

ALLIES FEED THEIR SOLDIERS VERY THOROUGHLY

DAMAGE DONE BEST HOTEL IN SCARBOROUGH IN THE DARING RAID OF THE GERMAN SHIPS.



Photographs showing the damage done to the buildings in Scarborough and the east coasts of England by the raid of the German warships on December 16 have just reached the United States. This one shows the result of the bombardment of the Hotel Royal, the summer house at Scarborough. This was the finest hotel in Scarborough, which is one of the best known watering places in England. The German battleships stood off in the open sea some miles out and threw shell after shell into the buildings of the town. Several of them struck the hotel and the hole here shown was through the rooms of a guest.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

With the French army at the front, Nov. 30. (By mail to New York).—Probably no army in the world, actually in the field, was ever better fed than is that of the Allies.

Every French soldier in the field is entitled to 23 1-3 ounces of bread a day; 3 1-3 ounces of rice, beans or peas; 10 ounces of meat; 1 1-3 ounces of sugar; one ounce lard; 2-3 ounces salt and a little more than 2-3 ounce of coffee.

These articles constitute the daily ration under ordinary conditions. There are times, however, when circumstances are extraordinary, when fresh meat, new bread, dried vegetables and regular coffee can not be delivered daily to the soldiers. Under such conditions the French fighting man falls back on his "reserve" rations, which are:

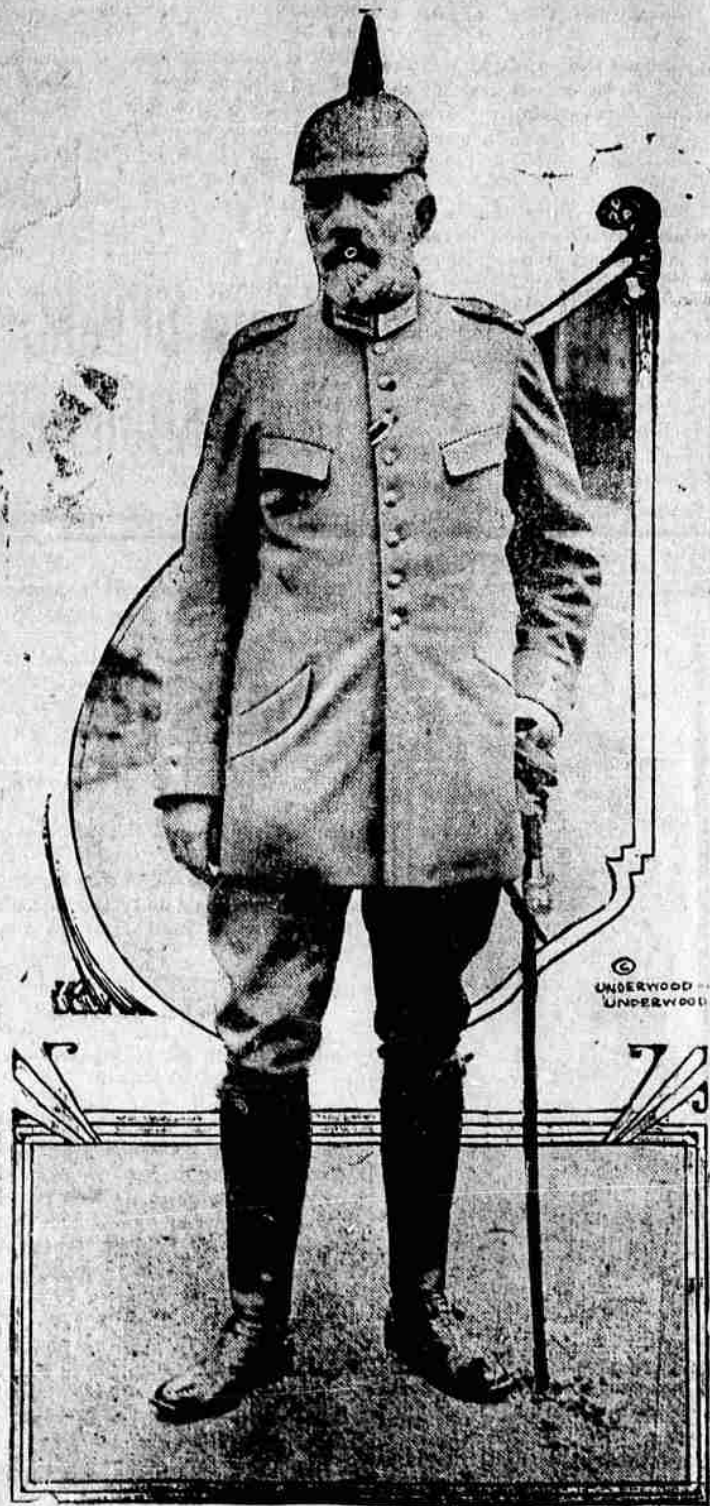
Ten ounces of "biscuit," or "war bread" as hard tack is known in the French army; 10 ounces of canned meat; 2 2-3 ounces of sugar 1 2-3 ounces of soup essence, in cube form; 1 1-4 ounces of essence of coffee, also in cube form, and .0625 litre (1-16 of a quart) of brandy.

