

SUPPLY SERVICE OF ARMY IS VERY STRENUOUS JOB

Captain Hotchkiss Writes of Work With Yanks at Winnall Down Camp, Winchester, Eng.

ENGLAND FACES HANDICAP

End of War Finds Industry Disorganized and Enormous Debt Hanging Over Nation.

A letter received from Captain Clarence R. Hotchkiss, of the 162d United States Infantry in command of the staff of Winnall Down camp, Winchester, England, which was written two days after the armistice was signed, gives an interesting account of the captain's work in England. He writes in part: "Since arriving in England last Christmas on the Tuscania, which was sunk before she reached port on her return trip, I have been very busy as there has always been a bit more work to do than there have been men to do it, in spite of the enormous size of the expeditionary force, and the men, who, like myself, were not permitted to go to the lines or who were returned from the lines after being disabled for active service, have been very busy administering to the various elements of the great service of supply which must support the armies at the front and in doing all of the innumerable tasks in connection with the transportation, provisioning, arming and equipping and disciplining the 2,000,000 men.

Officers All Busy
"I have been commanding my own company without the assistance of any of my competent officers, who are all hard at work at other stations, commanding this camp, sitting on a great many courts-martial and boards of officers, and doing other work as it came along, and have not been able to get away from work on rare occasions for a day or two at a time.

"I have not, however, been without opportunity to see many of the noted places and learn many interesting things as I have crossed England and traveled in different parts of France to the general headquarters far in the interior, and have been stationed for over six months within 60 miles of London where I have had an opportunity to become acquainted with the viewpoint of different classes of the people of England.

"At the present time I am stationed very near the city which was for 400 years the capital of England, was the seat of government under the Saxons, the Danes, the Normans, and the Conquerors, under the Danes, the Normans, and the Conquerors, under the time of William the Conqueror.

Many Changes Wrought
"I have noted with interest the attitude of the English people toward America, and the effect upon the relations of the two nations and their relative influence in the world as seen by themselves, of the war. The war has brought out, or at least hastened, tremendous changes in the positions of America and England, and the thinking people of England are well aware of these changes and of their effect.

"There is no doubt that England faces the period of reconstruction with an enormous handicap of national debt and with the added handicap of industrial disorganization due to the mobilization of industry for the war, while the war has helped America to find herself, developed a spirit of national unity, and pointed out to her many weaknesses in her national organization which will be rectified, within a short time make up for the economic losses which she has sustained through the war.

America's Policies Interest
"The policies under which America sets out on her work of reconstruction are of fundamental importance, and we, who are here in the A. E. F., will try to keep ourselves informed as to these policies, for they mean quite as much to us as they do to those who are at home, and while we cannot have any influence upon them, being in the service, we are looking forward to the time when we will be able to take our part in fitting America to the world leadership to which we cannot but believe she is destined."

Captain Hotchkiss was a former member of the Ford and Bearry boards and is well known in business circles of this city. He says further, that he doesn't expect to complete his work in England for many months, as all American camps in England and England will have to be cleaned out and closed up and a large army of occupation will undoubtedly be furnished by America for the thin borders of the German empire for many months to come.

"It is hard to describe a battle," writes Lieutenant Ray Terry Williams of Forest Grove in Belgium, where he was later wounded seriously. "You send forward the proper information at the proper time for the forward move of battalions, and the order of march goes out and away we go. The artillery barrage opens and I sat under a number of big guns sending a few messages to Fritz and believe me, it is some doing and sounds exactly like a flock of big express trains going by very fast. There is a sort of song in their steel throats that has the most enticing sound when it is going away from you, but pretty disagreeable when they are too far away and Fritz is only letting you hear the brrrr-bang! right onto your position. But you soon learn that it isn't half as bad as it sounds and you can be in the thick of it and never be touched, and you can be long way off and get the deuce shot out of you.

