

All London Guesses At Yanks Name

Unconscious American in His B. V. D.'s Gives 'Em Real Thrill.

By Robert Welles Ritchie. (Universal Service Staff Correspondent) LONDON, April 3.—Here's a woman's eye view of the mystery which has London agog, because it is still unopened.

In the American hospital at Park Lane is a husky lad, about 23 years old, blue eyed, of corn-colored hair, and pink cheeks—the type the maiden war workers call "swags"—who does not remember anything prior to 1:40 o'clock last Friday morning when the night porter at the Curson hotel in Bolton street, Mayfair, heard a taxicab stop for a few seconds, then speed off. Subsequently, he found the lad, wearing unaltered shoes and regular American "B. V. D.'s"—nothing else. He was semi-conscious.

When able to talk, the lad mumbled, "I won't sign it—by God, I won't sign it!"

There was no indication in the boy's head or on his neck of dress or liquor. The boys profess no knowledge of his name, whence he came or what had happened.

BUDAPEST QUIET; DISORDERS DENIED

(By The Associated Press.) BUDAPEST, via Vienna, Sunday, March 30.—Communist Budapest is orderly and the government is putting forth every effort to stabilize conditions. There are pessimists, however, who declared the government would endure less than a month, it being pointed out that its success will be partially dependent on the success of the Russian bolshevik army to establish a corridor from Kiev to Budapest by way of Bessarabia and Bukovina.

Bela Kun, the foreign minister, receives hundreds of telegrams of an official nature every day, among them being messages from Nikolai Lenin, the Russian bolshevik premier. He receives newspapers freely but has warned that their dispatches be censored for the purpose of cutting down the material to be sent over already crowded wires as well as to eliminate objectionable features. Kun, who was formerly a secretary of Lenin, is most anxious to deny reports relative to the communication of women in Hungary, which he declares to be "propaganda."

He also denies rumors of assassinations and disorders.

Of the twenty-four members of the government, nineteen are Jews.

STATE BATTALIONS LOOK SMALL WHEN ADVANCE IS STARTED

(Continued from Page 1.) the entire command was in contact with the enemy and was being subjected to a heavy and continuous artillery bombardment. This made the reorganization a difficult operation, and it was not entirely completed until 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the 11th, after the enemy had withdrawn.

On the night of the 9th, I learned from Colonel Farber, who visited my P. C. that the 144th infantry had come into the sector and on the 10th one battalion of that regiment was placed at my disposal. I ordered it into position to best support my line.

The losses for the third day were approximately, officers killed, one; wounded one; men killed, ten, wounded six. Throughout this period of fighting the enemy had used a considerable number of gas shells. On the night of the 10th, the commanding officer of the engineers, in front of St. Etienne, came to my P. C. and reported that the town and surrounding area had been heavily shelled with mustard gas and should be abandoned before daylight. I sent my gas officer to investigate this situation and he reported that while the town had been shelled with gas, it was by no means untenable. He did not evacuate the troops and suffered no casualties from the gas. The engineers withdrew from the town that night, but a platoon of marine machine guns occupying position in the center remained until the morning of the 11th.

At daylight on the morning of the 11th, it was learned from patrols that the enemy had withdrawn. Shortly before noon the 144th infantry crossed my line and took the permit. I advised my P. C. to St. Etienne and requested the re-organization and supplying of the regiment. The troops were then allowed to rest until the morning of the 12th.

As far as I have not gone into the artillery support, the tank support and the liaison within the regiment. On the morning of the 8th a barrage was laid down, which would have been executed if it had been properly placed. However, it was started too far forward, so far that it left the enemy positions on the entire front untouched.

Monroe Arrow Collar

Reference to the barrage chart and the location of the enemy machine guns shows this very clearly. Many of the guns were as close as one hundred meters to the front line, and one report showed them as close as fifty meters to my line.

The barrage line shown on the chart is at the closest point the barrage could be laid down beyond the line. It would have been necessary, of course, to have drawn back the leading troops, nevertheless, this should have been done. The result was as shown below.

