

# HOW A SOLDIER FEELS IN FIGHT

### Alabama Sergeant Gives Graphic Description of the Hell of War.

## DIG BATTLE AS HE SAW IT

#### Inferno of Noise, Confusion and Death—Barrage and Gas—"Gott" With the Germans but Americans With French.

Anniston, Ala.—Here is the description of a big battle as it impressed itself upon the mind of Sgt. Lawrence Hopkins of Oxford:

"They're off! It sends a thrill through you as you hear their cry and rise up and find yourself in a crowd of men; pausing a moment to light our pipes or cigarettes and we are hurrying forward with glistering steel in our hands to meet the foe.

"If it were not for these other men moving along heavily laden to keep pace with the barrage one might well stand in amazement at a wilderness suddenly become crowded with swaying humanity, bravely attempting to weather the furious storm.

"The big guns roll like heavy thunder, the little field batteries answer with a deaf, shells scream, whistle, howl, according to their moods.

"The quick staccato coughing of machine guns goes on unceasingly all around you and is swallowed up in its echoes. There is a spatter of rifle bullets as they whiz by you and you wonder that you are untouched. Barbed wire tears our clothes to pieces; mud sticks them together again. Birds fly at our feet and from the sky whined airplanes swoop down. Spitfire tanks plod on behind, crashing and crushing; burning, boiling oil sends flames leaping to the clouds; molten phosphorus is poured into ditches. There is gas to blind and choke you.

"There are laughs and cries; the laugh of a comrade as he struggles on, or the cry of another as he drops his rifle and puts his hand to his heart—his last cry. There is the yell of the hunter, the wild-crying despair of the hunted. The plunk of the mortars and the burst of the bombs add to the tumult of the storm.

"Stretcher bearers rush to and fro, running zig-zag across the battlefield with their messages. Then I drop into a shell hole, the cold sweat running off my face, and breathe. Take your compass out, get direction adjusted and when the barrage lifts I dive into the trench again—and so on. Germans are scarce; they are down below. Moppers up behind will deal with them. Over broken trenches and torn ground, slipping, falling, sprawling, I go for our objective. As the curtain of fire and smoke passes over the village we make the final spurt forward and dig like h—!

"Germans Fear Americans. The noise increases, the guns get more snappy, shells and showers of mud and dirt are falling all around you. The devil seems to be raking out his furnaces, the sky seems to crash down on you, then my head swims, my arms fall to my sides, my legs grow limp and I drop down as I hastily don my gas mask. And when I open my eyes and find myself I am on a stretcher and someone with a smile all over his bronzed face offers me a cigarette.

"Yes, we ran the Huns for six days and five nights, and I did not want to eat or sleep. I tell you it was grand and if I hadn't been gassed I feel like I could still be running them. We started in on the 24th day of July, my birthday, and, mother, dear, I took no prisoners.

"A German officer said to his men: 'Why do you run? Is not Gott mit you?' And the German soldiers answered: 'Yes, but the Americans are mit the French.'

## WITH THE COLORS

Leo McDowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McDowell of La Grande, writes under date of November 29:

"Dear Father and Mother: I will tell you a little of where I have been. I was in Chateau Thierry in June and up to July 16. I was in the drive at Soissons July 18, 19 and 20, and on the St. Mihiel salient drive that started September 12. I went onto the Champagne front October 1 and stayed there until the 25th, going direct to the Argonne and was in the finish there when the armistice was signed.

"Since then we have crossed part of Belgium and are now in Luxembourg on the way to the Rhine, but hope to get back to the old U. S. A. soon. Our regimental colors are to be decorated with the Croix de Guerre, the French war cross.

"This is the day after Thanksgiving. We had a very good dinner yesterday, but would have enjoyed it far better at home.

"I have been in five active campaigns and on two great fronts. I guess that is enough for the old Second Division. This is the division that the marines are with, so if you look over some of the old papers you can see what we have done. I have seen our name in many of the papers you have sent to me—in The Observer.

"I can tell you that I am very glad that it is over. It is no joke to have Fritz throwing shells at you about the size of a rain barrel. While we have been on the move up here we have seen many released prisoners going toward France. They seemed very glad to get back. I asked one Englishman how long he had been in Germany and he said 'Just six months—too damned long'—and I guess he was right."

"A second letter, dated December 15, is written from Nauwied, Germany: 'I have arrived on the Rhine river, on the far bank. We crossed on the 13th at Remagen, about fifteen miles below here.

"We have traveled 220 miles since November 17th and that means hiding all the way with a full pack. I have no idea how long the allies will occupy the 13th at Remagen, about fifteen miles below here.

"We were around Limoy and Thincourt, but not close to Grand Pre.

"The German people are not at all hostile to the American troops, but most of them are very much the other way. We have been billeted in many private houses and they cannot do too much for us. Even the discharged soldiers, of which the country is full as they seem to have sent the most of them home, are the same way.

"But talk about kids—there are more children to every house here than in a whole block in the United States.

"I think the hospital unit is not far from here as they were right behind us in Luxembourg. The old brigade took this way and I hope it leads across the pond.

"This company was the fifth company in the column on the hike. 'One battalion of marines was ahead of us. We crossed the river with the first battalion of the Ninth infantry. This is the only division the marines are in, so when you see in the papers the marines mentioned that means that a part of the Second Engineers were there, too.'

Leo McDowell passed through La Grande March 2, 1918, from Camp Lewis, going direct to England and thence to France.

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