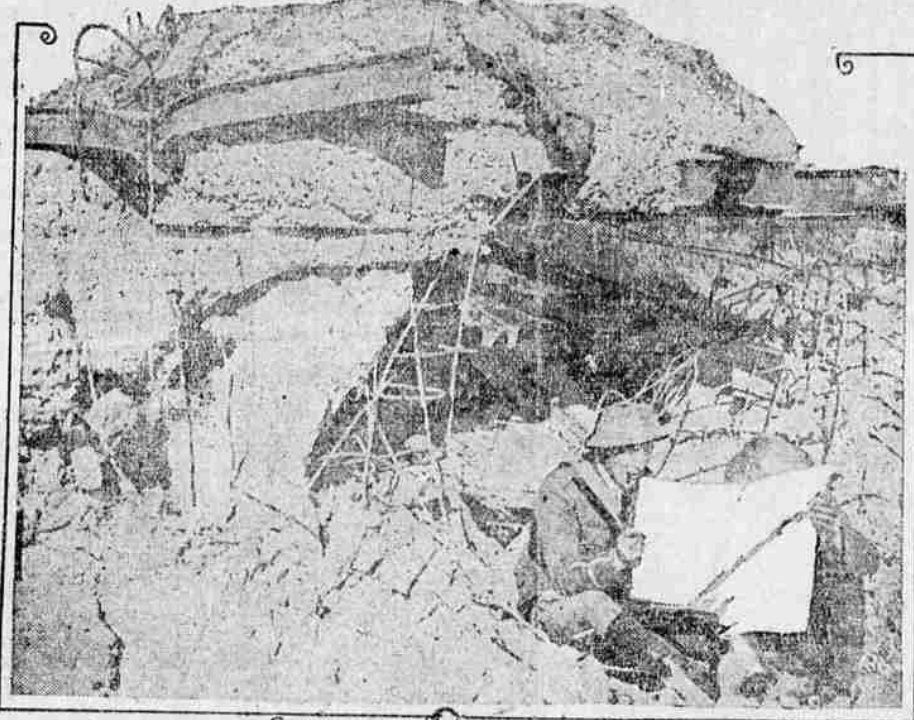


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DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



A NEWSPAPER FROM GOOD OLD U. S.



The fighters in this picture are Tommies. But the newspaper which they're devouring so eagerly is from "back home" in the United States of America. For these Tommies were recruited in America by the British recruiting mission. The machine-gun "pillbox" behind them is one taken from the Germans in a recent drive by Field Marshal Haig. It's now behind the British lines.

RAW U. S. RECRUITS MADE GUN EXPERTS

Americans in France Know Every Part of Weapons Expert Secret of "75."

TRAINING IS MOST THOROUGH

No Hint of Ammunition for Practice Work—Target Shooting in the Morning, Machine-Gun Instruction in the Afternoon, Is the Program.

An American Artillery Camp in France—Firing stops at eleven o'clock every morning. By that time every gun captain has finished his allotment of shells for the day. It does happen sometimes that a gun breaks down, and in that case its shells are distributed among its neighbors. There is no record of a battery commander who has been kept on a bound boy allowance of ammunition by his own government failing to take advantage of the prodigious gun privileges which war has given him. He is right, of course. The more shells he shoots the sooner his battery will be fit for action, writes Herbert Corey in the Chicago News.

The better part of an hour is used in getting into camp for luncheon. The meal itself is over at one o'clock. Then business starts again. The afternoon program never includes firing, but deals with the fundamentals of learning how to fire. The men take the guns apart and put them together again. They know just what part each bit of metal plays, so that when it comes to function the gunners will know what is wrong. The officers are at work at other things. Some are taking a course of map making, some are at wireless telegraphy and others are scattered about the other schools.

"Let us have a look at the three-inch school," said the colonel.

A machine shop had been turned over to the use of the specialists in the French "solonite-quint" field piece. The French officer who acted as instructor here is one of the finest artillerymen of the French army.

Secret of Efficiency.

One part only of the seventy-five is not taken down—the recoil mechanism, in which lies the secret of the wonderful efficiency of the piece. Before the war it was a secret in reality.

Nowadays, of course, the secret is a secret no longer. The Germans have captured hundreds of seventy-fives, and know it inside and out. But the recoil mechanism is so delicately adjusted

that no attempt is ever made to repair it in the field. If it breaks down, it is taken off the gun and sent to the nearest factory for readjustment. In the next shop, where the clutch guns are being elucidated to the new-born soldiers, everything is shown.

It should be thoroughly understood at home that the artillery, along with every other branch of the army here, is making wonderful progress toward fitness, but it must also be understood that these men are not to be hurried into the trenches for permanent occupation. They are physically fit as prize fighters, but they are still short of the full knowledge required of them.

In normal times, the artillery has been the corps d'élite of the American army, but today it is suffering from the same lack of preparation which characterizes every other branch of the service—a lack of preparation which must not be charged against the army here. In the artillery units here—

Each regiment is short thirty officers of its quota.