On the 8th and 9th my lines were

continually harassed by heavy and well directed fire from the right flank much of this fire being direct, and coming from the sector to the right and although repeatedly requested, I was unable to obtain counter battery fire because of the 141st Infantry. On the 10th, being positive that the most advanced units of the 141st Infantry were in the rear of my line, and that the enemy batteries could be fired on with complete safety, I assumed all responsibility for any injury caused by friendly troops therefrom and obtained fire on enemy batteries.

I also had repeatedly requested fire on the trench system north of St. Etienne, which had been reported as early as the 8th to contain enemy machine guns. I did not obtain fire, however, until about 4 a. m. of the 10th. The bulk of our fire was directed on the back area of the enemy and so far back that it was hard to convince my officers in the line that they really had artillery support.

The French tanks sent to support my front line battalion rendered practically no assistance. Only six of these tanks were reported, the French officer in command was killed early in the action and those tanks not crippled by enemy fire were withdrawn.

Low Runners Handicap.

Liaison within the regiment was maintained almost entirely by runners, buzzer and telephone. As I have already stated, both the runner detachment and the signal platoon were lost during the entire night of the 6th and 7th and did not reach their position until the evening of the 7th. This was a serious handicap. The runners had lost an invaluable duty and opportunity to familiarize themselves with the location of the P. C. and lines, and the same applies to the signal men.

It was 7:30 on the morning of the 8th when the first message came in telling that the attack had been launched as ordered, but was progressing very slowly in the face of the extremely heavy machine gun and artillery fire. As the advance progressed messages took longer to get in and the information furnished was often as much as two hours old, and therefore practically valueless. To remedy this situation about 12 o'clock on the 8th, I established an advanced information center under Lieutenant Black. It was located close to the original P. C. of the Second battalion. Messages were taken in at this point and relayed by phone to regimental P. C. After the withdrawal on the afternoon of the 8th, telephone communication was established with all battalion commanders, one line being run to the captured position on the right. Thereafter wire communications were maintained and were found very valuable. A line was laid into St. Etienne on the night of the 9th and 10th, when the Third and First battalions took up positions there. The wires were repeatedly cut by shell fire, but in spite of this, proved to be a rapid and practical method of getting information. Runners were slow and casualties were heavy.

Two Phases of Operations.

The operations of the 142nd Infantry covering the period of seven days beginning on the 5th of October, 1918, may be divided into two phases. The first phase consisted of those operations necessary to move the regiment from its billeting area near Champigneulle to the Second division front line north of Mont Blanc, and on in front of Mont Blanc. It embraced the movement by bus from the billeting area to Somme Suippe, the march from there to the appointed rendezvous near Somme Py, the approach march from this rendezvous to the lines occupied by the Sixth regiment of Marines and the relief consisted of an attack, a withdrawal, much subsequent fighting and the occupation of the village of St. Etienne.

On October 5, my regiment, together with the 141st infantry and the 12nd machine gun battalion, composing the Seventy-first infantry brigade, was transferred to the Fourth French army and remained in that army until about the 29 of October. October 4 to 9 this regiment was attached to the Second division. On the 9th it was returned to the Thirty-Sixth division.

Shortly after dark on the night of October 4, the 142nd infantry, less the Supply company and the band, was embussed at the several billeting areas in the vicinity of Champigneulle and was moved over the Thiviers-Chalons-Suippe-Somme Suippe road, to a point about one kilometer southwest of Somme Suippe. This movement was completed shortly after midnight; however, the debussing point was four kilometers distant from the billeting area holding the bulk of the regiment. Camp Deljacquet, and it was 5 o'clock before all troops reached their billets. These billets were inadequate to accommo-

date the regiment and many men were compelled to bivouac. There was also much difficulty in securing straw and the supply obtained was insufficient. I established by P. C. during the day of October 5 and 6 in Somme Suippe. That night I received orders to move the regiment, marching at 9 a. m. on October 6 to the appointed rendezvous in the valley about two kilometers south of Somme Py and one-half kilometer east of the Suippe-Somme Py road. My troops, less the Stokes and 37 mm. platoons, in heavy marching order, marched at the designated hour over the trail called the Piste de Nimes and reached the rendezvous at 3:30 o'clock.

