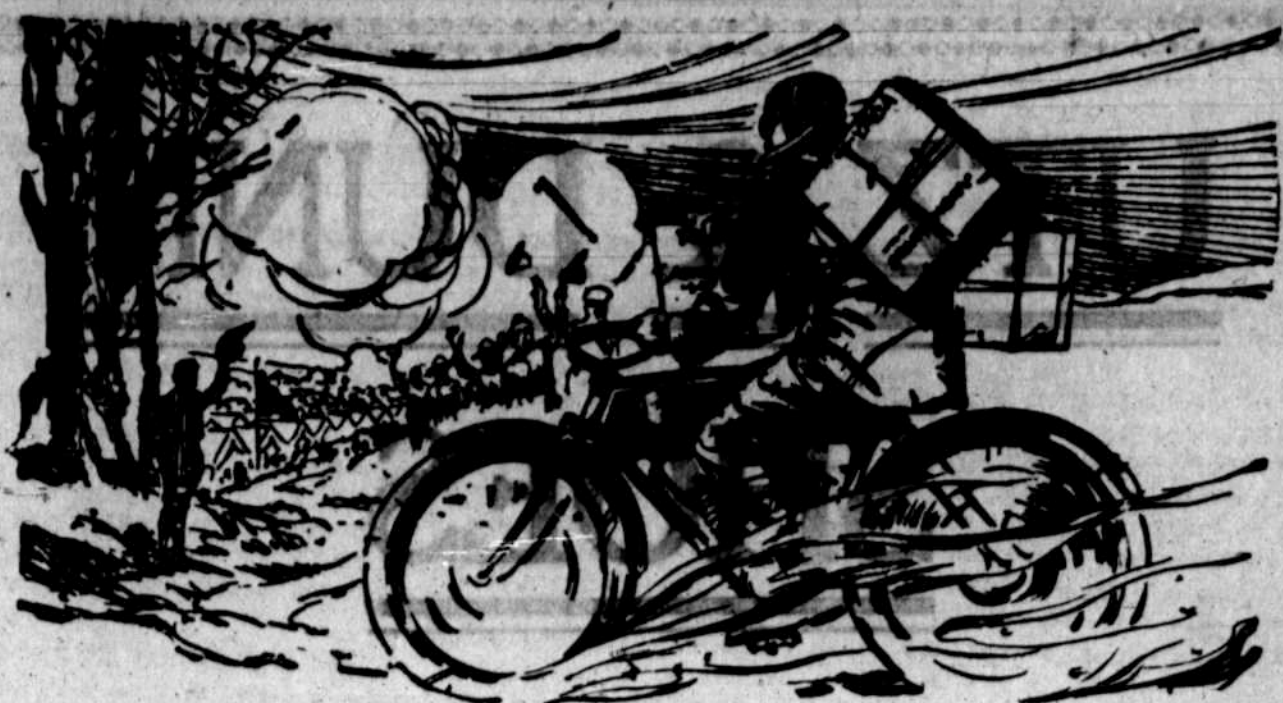




## Did one of these 200 letters come to you?

A DUSTY courier slid off his motor-cycle at the big double hut in a French town and tramped up to the canteen.

"Got a note for the secretary from my commanding officer," he said. He handed a piece of paper across the counter to a smiling middle-aged man.

This is the note the Secretary read:

*We landed here three days ago—miles from anywhere. Can you send us some supplies, especially writing paper? This is the first chance the boys have had to write home and we have no paper to give them.*

The older man looked up and grinned.

"Got you away off in the woods, have they?"

"I'll say they have!"

"Can you carry anything?"

"All you'll give me!"

From the shelves the secretary took big packages of paper and envelopes.

"Too much?" He asked.

"It will be gone ten minutes after I get back!" said the boy.

"Tonight," the secretary went on, "I'll drive out a truck with more supplies and a man to stay with you. And tell the boys that if their letters are finished, I'll bring them back with me tonight, and get them into the mails."

An hour later that motor-cyclist whizzed into camp, loaded down with writing paper, and in ten minutes letters were being written to 200 American homes.

The United War Work organizations know what letters mean to American soldiers. They know that fighters want to get letters and want to write letters.

So in every hut and on every ship your boys find writing paper, envelopes, ink, pens and pencils, and tables where they can get off by themselves and tell the folks back home how things are going.

Millions of sheets are given away free every week to American boys overseas. That is why the letters you get from your boy are written on the stationery of one of these organizations. It is one of the plans to bridge the Atlantic. Help keep the letters coming! Your dollars will supply a whole Company for several days. Dig deep today; help to bind together France and here.

