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SIZE DIDN'T COUNT

Thought That Heartened Young British Soldier.

Helped to Overcome Natural Nervousness of His First Physical Impact With the Huns—Realized It Was "Fight or Die."

Tommy Kehoe, a sixteen-year-old English boy, tells how he "got his first Hun." Not a hundred feet away they were when our lads were jumping to the parapet to meet them with their bayonets. I made a leap for the top of the ladder, grabbed at it, missed and slipped back. Somebody reached out a hand and pulled me up.

Almost on us they were. Oh, never in my worst dreams—and I've had many a bad one since then—have I seen a more dreadful sight than that. They came at us out of the dark like fiends from another world, like the pictures I've seen of men from Mars, for their heads were covered with the most evil looking masks that anybody could imagine, masks with huge round eyes and long, piggy snouts. Shells were bursting above them, machine guns were tearing through their ranks and their masks were white and ghastly in the light of the rockets. Many a time I had thought of what war would be like, but never had I thought I should look on such a sight as that.

"Fight or die, Tommy Kehoe! Fight or die!" That's what I told myself as I crouched in front of the sand bags, with my bayonet ready for them. Whopping big men they were, head and shoulders above me. But as I waited there a thought dashed through me of the Bantam regiment, little fellows scarcely bigger than I, who had made good against even those giant Prussians. Size didn't count behind a bayonet. It was quickness that counted. I was sure of it. If it didn't, then it was all over with me.

Even then, when they were almost up to us, how the guns were mowing them down! It looked as if none could be left in a moment or two. But those that didn't fall came on like madmen and poured through the lanes where the big guns had leveled our wires.

One—he was a six-footer! If he was an inch—ran straight for me with his bayonet. I crouched and thrust at him—thrust upward. His bayonet went over my shoulder. He staggered and fell over my gun. I had got him! I had got him! In the stomach!

'Twas lucky for me there was no time to think over it or to stand there gazing at him—the dead Hun hanging over my gun with his masked head almost touching me—for it was horrible. For a second or two I turned dizzy and sick. But it was fight again or die. I jerked my rifle back and stumbled over the dead man as he flopped to the ground.

"Make for their stomachs, Tommy Kehoe! Make for their stomachs!" I told myself. "Size don't count."

Find Historic Relics.

Excavators for the Brooklyn Rapid Transit subway tunnel to Brooklyn, under Whitehall street, came upon a large number of piles which had been imbedded in the mud at that point since Revolutionary days. The site of the historic find was, at one time, that of the old Whitehall ferry, whence Gen. George Washington embarked one December day in 1783. Immediately after he had bidden farewell to his officers at France's tavern, at Broad and

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Pearl streets, four blocks away. While the diggers were hoisting up the old piles they also found some old wooden mains used during the administration of Aaron Burr as water commissioner of the city. Many old relics have been dug up in this section of the city with the excavating for the new tunnel. Two blocks away the hull of an old wooden ship was found 15 feet beneath the surface of the street, a year or two ago, while further "ashore," near Broad and Front streets, huge clam shell beds were dug up, showing that at one time the shore line had been further inland.

Garlic to Be Imported.

Because of the scarcity of food in Europe and the difficulty of transportation, the war board discouraged the importation of food products from Europe, hoping to save them for home consumption and to save tonnage. Garlic from Italy was included under this general prohibition until the Italian government represented that great financial loss would result, due to the vast acreage planted with garlic in Italy. The supply of this year's yield would be far too great for home consumption. Due to this, the war trade board issued a permit for the present year, with the understanding that after January, 1918, fewer acres would be planted to garlic, but would be devoted to the cultivation of other food products, which would be used for home consumption.—Italian-American News Bureau.

Bismarck's Head Sold Cheap.

An iron head of Bismarck was recently sold to the New York war savings committee for transformation into munitions. The iron chancellor's metal duplicate was appraised at \$8, paid in War Savings stamps, and within two hours was on its way to a munition factory. The owner, who refused to give his name, declaring that since the war he had been so embarrassed about its possession that he hesitated to dispose of it as refuse, fearing the cynical comments of the junk collectors of his neighborhood.

Train ferries across the channel to France have for some time been used for the transport of supplies and are now also being used regularly for passenger traffic. The development is one of the greatest importance on account of the present saving of time and labor effected by not having to change from cars to boat, and the train ferries will serve a no less useful purpose when peace is once more established.

Soldier's Terrible Experience.

In a hospital in Egypt I saw a wounded Turkish prisoner who had had such a terrible experience that his nerves had completely given way. While lying wounded with a bullet through his foot he had been attacked by a black serpent from three to four feet in length. After a desperate struggle he succeeded in strangling the creature, and then fainted.—Exchange.

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Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, Dec. 4th, 1918.
Notice is hereby given that Jesse E. Sinclair, of Richland, Oregon, who, on December 12th, 1911, made Homestead Entry No. 010961, for N 1-2 S-W 1-4, SW 1-4 NW 1-4, Sec. 29, SE 1-4 SE 1-4, Sec. 30, and who on May 11th, 1917, made Ad. H. E., No. 018231, for NW 1-4 SE 1-4, SW 1-4 NE 1-4, and E-1-2 NW 1-4, Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 41 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Woodson L. Patterson, United States Commissioner, at his office, at Baker, Oregon, on the 6th day of February, 1919.
Claimant names as witnesses: Arthur M. H. and Arnold Welch, of Richland, Oregon; J. W. Goodman and John W. Boyce, of Baker, Oregon.
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Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, Dec. 4th, 1918.
Notice is hereby given that William L. Hall, of Durkee, Oregon, who, on August 10th, 1915, made Additional Homestead Entry, No. 015146, for SE 1/4 SW 1/4, and SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 44 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. B. Combs, Jr., Clerk of County Court, at Baker, Oregon, on the 6th day of February, 1919.
Claimant names as witnesses: Charles Peterson, Thomas Chandler, Lemuel Smelser, and Mrs. Wm. Hall, all of Durkee, Oregon.
C. S. DUNN, Register.

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Department of the Interior,
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Notice is hereby given that William Barron, of Richland, Oregon, who, on March 24th, 1914, made Homestead Entry, No. 010905, for E 1-2 SW 1-4, W 1-2 SE 1-4, Sec. 22, and on April 7, 1915, made Additional Homestead Entry, No. 014534, for SW 1-4 SW 1-4, SE 1-4 SE 1-4, Sec. 22, NE 1-4 NW 1-4, and NW 1-4 NE 1-4, Section 27, Township 9 South, Range 44 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. B. Combs, Jr., Clerk of County Court, at Baker, Oregon, on the 7th day of February, 1919.
Claimant names as witnesses: Fred Giles, Harvey Morgan, and John Gray, all of Richland, Oregon; Albert Lentz, of Baker, Oregon.
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