"OVER THE TOP"

By An American Soldier Who Went

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Machine Gunner, Serving in France

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CHAPTER XXVI—Continued.

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The presence of the R. A. M. C. men did not seem to disturb the raiders, because many a joke made in an undertone, was passed along the winding column, as to who would be first to take a ride on one of the stretchers. This was generally followed by a wish that, if you were to be the one, the wound would be a "cushy Blighty one."

The stretcher bearers, no doubt, hoping that, if they did have to carry anyone to the rear, he would be small and light. Perhaps they looked at me when wishing, because I could feel an uncomfortable, boring sensation between my shoulder blades. They got their wish all right.

Going up this trench, about every sixty yards or so we would pass a lonely sentry, who in a whisper would wish us "the best o' luck, mates." We would bid at him under our breaths; that Jonah phrase to us sounded very ominous.

Without any casualties the minstrel ...

... per had given us in the dugout, "Personally I believe that that part of the German trench is unoccupied." Anyway, we got careless, but not so careless that we sang patriotic songs or made any unnecessary noise.

During the intervals of falling star shells we carried on with our wire cutting until at last we succeeded in getting through the German barbed wire. At this point we were only ten feet from the German trenches. If we were discovered, we were like rats in a trap. Our way was cut off unless we ran along the wire to the narrow lane we had cut through. With our hearts in our mouths we waited for the three-tap signal to rush the German trench. Three taps had gotten about halfway down the line when suddenly about ten to twenty German star shells were fired all along the trench and landed in the barbed wire in rear of us, turning night into day and silhouetting us against the wall of light made by the flares. In the glaring light we were confronted by the following unpleasant scene.

... his arms and fall backwards, while his rifle flew into the air. Another one wilted and fell forward across the sandbags—then blackness.

Realizing what a foolhardy and risky thing I had done, I was again seized with a horrible fear. I dragged myself to my feet and ran madly down the lane through the barbed wire, stumbling over cut wires, tearing my uniform, and lacerating my hands and legs. Just as I was about to reach No Man's Land again, that same voice seemed to say, "Turn around." I did so, when, "crack," another bullet caught me, this time in the left shoulder about one-half inch away from the other wound. Then it was taps for me. The lights went out.

When I came to I was crouching in a hole in No Man's Land. This shell hole was about three feet deep, so that it brought my head a few inches below the level of the ground. How I reached this hole I will never know. German "typewriters" were traversing back and forth in No Man's Land, the bullets biting the edge of my shell hole and throwing dirt all over me.

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"Blighty."

COMPARES MEN WITH TIRES

Philosopher Asserts That the Important Auto Feature Is Not Unlike Some of Human Race.

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WILL MAKE BRITON CHEER

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PRACTICAL PLAN OUTLINED FOR KILLING AND DRESSING HOGS FOR SUPPLY OF MEAT

HOG HELD IN GOOD POSITION FOR STICKING.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Ordinarily it is not necessary to stun or shoot a hog before sticking, although this is done in some localities for humane reasons. If the hog is stuck without being stunned, he should be squarely on his back when stuck. Two men can reach under and grasp the legs on the opposite side of the body and with a quick jerk turn the ...

... up far enough. Cut on each side of the tongue to loosen it and pull it out with an upward jerk. Now cut through the breastbone, beginning at the front end. Cut upward slightly to one side. Remove the pluck, which consists of the heart, lungs, gullet and windpipe, by cutting the diaphragm. This is the membrane which separates the organs of the chest from the stomach, bowels and other abdominal organs. Cut just ...

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Leaf Lard

Scalding and Scraping.

Cooling the Carcass.

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BACK THE KAISER OFF THE EARTH

FIRE PROTECTION ON FARMS

Few Guards of One or More Furrows Around Fields to Shield Grain—Have Water Handy.

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UTILIZE ALL OF WINDFALLS

By Picking Up and Feeding to Hogs Much Trouble for Next Year Can Be Prevented.

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The KITCHEN CABINET

LEFTOVER FISH.

JUST A FEW LEFTOVERS.

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Nellie Maxwell

WHAT CAN WE DO?

For the Fall Bride.

Chenille Dress.

