the greatest of sacrifice that we might retain and cherish freedom which they so dearly fought."

Describing the battle of Sicily, Padre Durnford told of the supreme importance of the elements of mobility and firing power. He described the primitive conditions under which the people of Sicily lived. It was a country typified by extreme squalor and poverty.

The padre described the difference between the resistance of the Italian soldiers, who regularly surrendered, and the Germans, who were silent, sullen, unresponsive, asking no quarter and giving none.

The Italians and Sicilians virtually cried for food and clothing. Their extreme need had driven them to such callous acts that they would dig up the bodies of the dead Canadian soldiers in order that they might move their boots. They were

deceptive and extraordinarily greedy. Grim accounts were given by the padre of the hours spent in burying the dead after vicious and costly battles, men stripped to the waist under pitiless sun, faces pale and bloody, eyes with far-away look, tearfully participating in the interment of their comrades.

"My God," exclaimed the chaplain, "It was unforgettable. If you had been there, if you had watched men die as I did, you would not have to be persuaded to buy bonds, let me tell you."

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 - 1:45—Words With Music.
 - 2:00—Silent.

It was in Holland where any doubts the padre might have had as to the worthwhileness of it all were completely dispelled. "I have nothing but the greatest respect for those brave people of Holland. They had the spirit to fight, above ground and below. They knew the despair of losing freedom and the joy of regaining it. And for the part they played in restoring it, the men of Canada will have the lasting appreciation of the Dutch. Canada will be a name to be forever revered in Holland."

Even in defeat German officers, coming to treat for suspension of hostilities so that food might be gotten through to the starving people of Amsterdam and The Hague, had been arrogant and truculent. As soon as they saw the Russian officers, however, perspiration broke out on their foreheads. It was then

that the Germans showed signs of complete breaking. Scenes of joy and welcome in Holland were so intense as to be undecipherable, declared the speaker. The people of Holland had seen the depths of cruelty and barbarism to which Nazi warfare descended. They had seen enslavement and atrocities most brutal and inhuman. Little wonder was it that their joy on liberation was so ecstatic and unrestrained. Nothing else was needed to convince one of the worthwhileness of the war despite the terrible sacrifices it had involved.

There was a large attendance at the luncheon which was presided over by Mrs. Nora Arnold, the president. Bishop J. B. Gibson pronounced the blessing.

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NATIVE PARTICIPATION MOMBASA, Kenya, (P) — Representatives of African tribes are being asked to take part in conversations with administrative officers and local native councils in Kenya with a view to considering how tribal organizations can play a greater part in the administration and control of native land.

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By ANNE ASHLEY

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