Back of the fighting line the French soldier has never had to fall back on his coffee bean; his fresh bread and the rest. Furthermore these things are quite good. I have lived for days with the private soldiers and eaten their food, so can give personal testimonial as to its excellence. I have eaten their "reserve" food also, their canned meats ("monkey-meat," the soldiers call it) and tackled their hard tack; drunk their "cub" coffee and perhaps of the bullion made of their soup cubes. It is all wholesome and nutritious. The brandy is good and stimulating and, administered in medicinal doses, as the good Marianne of France administers it, can not harm the brave fellows standing in trenches which are hot and cold at one and the same time. Some of this brandy is of the "calvados" brand and is made of fine, lusty apples, and in sipping it, the smell and taste of the apple are quite noticeable.

The revictualing of the Allies, under ordinary circumstances, is carried on by England and France separately. That is France feeds her own troops and England feeds hers. It rarely happens—though the circumstance, is not unknown—that French have to feed the English or vice versa. The English eat more tinned foods than the French, one reason being their means of transport is more difficult. They also consume tea in enormous quantities whereas the French are little addicted to the tea habit. In France I heard this story of an English mother who had just received a letter from her son at the front:

"My poor boy!" the mother distractedly exclaimed, "he is undergoing enormous sacrifices and hardships. He writes me that a few days ago he was obliged to go from 9 o'clock in the morning until six that evening

NEWEST PHOTOGRAPH OF GERMAN CHANCELLOR.



This is the latest and best photograph of Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg yet published in the United States. It shows him in his field uniform with the ribbon of the Iron Cross on his coat. The cross is hidden under the coat.

Through the many changes reported, and which have taken place without lunch and no tea was served that day at all!

Were the war to stop at this moment my mental picture of a British soldier would be a very healthy looking individual standing by the side of a newly opened packing case eat-

ing roast beef from a tin. I have seen him at numerous points along the line and it seems to me he is always eating.

The Frenchman has two meals a day plus his morning coffee. The two big meals are at, or around 11

o'clock in the morning and 5:30 or 6 o'clock in the afternoon, usually his meat and vegetables are served together, as they are cooked, the mixture being a stew prepared in huge pots or boilers. His ration is served him by the cook who ladles out a piece of meat and the regulation amount of rice, beans or peas, in his "gamelle," or casserole, which is part of his equipment. If you have ever seen a picture of a French soldier in full marching order you have noticed this utensil strapped to the top of his knapsack. He eats his meals with his pocket knife or fingers unless he has provided himself with one of the many varieties of collapsible knives and forks.

But where all does this food come from: How does it arrive at the front. How is the food collected and handled; who baked the bread, where and how?

In France there are some 20 revictualing stations well out of harm's way back of the line. Then there is what is called a "control," which bureau unifies the thing and prevents too much of any material going to one station and too little to another.

Long before war was declared the war department had tabulated the average output of food stuffs in each department of France. It was understood that, in case of war, each department was to furnish so much of this or that article. The thing works automatically now that it is started, the government paying the departments for everything as it is bought. The departments send to pre-arranged destinations, otherwise to a certain one of the score of revictualing stations.

Coffee, tea, part of her flour and so on, France buys abroad and the revictualing stations are supplied from central warehouses in the various ports.

The revictualing stations handle flour, but not wheat. The flour is made into bread at these stations, fans of gigantic ovens, in long rows being employed, soldiers, formerly bakers, doing the work.

The flour goes first to the station warehouses, upon its arrival. From there it is taken to a "standardizing" room above the mixing pans. In this room, flours from the United States, South America, Canada, Russia, France and elsewhere, are mixed, or blended so that the quality will always be the same; were this not so one soldier would get a loaf of superb white bread while his bunkie got a dark-looking and less palatable loaf. By blending the flour of all nations, the ultimate loaf is standardized. The flour is poured out upon a metal covered floor and mixed with shovels.

Nearby, are holes in the floor. These holes are chutes leading to the giant, cast-iron dough-mixers below. These mixers are steam-operated, great paddles and wheels turning and working the dough to the proper consistency. Once properly worked the bread is put into a basket holding about 200 pounds and passed on to the weighers and then to the ovens.

I have the word of the soldiers themselves that they get all they want to eat and that what they get is "good."

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