Satin Footwear.

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Hats and Scarfs Join Forces

Julia Bottomley

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PLAN FOR FIGHTING VERMIN

Mites and Fleas Are to Be Combatted in Their Breeding Places—Use Hot Whitewash.

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WRIGLEY'S

For Victory Buy Liberty Bonds

We will win this war—

Nothing else really matters until we do!

The Flavor Lasts

Admonishing Them.

"The kaiser," began one of the prominent and influential loafers occupying chairs on the porch of the Petunia tavern ...

Of Course Not.

Elizabeth had been buying Thrift stamps and almost had her third book filled before the drive for War Savings pledges. Her mother suggested that ...

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Helpless as a Baby

Bent Like an Old Man and Suffered Terribly—Quickly Cured by Doan's.

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DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

CHRONIC CONSTIPATION

IS A CRIME AGAINST NATURE

Dr. Tutt's Liver Pills

Indigestion, Bloat, Heartburn, Caused by Acid-Stomach

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Reclaimed Land to be Soldiers' Heritage

By Robert H. Moulton

Millions of Acres, Especially in West and South, Available for Farm Homes if Properly Developed

PRODUCTIVE WISCONSIN FARM WHICH ONCE WAS A SWAMP

IRRIGATION PRODUCES FRUIT FARMS LIKE THIS ONE IN NORTHWEST

TO MAKE ... of the farm wealth of the ... an assured heritage of the ... who fight the nation's war against Germany is the plan of Secretary Lane, who urges a vast reclamation scheme to meet the requirements for returning soldiers after the war.

It is Secretary Lane's belief that the time has come when thought should be given to the preparation of plans for providing opportunity for these men. And because his department has handled similar problems in the past, he has made it his duty to bring the matter to the attention of the president and congress. He points out that every country has found itself face to face with this problem at the close of a great war. From Rome under Caesar to France under Napoleon down even to our own Civil war, the problem arose as to what could be done with the soldiers mustered out of military service.

At the close of the Civil war America faced a somewhat similar situation. But fortunately at that time the public domain offered opportunity to the home-returning soldiers. The great part the veterans of that war played in developing the West is one of our epics. The homestead law had been signed by President Lincoln in the second year of the war, so that out of our wealth in lands we had farms to offer the military veterans. It was also the era of transcontinental railway construction. It was likewise the period of rapid, yet broad and full, development of towns and communities and states.

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... changed the land situation. One of the features of this plan is that holders are aided in improving and cultivating the farm. In a word, there is organized community development.

Its beneficial results have been well described by the Canadian commission which was appointed to investigate its results in New Zealand. There, the commission reported, the farmers has built better houses or remodeled their old ones, brought a larger acreage of land under cultivation that would otherwise have remained lying idle; had bought and urged more labor-saving machinery on the farms and in the houses. The kept more sheep and pigs and had so large ...

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... mation. Under what policy and program millions of these acres could be reclaimed for future farms and homes remains for legislation to determine.

The amount of swamp and cut-over lands in the United States available for farming is extensive. Just how much there is has never been determined with any degree of accuracy. Practically all of it has passed into private ownership. For that reason, in considering its use, it would be necessary to work out a policy between the private owners and the government unless the land was purchased. It has been estimated that the total area of swamp and overflowed lands in the United States is between 70,000,000 and 80,000,000 acres. Of this amount, about 60,000,000 ...

... has been a decided increase in the trend toward the city because of industrial conditions. The adoption by the United States of new policies in its land development plans for returning veterans will also contribute to the amelioration of these two dangers of American life.

A plan of land development whereby land is developed in large areas, subdivided into individual farms, then sold to actual, bonafide farmers on a long-time payment basis, has been in force not only in the United States under the reclamation act but also in many other countries for several years. It has proved a complete success. In Denmark, Ireland, New Zealand and the Australian commonwealth it has completely ...

THE VOICES OF BULLETS.

... "zips" were passing by me—small, short whispers, hardly attaining the volume of sound, and gone almost before they were heard—discrete, quick, little zips like the lightest of pencil strokes—zip, zip, zip, and zip.

