

AMERICANS BUILD BIGGEST WAR BASE

Tremendous Preparations Are Made to Care for American Army in France.

PLANS STUN IMAGINATION

Warehouses Located to Supply Army Anywhere on Front Within Shortest Times—Roads Built From Ports.

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AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Sept. 7, via Paris, Sept. 8.—In a five days' trip, during which our automobiles covered 500 miles, I have been able to gain some slight conception of the gigantic organization which is being built up on the lines of communications of the American expeditionary force.

Today there exists only the barest skeleton of a structure which its architects intend will provide for every need of the great armies that will cross the Atlantic in the months to come. Many girders are not yet in place. There are entire departments of the framework missing in the framework. But enough has been done already, thanks to the swift efficiency of the builders and the energetic co-operation of the French counsellors, to permit one to visualize without difficulty the immensity of it all.

Plans Stun Imagination. What I have seen is interesting, encouraging, sometimes impressive; what I expect to see a few months hence is overwhelming. The plans which this trip reveal to me stun the imagination as they are carried to completion, as they will be unless their authors fail to obtain the whole-hearted support they ask of the people at home, the American lines communicating in France—and that means everything pertaining to the army's requirements behind the firing line—will be the most stupendous undertaking a world at war has ever seen.

It will be an organization greater than the French, because France has an enemy in her rear that yearns to can supply her police needs from hundreds of bases within a few hours of the front; an organization greater than the British, because the British front is separated from England only by the comparatively narrow English Channel; greater than the German, because of Germany's interior lines of communication.

Vast Depots to Be Created. The problem general Pershing and the men helping him here and at Washington are working out is not confined to simply getting supplies across the ocean. Equally difficult is the business of bringing the supplies ashore quickly without dangerously congesting the two or three ports assigned to the Americans by the French government, blocking railroads or straining the capacities of quartermasters' bases in the interior of the country.

The first of these perils must be met by enlarging the pier and warehouse accommodations at the ports; the second, by laying down literally thousands of miles of special roadbed; the third, by creating depots in every available spot on so vast a scale that they can never become overcrowded.

From the American front all roads must necessarily lead to the harbors to which come the trans-Atlantic transports. The lines must be direct and as possible in order to avoid long railroad hauling. This implies the maximum of concentration. On the other hand, over-concentration, too, must be shunned.

Many Stores Required. There is no town or city in France big enough comfortably to hold all the supplies that will be required to feed and munition 1,000,000 men. Therefore field bakeries must be established in place of reserves in another, medical stores in a third and ammunition in many others. All these places, however, must be in or near the heart of the front, stretching from the sea to the firing line, a good many hundred miles away.

The problem of finding bases grows harder the nearer one gets to the front for the best locations naturally have long since been pre-empted by the French Army. Nevertheless, the General Staff, in its present planning, has the French weeks ago found a sufficient number of towns well suited by reason of their position and railroad facilities to house all the innumerable services behind the lines.

Pershing's Headquarters Busy. The first town we visited on the tour just ended was one which will become memorable in American history as the headquarters of the commandant-in-chief of the first American troops to fight on European soil. The comfortable mansion in which it is likely General Pershing will live for many months, perhaps years, was shown to me, as well as the great buildings set at the disposal of his staff. For obvious reasons detailed descriptions of these structures are barred. There is nothing to be said about them in any event. They do not differ radically from similar buildings in towns of 20,000 or 30,000 population at home, save that there is less plumbing and better architecture.

At present they are being riddled with apertures through which hundreds of telegraph and telephone wires will be strung in the next few days. Many hours distant from the "American Great General Headquarters" we spent a night in the city which houses the army bakeries and meat refrigerators.

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Recent faculty action on this matter, grants full college credit for the year's intensive training in stenography and supplementary branches now being planned to help meet the Government need for services of this kind.

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