Not more than 5 per cent of the men have served more than one enlistment.

Not more than 20 per cent of the men have served as much as one year.

The vast majority of the men were absolutely new to the army. A comparative few have been in service as much as six months.

Superior as a Body.

On the credit side of the account it may be stated that the men are of an extraordinarily fine type. As a body they are superior in the way to any European organization I have seen, and I have seen them all except the Romanians.

But the artillery organizations are suffering from the handicap of a lack of previous experience in bulk. The artillery must be a highly skilled specialist. The greater part of the officers at this camp are either new to the army or new to the service with the guns. The work of development is further checked by the shortage of officers previously referred to—a shortage which is added to by the new demands made by modern war.

More officers must be detached as observers than had previously been the case. The training of these officers necessarily removes them from immediate contact with their units, where they are so badly needed. They are being taught aerial observation in balloons and airplanes at a time when under the previous scheme of organization they should be serving with their men. This is not sounding a note of pessimism. The program made is magnificent. It is obvious that a more rapid progress would be made if the regimental quota of officers were filled.

British Decorations for Nurses.

London.—A ribbon decoration for nurses and civilian hospital workers is to be awarded shortly by the British military authorities.

SATIN HATS, SPRING STYLE

Touchees of High-Colored Braid and Combinations of Velvet Promise to Be Quite the Vogue.

For early spring wear, according to the bulletin of the Hat Millinery Association of America, the opinion is expressed that satin hats with touches of braid in high colors, or satin hats combined with velvet, will be quite the vogue.

For immediate use white hats are coming to the fore. Sometimes they are of white satin combined with white panne velvet, while others show white satin with facings of black velvet.

White bonneting, a material that has not been used for some time, is coming back into style. It is seen in hats made entirely of this material, as well as in hats that combine bonneting with black velvet facings. All of the bonneting hats seen are tailored effects, and are trimmed with seal fur, balls, pom-poms and bands.

Pastle hats in white panne velvet with gold trimmings are seen, as are white panne velvet shapes, combined with silver cloth and trimmed with small silver flowers.

The bulletin also says that fur and fur combination hats are doing well in the high-priced goods, while in cheaper hats there is a demand for French helmet effects in panne velvet combined with satin in white and colors. Nutria fur is used to decorate the edges.

FASHION'S FANCIES

Hudson seal and velvet are beautiful combined.

It is a season of most wondrous richness and simplicity.

Black velvet skirts are worn with spangled and embroidered blouses.

Soldier and civilian—man, woman and child—all wear the wrist watch.

Black tulle handkerchiefs with gold tulle makes a charming combination.

Brown shoes are coming in strongly, because of the military trend.

Mail and style of velvet trimmed with fur will be fashionable this winter.

The mandarin sleeve was strongly featured at the Paris opening.

Brooches are seen in just a few of a given color, such as blue or orange.

Seamless, soft, lace-like man-made silk and all are favored for materials.

Flow Shades in Neckwear.

The newest shades in neckwear are ten and come in the first a delicate shade just off the white, the other a deep rose.

The picture that has been endorsed by the Illinois Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers Associations, "The Mother Goose" at the Star Saturday only. 12-27-28.

PERSONAL MENTION

J. A. Horan of Joseph is at the Foley hotel.

J. J. Brugger and L. A. Stook of Elgin are guests at the Foley.

W. C. Nadeau, of Union, is in the city registered at the Foley.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Atkins returned

home after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Underwood.

Walter Galloway left this morning for Enterprise where he will assist with the music for the dance which is to be given tonight.

Cullen Friewold of Alice is registered at the Foley.

C. H. Gesek, of Tacoma, Wash., is registered at the Foley. He will wrestle tonight at the Arcade.

MARRIED—At the parsonage of the First Methodist church on Spring avenue, December 27, by the Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, rector of St. Peter's church, Mr. Jesse E. Smith to Miss Dorothy McHaffy, both of Elgin.

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HELP WANTED

WANTED—Housekeeper, for myself and daughter, J. C. Hart, 1607 Seventh St. Red 3181. 12-26-31.

NUMBER YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN wanted to prepare for telegraph service to help fill vacancies caused by unusual drafting of men for war; positions guaranteed. Call or write Telegraph Department, Room 506 Panama Bldg., Portland, or Railway Telegraph Institute, Spokane, Wash. 12-12-17.

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FOUND—A watch and clasp. Owner can call and prove property at the Observer office and pay for this advertisement. 12-22-17.

LOST—An auto coming between La Grande and Geo. Wells' ranch. Return to Bohlenkamp. 12-22-31.

LOST—One bay gelding, coming three years old, branded (bar G) on left shoulder; last seen near the Myers ranch near Union, Oregon. W. H. GLENN, Imbler, Oregon. 12-21-17.

LOST—Three colts, coming two year olds, unbranded, 1 bay mare colt with small white spot in forehead; 1 brown horse colt with white spot in forehead. Send information to G. F. Miller, Alice, R. F. D. No. 1. 12-19-26.

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