Orders Countermanded.

Reconnaissance parties, previously organized and ordered to make reconnaissance of the new area, were countermanded because of the lack of any specific information about this area, and the nearness of darkness.

I had also been informed that guides would be furnished by the units which I was to relieve, who were familiar with the country. Carrying parties were sent forward from this point to a dump about one kilometer south of Somme Py and rations and ammunition were obtained. Packs were detached, piled up and placed under guard. Shortly after the halt was made I reported to the P. C. of the Second division and about 4:30 o'clock I received Field Order No. 39, Headquarters Second division, 6 October, 1918, 10:00 hours, which ordered the Seventy-first brigade to relieve the front line of the Second division. This relief to be accomplished after dusk of that evening and before 3 a. m. of October 7. A roll of maps was handed to me at this time but my sector was not shown on any of them; neither did the division order give me any data on the sector to be occupied other than it was the front line of the Second division. The commanding general Seventy-First brigade designated the 142nd infantry as the left regiment and the 141st infantry as the right regiment. My orders were to proceed forward after dusk under guides from the Sixth Marines. I was told that these guides would be at the church in Somme Py and I sent an officer to meet them and guide them to the organization. He was unable to locate them.

However, they reported to me at my temporary P. C. at the point of rendezvous at 8 o'clock. These guides had been sent back from the P. C.

of the Sixth Marines in a truck and no doubt this contributed very much to their inability to later guide the regiment into the line. Returning from the P. C. of the Second division I reached my P. C. just before dark. I designated Major Morrissey with the Second battalion to go into the support position, and Captain Greer with the Third battalion, plus my machine gun company, as yet without guns, as regimental reserve. In this order at 9 o'clock the regiment marched from the rendezvous.

One of the college stars to make his debut in professional baseball this year is R. J. Ducote, more widely known as Dick or Moon. He has been signed by the Mobile Southern league club. He starred as an athlete at Auburn university and last fall was chosen as the greatest gridiron star of the year by reason of his brilliant work as fullback for the champion Cleveland, Ohio, naval reserve eleven.

PETE COMPTON IS SOLD TO SEATTLE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 3.—Pete Compton, outfielder, last season for the New Orleans Southern association club, whose home is in Kansas City, has received word that he has been purchased by the Seattle club of the Pacific Coast league.

Girl's Kidnapers Sought by Police

AMITE, La., April 3.—Police are unable to identify the owner or occupants of an automobile in which it is said Josie Spital, the 13-year-old adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spital, was kidnaped yesterday from a strawberry field near the Spital home.

Her parents, it is said, are Mr. and Mrs. Pietro Covaglio of Centerville, Iowa.

Looking 'Em Over

The interest in the welterweight division in the pugilistic game has grown considerably in the past few months by virtue of the unexpected results of two important bouts.

These contests were the Leonard-Ritchie affair on the Pacific coast and the Britton-Lewis match at Canton. Both fights took fadism off its chair, so to speak.

Leonard hadn't participated in a real ring contest for months. He was teaching boxing in the army. But Ritchie hadn't appeared in a real contest in over a year, and so far as the public knew had crashed the game. So Leonard was a top-heavy favorite when the two met.

Ritchie, as all well know, beat Leonard by a good margin. With a perfect physical condition and his great judge of distance startled everyone at the arena.

Leonard's friends of course couldn't see how it happened and spent some time analyzing the fact remains that Ritchie looked good and appears to be set for a real campaign in his division.

Jack Britton and Ted Lewis met for the fifteenth time at Canton and fared expectedly another "you slap me and then I'll slap you" affair.

Britton knocked the crowd and Ted Lewis loose by putting the old John Henry knockout on the champ—disengaging him from the title.

