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|  | Bloeded in Battle <br> For a realistic description of just how the infantryman engages in battle one should read the article "I Send Your Son into Battle" by Lt. Col. Melvin Russell Blair in the current Saturday Evening Post. It not only relates the procedures followed by which units are moved forward to the front lines and then go over the top, but tells of the emotions that surge through the soldier's mind as he enters action for the first time. The author enlisted as a private, served through the second world war and in the Korean fighting, rising through the ranks to his present grade of lieutenant colonel. <br> The basic fighting unit, Blair reports, is the batallion which breaks down into companies and platoons and squads. Supplementing the three rifle companies are a heavy weapons comthree rifle companies are a heavy weapons com engineers' company. <br> Battle planning is done behind the lines, and each batallion is given specific objectives. The batallion commander must direct the actual fighting, coordinate with supporting air and quarters. <br> Orders for the advance are given usually after artillery duels in which our artillery tries to pulverize the enemy position and the enemy drops mortar bursts and shells on our own lines. This is the soldier's christening in combat. Comes a lull in the friendly barrage and the order goes for infantrymen to take off. Quoting Blair: <br> But go with your boy, Johnny, if you will. The great barrage tearing the air over his head has shaken him a little, for he's never on earth has shaken him a little, for he's never on earth heard such noise. His hands are wet and a little shaky. He pats his grenades to see that they are hung securely, he checks his rifle and looks to his bayonet: He tries to remember what he's been told. What was it the sergeant said about hand signals, smoke signals? Where does the left hand go when you lunge with the bayonet? "He's watching his squad leader, who has a the squad leader fumps out of his hole. He waves his arm forward. He yells something. He turns and starts down the forward slope. And before he knows it, your Johnny is out tollowing him, his hands sweating, his heart pounding in his throat. He feels a strange excitement. Here it is, he thinks to himself. I'm So he is, <br> irst en and he becomes "blooded." few more of them perience how to take care of himself, how to punish his enemy, how to stand the sickening ights of battie. <br> Stiff physical training, close simulation of cambat, night bivouacs, river crossings, deployment in varied terrain - all these are part of training needed to prepare youth for waging war. The test, both for officers and men, comes In the fighting itself. The great battle is just a series of minor engagements-platoons fighting company trying to hold a bridgehead. The sum of results of the platoon fights is the outcome |
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