"The machine gun sure has a distinctive sound that you can hear and pick out regardless of any sound, and believe me, says Terry Williams, the machine gun. But he does not like the marksmanship of our riflemen and I had the pleasure of laying up on a hill in a hot place and directing a couple of aid nests and directing the fire that drove out some of the machine gunners and they run like hell as soon as the fire reaches them. We went forward to a certain attack in a place that was sure some place, take it from your only son. Every confused spot was perfectly covered with machine gun and artillery fire and how any man lived through it I do not know nor does any one else. But a little party of us walked through it and never got a scratch, by the grace of the Almighty. Several did get scratched up a bit. But anyway, our men went into it and took machine guns

with no other weapon than the Al's mighty help and straight shooting with a revolver and believe me Fritz has found out that when our fellows draw down on him he had better surrender or get some mighty quick cover or to quit working his infernal machine guns. Never saw so many machine guns in my life.

"By jinks, I could tell quite a bunch of yarns about our first three mixups that are interesting, but will wait and tell you about them when I get home. This old outfit is sure proud of itself. A certain unit on our right did not carry any too darn much for artillery fire and tried to find a little safer place. Our outfit stuck and then advanced, in which mixup I had the pleasure of getting ahead of the front wave and being

ing among the first 10 men into and through said town. And it was some little fight, believe anyone from out of the whole division.

"We went back in a couple of times after that and delivered a punch. The last proposition we tackled was too much for us as we needed a little artillery to blow a hill off the map. When we came out we saw wheel to wheel a bunch of artillery lined up within about a mile of that hill, and though I have never heard what happened to that hill, I would sure gamble that Fritz will not habitate that part of the country again for many moons, as we now have all the rest of that said country. That whole Argonne forest affair was another spicy bit of scrapping. Gee whizz! Barb wire

and machine guns and trenches galore in old Hindenburg's line and we took about 10 miles of that line in depth and about a mile in width and they surely had organized for an indefinite period of time, as they had thought to stop us in about six kilometers, but they had the surprise of his life and we slept in his bunk and took all his maps and papers and all the rest of his whole confounded army stuff and busted up a glorious war for him. He was sure camped for an indefinite stay."

Walter F. Tracey, writing to his parents at Newport from France, says he will be perfectly content to enjoy all further war experience from a comfortable seat in a five-cent movie after being through some of the "real-blown-

in-the-glass" war that he has recently experienced. He says:

"I've seen war by using all my seven senses, the seventh being the one that compels you to lie flat on the ground whenever a big one comes over. The kind of war you see at the movies is inspiring, but lacks some of the essentials of the real thing. The rain, the mud, the smells and noise aren't reproduced at all. That place up there is no place for a lady, and I'm fed up on souvenirs. When I first went up everybody was crazy about Boche souvenirs. We dragged in cartloads of stuff every day and I suddenly got disgusted after three weeks of it and threw away all my souvenirs, including a pair of fancy Boche suspenders.

"One morning while we were eating

breakfast, Jerry sprung a surprise on us by throwing over a shell that lit just 30 feet from me. We all ducked into dugouts and it was a good thing we did for he threw over nine more. It's a great life and now we are going back to civilization, into the realm of the twittering birds and the sad-eyed civilians.

"The other day we moved into a town where we were the first allied soldiers that had been in the place and we were given the best billets. The one I drew had a fine fireplace, a piano, a Boche phonograph and records, cupboards and dishes, with furniture, including two large canopied beds. We even had a canary bird and a pot of gold fish. We thought we had the comforts of home 'skun' a mile.

"The only thing wrong about it was that one side of a room had been torn out by a shell and as the mud was ankle deep all around and our rations weren't the best, we didn't enjoy it so much.

"Bill and I got two feather beds and smothered ourselves under another just like two sardines between two slices of bread, but I honestly believe every species of predatory insect was represented in that small room and today those mattresses are lying out in the back yard in the rain and Bill and I are sleeping on the floor in our own blankets.