Britton never looked better in his life.

As a result of these two mills Britton and Ritchie are in demand and a host of welterweights, good, bad and indifferent, are seeking publicity and coin by demanding bouts with them.

The beneficial effect of military training on the young men of the U. S. A. is apparent in the condition of the big and minor league ball players who are working out around the country in preparation for the 1919 season.

Men who, in days gone by showed up at the training camps with several extra pounds of flesh hanging lobbily but tenaciously to their bones, reported this season from army and navy camps in the pink of condition.

Consequently this spring they can center their activities on tuning up their arms and hitting eyes.

Veteran players—veterans in years of service—who found it hard to hold their weight down from spring to spring, but themselves back in their mid-time physical form while training to fight or fighting for Uncle Sam.

Art Gumm Says: 'I Would Rather Be a Journalist Anyday Than Play a Third Base.'

Dear Editor:—

It is probable that I will be able to help you a lot on the paper this summer on account of a suit I had with Jack Holland which makes me the Omaha City ball team.

Well Ed, it was like this. I saw Jack on the streets but he did not know me or something so I called myself by a name and he says Oh you you have been writing papers for the paper. So I say that is so and besides I play a little ball at third base and he says he has no doubt I am right.

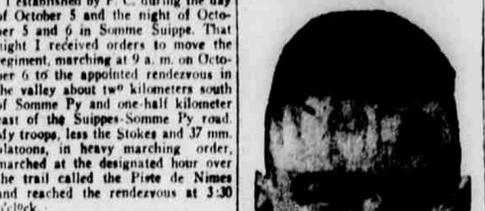
I told Jack I would not hold him up none on a contract and I guess he was just about ready to come across when he was struck somewhere by another idea and says he figures I can do the team more good by writing papers than I might make do on third base. Of course Ed, if a man thinks that way about yourself they'll be nothing due to do, so I probably will settle down into a journalist or something and not be able to no baseball this year.

Me and Jack was talking baseball Ed, and he tells me he got a good man in this (Ritchie), which is a catcher and will not do the pitchers no harm because he is a wise head at the game. This kid has played for Jack before and has stepped right along in the Southern and on the Coast so I figure he will not be in wreck in the Western. He was not stuck on the scenery at Mobile which was the reason Jack was able to get him off that club.

They will be workouts the rest of the week Ed because Jack is anxious to get his boys lined up for their two games with Cincinnati. He's not work and if he had enough men here for two teams Sunday they probably will be a practice game out to the new park.

Art Gumm, Artillery Years, ART GUMM, (P. O. B.)

Southern League Signs Grid Hero



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MANY SURPRISES AT GOLF TOURNEY

PINEHURST, N. C., April 3.—Match play in the North and South championship golf tournament yesterday brought several unexpected results. In the championship division contest, A. J. Meder, Siwanoy Country club; Edward Styles, Washington Golf and Country club; James D. Standish Jr., Detroit, and G. M. Walde Jr., Detroit, lost their matches. Irving S. Robeson, Rochester, who is defending his title, played against Styles and won at the nineteenth hole.

BOWLING HONORS TO TOLEDO WOMAN

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 3.—The Miner Butler five of Toledo is 1919 team champion of the Women's National Bowling association, with a team score of 2436.

None of the sixteen teams on the final squad of the tournament passed that mark.

RICHIE PUT LUCAS ASLEEP IN SECOND

WEST BADEN, Ind., April 1.—Johnny Ritchie of Chicago knocked out Kid Lucas of Dayton, Ohio, in a scheduled ten-round bout here last night, in the second round. Ritchie showed distinguished talent over Lucas.

Major and Minor Draw.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 3.—Jimmie Hanson of Denver and Jimmie Minor of Memphis, lightweights, fought ten fast rounds to a draw last night at Camp Pike. The men weighed in at 133 pounds. It was announced that Eddie Cotton of New Orleans and Pete Harman, bantamweight champion, would fight at Camp Pike April 14.

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