

# THE WAR.

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## ANOTHER GREAT PUSH.

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We made another advance east of Ypres on Wednesday morning, thus resuming the offensive in five days, and making a considerable gain—at any rate in the value of the defences captured.

On Thursday Sir Douglas Haig's troops held fast to their new line, notwithstanding repeated and violent counter-attacks. The slopes of Hill 40, just north of Zonnebeke, the ruins of the railway station, north-east of the village, and the ground around Cameron House have been the scenes of some very severe fighting, while it is said that the capture of the redoubt of the Polygon Wood, to which the Germans attached great importance, will remain one of the most glorious and splendid feats of arms to the credit of the Australians.

The *Matin* describes a heroic feat by some British troops. As the battalions, which had received the enemy's attacks had to bear the brunt of the offensive their commander decided to replace them by fresh troops. These battalions, as one man, without any previous arrangement, energetically refused to be replaced, giving as their reason that the previous day's effort was an excellent preparation for that day's assault.