"All sorts of litter lies around the buildings which have been plundered. Clothing, hoop skirts, children's toys, and household furniture are scattered

everywhere. Whether it was the work of the fleeing civilians, the retreating Germans, or our own troops, I can't say as it has probably been gone over by each outfit."

In a letter to his parents, Judge and Mrs. L. M. Blowers, of Hood River, Paul M. Blowers says his unit has been sent to St. Nazaire, where they are engaged in automobile repair work. One of the places of interest in which his unit was recently billeted was Billom, one of the famous university towns of Europe. In the eleventh century, according to Mr. Blowers' letters, the university there had 2,000 students, who lived in quarters called "la Bourgeois" which still exist.

Charge Purchases Made Tomorrow and Remainder of Month Go on January Accounts, Payable February 1, 1919

"AMERICA'S ANSWER"—Second Official Government Pictures—Showing Why the Armistice Was Signed—Sunset Theatre December 21 to 28—Don't Fail to Attend If You Have Overlooked Anyone on Your Christmas List, Send an OWK Merchandise Bond or Glove Order—Issued for Any Amount Desired—Redeemable at Any Time

Ribbon Novelties
At 1/4 to 1/2 Off

Main Floor—Fancy Bags, Camisoles, Boudoir and Lingerie Articles of various kinds made up of novelty ribbons. Dainty remembrances for any occasion. While they last they are reduced 1/4 to 1/2 OFF

PORTLAND AGENCY FOR GOSSARD NEMO BIEN JOLIE BON TON AND ROYAL WORCESTER CORSETS

The Standard Store of the Northwest

Olds, Wortman & King

Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods

PORTLAND AGENCY FOR DUTCHESS TROUSERS FOR MEN AND BOYS—DEPT. 1ST FLOOR

Odd Handkerchiefs
Reduced 1/3 to 1/4

Main Floor—Women's and Children's Handkerchiefs slightly soiled and mused from holiday display. White and colored—plain or embroidered. Clean-Up Sale at 1-4 to 1-3 OFF

Double Trading Stamps With Charge or All Over the Store

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—3 GREAT BARGAIN DAYS OF THE

Clean-Up Sales

—A disposal of all remnants, small lots, odds and ends and broken lines, resulting from the greatest holiday business in the history of the store. Prices in many instances have been reduced a full half. Thrifty shoppers will be here in force Thursday morning, eager to take advantage of the wonderful savings. Watch our advertisements for additional specials Friday and Saturday. DOUBLE TRADING STAMPS GIVEN WITH ALL CHARGE OR CASH PURCHASES.

Trimmed Hats
HALF PRICE

—Thursday, Friday and Saturday you may take your pick of any trimmed or tailored hat on display in the Millinery Salons, 2d Floor, at just half price. Splendid showing of smart styles for street and dress occasions. Black, white and colors. Any Hat at 1/2 PRICE

—\$ 5.00 Hats Special \$ 2.50
—\$ 8.50 Hats Special \$ 4.25
—\$15.00 Hats Special \$ 7.50
—\$20.00 Hats Special \$10.00
—\$22.50 Hats Special \$11.25
—\$25.00 Hats Special \$12.50
—\$35.00 Hats Special \$17.50

Clean-up Sale
Crepe de Chine Underwear

Second Floor—WOMEN'S NIGHT GOWNS of crepe de chine in flesh or white. Broken sizes and slightly soiled. \$4.50, \$5 and \$3.95 \$5.48 values. Clean-Up Sale price \$3.95

—ENVELOPE CHEMISE of flesh or white crepe de chine. \$3.50-\$3.98 vals. \$2.98

—CAMISOLES of flesh or white crepe de chine and wash satin. \$1.25 values 95c

Women's Coats \$15
Clean-Up Special

Second Floor—High-grade cheviot and burella materials in taupe, brown, green, blue and black. Three attractive styles to select from. One model has slightly fitted back with high waist—another is high waisted with wide belt—the others have narrow belt. All have large, convertible collars of plush and self material, patch or set-in pockets. Coats of exceptional quality at only, each \$15

3-Days' Clean-Up Sale
Men's Clothing

\$20 Suits \$15
\$40 Suits \$30

Main Floor—OUR FIRST CLOTHING SALE for the year 1918 opens Thursday morning. We have 188 suits sharply underpriced. Principally models for younger men and high school students. Smart, up-to-date styles, with or without belts. Tweeds, homespuns and cassimeres in good colors. Double Stamps with purchases.