Now and then, though, just as brief, one reached a higher volume of sound, something like a short cat meow, but more resonant. Pee-a-oow!—thus—a spiteful cry. Some sharpshooter was after me, some ambushed Boche who did not approve of Collier's Weekly. That is really why I dropped into the shell hole, I think—not so very much to help the three hospital corps men.—James Hopper in Collier's.

JUST A BATTLE INCIDENT

This is the story of three men, representing the navy dental corps, the hospital corps and the United States marine corps. All are dead now—a part of the toll of the battle of Bouresches, won by the marines early in June. The marine, Capt. Donald F. Duncan, had charged, leading his men against a shower of machine gun bullets to the aid of a platoon that was almost cut to pieces. And as he went forward he carried a pipe in his mouth and dallied with the stick he carried. The marines behind him, steadied by his coolness, pressed forward. Then the machine gun stream caught Captain Duncan, drilling him through and through again. His men went on. The captain fell, gasping with pain. Dental Surgeon Osborne of the United States navy, and a hospital corpsman, unidentified, ran forward to his assistance. They carried him to shelter. Then—the roaring boom of a big shell. A great, gaping hole where the shelter had been. The three men were gone, literally blown out of existence.

Woman's Way.

Ma Grump says: "A woman with a man is a good deal like a cat with a mouse; she don't care much about him till he shows signs of gettin' away."

BRIEF INFORMATION

One agricultural college and three experiment stations are maintained by the government of Norway.

A patent has been issued for a silk gauze face shield to keep dust from the eyes and noses of automobilists.

Platinum is so ductile that a wire 1,800 miles long could be drawn from a single Troy ounce of the metal.

Pennsylvania's mining laws require a mule shall have 700 cubic feet of air a minute and a miner 200 cubic feet.

WORTH KNOWING

Such a variety of races are represented in the population of the Philippine islands that 21 languages are ...

The South African government has built a large sugar mill to encourage cane cultivation in Zululand.

In the base of a new desk telephone is a spring-controlled roller that takes ...

A spinning turbine wheel keeps the exhaust gases moving in a new automobile muffler and helps to cool them.

Nigeria has been added to the lands in which valuable deposits have been ...

GATHERED FACTS

A German city collects garbage, dries it and mixes it with molasses to form a cattle food.

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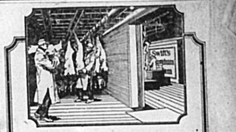

Ice Boxes on Wheels

Refrigerator cars for carrying meat are ice boxes traveling on wheels.

Most people in America would have to go without fresh meat, or would have to pay more for what they could get, if it were not for these traveling ice boxes.

Gustavus F. Swift, the first Swift in the packing industry, saw the need of these traveling ice boxes before others.

He asked the railroads to build them. The railroads refused. They were equipped, and preferred to haul cattle rather than dressed beef.

So Gustavus F. Swift had to make the cars himself. The first one was a box car rigged up to hold ice. Now there are 7,000 Swift refrigerator cars. Each one is as fine an ice box as you have in your home.

Day and night, fair weather and foul, through heat and cold, these 7,000 cars go rolling up and down the country, keeping meat just right, on its way to you.

Thus another phase of Swift & Company's activities has grown to meet a need no one else could or would supply, in way that matched Swift & Company ideas of being useful.

When you see one of these Swift & Company cars in a train, or on a siding, you will be reminded of what is being done for you as the fruit of experience and a desire to serve.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.

Lend the Way They Fight

Buy Liberty Bonds

For PINK EYE DISTEMPER CATARRHAL FEVER AND ALL NOSE AND THROAT DISEASES

SPOHN MEDICAL CO., Goshen, Ind., U. S. A.

Slight Misunderstanding.

"As winter approaches," said the presiding elder, "no doubt you are contemplating taking your family to town and getting them shod?"

Awful Word.

A few weeks after school began six-year-old Jack announced at the dinner table: "A boy at the school today said a bad word." ...

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OLD PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK KIDNEYS

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ASTHMA ASTHMADOR

DON'T KILL YOUR CATTLE BY DRENCHING

LAXOTONIC

Every Woman Wants Paxtine ANTISEPTIC POWDER

CASTORIA

PISO'S

A Bad Cough

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