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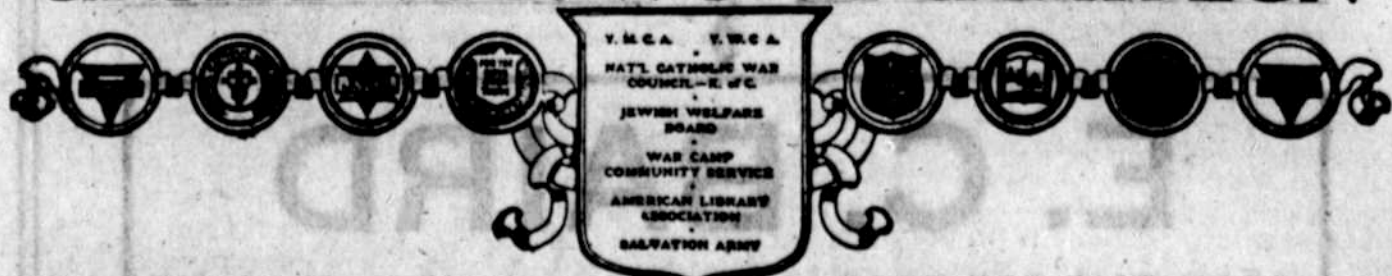
Unless Americans do give twice as much as ever before, our soldiers and sailors may not enjoy during 1919 their:

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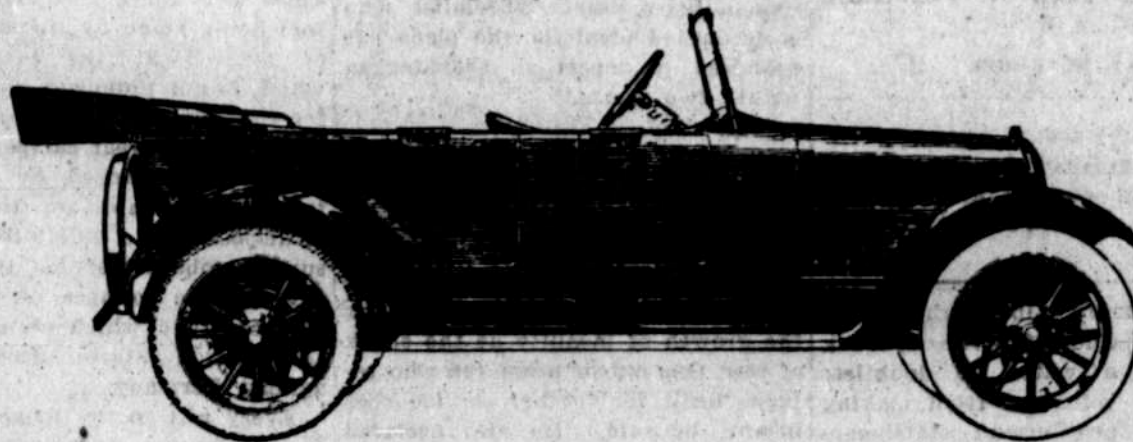
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### Cyclist in Spectacular Feat.

An army motorcyclist at one of the training camps recently averted the death of a young lieutenant by a most extraordinary feat of heroism, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. Racing at high speed across rough ground, he drove his machine into a runaway parachute that was dragging the officer to his death. The latter had made a practice parachute jump of 2,000 feet from an observation balloon. A high wind had carried him a considerable distance, and in landing he became hopelessly entangled in the cordage. The parachute was caught by a strong air current and blown at terrific speed across the field, pulling its helpless prisoner with it. At the same instant the cyclist, passing along a nearby motor road, saw the officer's plight. He swerved his machine into the field and raced at top speed squarely into the middle of the belled parachute. The ropes fouled the machine and the weight of the latter anchored the derelict against further movement.

### War Gas Causes Appendicitis.

The various poison gases so much in use at present at the European battle zone are not only breathed, but are swallowed. This might seem strange at first, but the likelihood of swallowing some amount of a gas impregnating the atmosphere may readily be seen. This might take place incidental to the intake of food and both to normal and convulsive actions of the throat. Such swallowing of toxic vapors causes a variety of digestive disturbances, according to the amount of gas ingested.

According to an article in the Journal de Medecine et de Chirurgie Pratique, appendicitis has been found caused by swallowed gas, especially when the gas contains chlorine. The progress of the malady was rapid, but rather mild, and treatment was effective.

### Confession of an Aviator.

For myself, writes Charles B. Wordhoff in Atlantic, there is nowhere and nobody I would rather be at present than here and a pilot. No man in his senses could say he enjoyed the war; but as it must be fought out, I would rather be in aviation than in any other branch. A pleasant life, good food, good sleep, and two to four hours a day in the air. After four hours (in two spells) over the lines, constantly alert and craning to dodge scandalously accurate shells and suddenly appearing Boches, panting in the thin air at 20,000 feet, the boys are, I think, justified in calling it a day. I have noticed that the coolest men are a good bit let down after a dogged machine fight far up in the rarefied air. It may seem soft to an infantryman—20 hours of sleep, eating and loafing; but in reality the airman should be given an easy time outside of flying.

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