—\$20 Suits on sale at \$15.00 —\$30 Suits on sale at \$22.50
—\$25 Suits on sale at \$18.75 —\$35 Suits on sale at \$26.25
—\$40.00 Men's and Young Men's Suits at \$30.00

Reduced Prices on
Knit Scarfs and Sets

Main Floor—Women's and Misses' Wool, Silk and Mercerized Scarfs and Sets. Odd lines formerly selling at \$1.25 to \$3.95, repriced for the Clean-Up Sale at special, 95c to \$2.98 Double Stamps given with all charge or cash purchases.

3-Days' Clean-Up Sales of Women's Knit Underwear

Center Circle, 1st Floor—EXTRA QUALITY Underwear of celebrated make. Wool—silk and wool—wool and lisle—cotton. Union suits, vests and pants. Owing to slight imperfections, these garments are classed as "irregulars," although the serviceability is not impaired in the least. Supply your needs and save a FULL THIRD.

\$1.00 Underwear 67c
\$6.50 Underwear \$4.34

—Women's \$1.50 Wool Underwear—Special \$1.00
—Women's \$2.00 Wool Underwear—Special \$1.33
—Women's \$2.50 Wool Underwear—Special \$1.67
—Women's \$3.00 Wool Underwear—Special \$2.00
—Women's \$3.50 Wool Underwear—Special \$2.34
—Women's \$4.50 Wool Underwear—Special \$3.00
—Women's \$5.00 Wool Underwear—Special \$3.34
—Women's \$6.00 Wool Underwear—Special \$4.00
—Women's \$6.50 Wool Underwear—Special \$4.34

Women's Sweaters \$6.49
Second Floor—Shetland Wool Sweaters and Sweaters in novelty weaves. Some have Angora collars and cuffs. Nile, pink, salmon, gold and white. Patch pockets and tie sashes. Priced special \$6.49 for this Clean-Up Sale at only

Women's Waists at \$4.79
Second Floor—Georgette crepe and crepe de chine waists in a large assortment of styles—fancy and tailored. Black, white, flesh and other desirable colors. \$4.79 Special for Clean-Up Sale at \$4.79

—SILK PETTICOATS of taffeta and jersey. Many different styles. \$3.98 Priced special for Clean-Up Sale



Women's Dresses At \$14.98

Second Floor—Smart styles for afternoon and business wear. Russian blouse, basque, surplice and straight-line effects. Embroidered, braided and ruffle-trimmed models—also several that are trimmed with fringe. Pleated, tunic or draped skirts. Materials are serge, satin and crepe de chine. Black, blue, taupe and brown. Priced \$14.98 special for the Clean-Up Sale

Bargain Circle Specials
For Thursday

Main Floor—PRETTY WAISTS of Georgette crepe in flesh and white, trimmed with embroidery. Also crepe de chine waists and others of washable striped taffeta. \$2.69 Odd lot underpriced for Clean-Up

—SECO SILK PETTICOATS in a \$2.69 wide range of colors. Clean-Up



Half Price Sales Remnants

—REMNANTS of Organdies, embroidered voiles and Imported Novelty Crepes in a good assortment of patterns and colors for dresses and waists. Special display near 1/2 Price Alder-street entrance at..... 1/2 Price

—SHORT LENGTHS of Table Damask Towelings, Muslins and Sheetings, odd Towels, Cotton Challie, Gingham, Percale and White Goods remnants—at SPECIAL PRICES.

Extra Specials

—36-inch Flannelettes in floral patterns. 40c grade, special at the yard 29c

—Bleached Muslin, priced special, a yard 24c

—Plaid Bath Robe Material, special, yard 38c

—Large size heavy Huck Towels, special at 29c

—Full size Scalloped Bed Spreads at \$2.65

—Fillow Cases of good quality, special at 25c

Neckwear 1/3 to 1/2 Off

—An After Christmas Clearaway of odd pieces and small lots of high-class Neckwear. Embroidered, hemstitched and lace trimmed effects. Crepe, satin, net and organdie material. Collars, sets and gumpies in all popular styles and shapes. Priced for Thursday at 1-3 to 1-2 OFF

35c Ribbons At 25c

Main Floor—Fancy plaids, stripes, floral effects, moire and brocade. Odd bolts remaining from the holiday purchases. Especially desirable for hairbows. Light and dark colors. Values to 40c, on sale now at only 25c

BASEMENT CLEAN-UP SALES

\$2.50 to \$3.00
Night Gowns \$1.69

Basement—4000 Women's High-Grade Outing Flannel Night Gowns in a great 3-Day Clean-Up Sale. Full standard sizes, well made and nicely trimmed. White and fancy stripe. Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00. \$1.69 values. Sale price

Women's Knit Underwear

Basement—Women's and Children's Winter Underwear—samples and odd lines—grouped for the Clean-Up Sale at big savings. First quality garments, but some are slightly soiled. Entire lot in 3 Days' Sale at **Factory Prices**



Women's Neckwear At 10c

Basement—Several hundred pieces of Women's Novelty Neckwear sacrificed for the Clean-Up Sale. All the new and desirable styles are represented, principally collars for dresses and waists. Somewhat soiled from display. Values from 10c to 50c, on sale now at 10c

Remnant Sale

Basement—Remnants of Silks—remnants of Wool Dress Goods—remnants of Wash Goods, Curtain Materials, Outing Flannels and many other lines—hundreds of pieces on sale at extremely LOW PRICES.

Party Laces 1/2 Price
\$1.00 Grades Now 50c
\$5 Grades \$2.50

Lace Dept., 1st Floor—Clean-Up Sale of Novelty Laces for party dresses and fancy waists. Silk, net and lami thread effects, embroidery, silver, gold and silk combinations. Bands, edges and flouncings. \$1.00 up to \$5.00 originally. 1/2 Price Clean-Up Sale..... 1/2 Price

65c Veilings 49c Yard

Main Floor—A special lot of Veilings taken from our regular stock and reduced for the Clean-Up Sale. Pieces having short yardage—2 to 3 yards to the piece. Desirable patterns in black and colors. Veilings formerly selling at 65c yard. Priced special at the yard 49c

Clean-Up Sales of Fancy Silks and Dress Goods

Main Floor—Women will now give attention to making up the new wearables that have been temporarily neglected during the Christmas season. Thursday, Friday and Saturday we shall feature special Clean-Up Prices on many lines—particularly fancy silks, plushes, waistings, coatings, challies.

Fancy Taffetas 98c Tub Waistings

—26-inch Fancy Striped Taffetas in various color combinations, suitable for waists, petticoats, dresses, etc. Also 32-inch Japanese wash silks. Saleprice 98c for Thursday, yard 98c

—PRINTED SILKS—40 inches wide. For \$2.89 dresses and linings \$2.69 inches wide. Spel' \$3.98

—Colored Plush, 50 inches wide, yd. \$3.98

54 Inch Coating Special a Yard \$2.98

—54-inch Imported Scotch Tweed Coatings—splendid heavy quality. \$2.98 Priced special, yd. \$2.98

—54-inch Heavy Fancy, black and white checks, \$1

—WOOL CHALLIES in attractive patterns. 27 50c inches wide. Sale at \$2.98

—36 AND 40-INCH Plaid Dress Goods in as 98c sorted colors. Sale

