

## NEWS OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS

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drove the enemy 14 kilometers the first day. That night six of us of the intelligent section were put on an outpost. We were driven out twice by artillery fire.

The next day just before we went over the top I received a bullet thru my gas mask. The result was I had to get a new one. We drove the Germans two more kilometers, but had to retreat that night to a position on a hill. My partner and myself had to dig in the hill with bayonets. Believe me a bayonet is slow work when you are in a hurry. We had to move during the night on account of artillery fire.

The fourth day was the worst. We advanced through artillery fire and captured a town. Part of us went in the town at night and upon a hill where we dug again with bayonets. We were practically surrounded by Germans, but didn't know it. About 4 a. m. a lieutenant came to our rescue and by good luck we made our way back to our own lines.

Well, Vera, I haven't time to describe in detail the rest of the fight so will make it short. The other four days we held the ground we had gained and were under heavy artillery fire all the time. When relief came we were a happy bunch of troops. We were then sent to the rear for four days and then returned for four more days of fighting. We had narrow escapes, which I will tell about when I get home. The battle I took part in in France is known as the battle of Argonne Forests.

Every town I have been in for the last month had been blown to pieces by artillery fire. I saw a great many air battles, too. I have been in England Scotland and saw the coast of Ireland.

Halloween passed very quietly here; about the usual stuff that we have every day, work in the day time and sleep at night. But some of the more venturesome ones couldn't resist a certain building that stands in one corner of the hospital grounds, and in the morning it was on its side. But that was all the damage I saw. The French celebrate the day in a different manner than we. All Saints Day is a big church day with the French, for practically 99 per cent of them are Catholics, and the day is considered a big fete day with them. All the stores were closed and everybody seemed to be on the streets, parading in their Sunday clothes, and visiting.

The day after Halloween is Memorial Day with the French and one regiment of American soldiers formed a body guard for the French and American high officials and they marched to the French and American cemeteries where appropriate services were held over the graves of the heroes of this war. I was unable to attend, but those that were there say it was a very beautiful and impressive ceremony.

We spend our time in arguing how soon the war will be over, how long we will be here after the war is over and what we will do when we do get back to the States and in civil life again. We heard yesterday that Austria had capitulated, so that only leaves Germany against us. But we have received no papers for three days so have no way of knowing whether it is true or not.

And of course we had to have bad news to counteract the good, so there is a report in circulation that Russia has come into the field again, this time on the side of the Hun and has 2 million troops in the field. Of course it is probably not true, and won't make much difference if true, but it shows what fine rumors we get every day in the army.

Harry Foster leaves tonight with another boy of this organization with a convoy of medical troops for the front. They will deliver the troops to some officer there and then return to this station. Harry expects to get a chance to see his brother on his way back, and it is probable that they will also spend a day in Paris before returning home. John Gamage will leave tomorrow night for the coast with a bunch of patients for a base hospital, the same trip that I took some time this summer.

From Harry Foster.

Oct. 30—There is nothing to the report about Paul that you received because I received a letter from him written October 19 and he was still in the thick of it and getting along fine. I would give anything to have been through what he has. I do not think that there is another fellow from Emmett that has been at the front as long as he has. He went into the trenches February 23 and has been there ever since, having gone through

some of the hardest battles that have been fought. His regiment has been cited more times than any regiment in France and his division, the 42nd, is the only division that has received four citations, which entitles them to wear the sword with a bronze star, although he has received no promotions, he is certainly entitled to more honor than these fellows that have fought the war in the S. O. S. (myself for instance), getting their favors because someone thinks they are the whole A. E. F. Believe me, I would rather be in Paul's place.

Nov. 14—Dearest Mother:—Well, mother dear, it looks as though the big fuss is over as far as hostilities are concerned, though I suppose it will be sometime before everything is settled. I have been to the front with troops and returned through Paris, having spent five days in the famous town. I happened to be there the night that the Kaiser abdicated; also the day that the armistice was signed and talk about a wild time, I thought the people, especially the French would all go crazy. They lighted up solid mass of people. It seems as tho the French lay the results upon the town and the boulevards were a Americans and there is nothing too good that they can do for us.

I haven't heard from Paul since Oct. 19. He was fine then and still at it. He has been through the Argonne woods battle and helped capture Sedan. I tried to find him while I was up that way, but could not locate him. I expect him now at any time. John Gamage was up to Tours and had a fine visit with Clifford Annan. I want to go up as soon as possible.

### The Dumb Heroes of Sedan

For nearly half a century Sedan had stood for military humiliation to the uttermost degree, for it was September 1, 1870, in the Franco-Prussian War, that the French under Marshal MacMahon were defeated by the Prussian Army, with 17,000 casualties and the loss of 82,000 prisoners, including Emperor Napoleon III, by capitulation. France could forget all else—it could sooner forget the tearing of Alsac-Lorraine from the motherland—but Sedan was seared into the soul of the nation.

So if any one spectacular feat were necessary to endear America to the French people, it was that the Yankee Army should take Sedan from the German forces a few hours before the armistice ending the world war was signed November 11, 1918. America obliterated the stain upon French arms, and for that fact France perhaps is grateful as it will be for the return of the "Lost Sister" after the peace congress has been written into history.

But there is another memory of Sedan, less harrowing if equally pathetic. It is the story of the "Riderless Steeds," which an anonymous poet told in verse after the war of 1870-71 had ended. A prefatory note explained:

"A newspaper correspondent relates that on the morning after the terrible Battle of Sedan six hundred cavalry horses, without riders, galloped up at the sound of the bugles and took their places in the French ranks."

The story was referred to in Harper's Weekly for December 24, 1870, which said of the horse's remarkable performance:

"They were jaded, and in many cases maimed; but they had wandered about in affright till they heard the familiar sound, which their discipline made them obey."

Harper's Weekly quoted Lieutenant Colonel Pemberton:

"Only those who have seen a battle field can form a notion of the extraordinary way in which the horses, as long as they have a leg to crawl on, will follow a regiment to which they belong. I saw what evidently had been sergeant's horses keeping their position in the rear of their squadron wheeling with it and halting exactly and all the time streaming with blood, as if their riders were on their backs. Poor creatures, they are indeed to be pitied, for they have neither country, promotion nor coveted medal to think of, whatever may be the issue; and few indeed there are that have not some honorable scars to show."

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Colonel Roosevelt Outlines His Universal Training Plan

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"Believe in a small standing army and in the principle of universal training for all our young men. Let the ages of 19 and 23, have nine months with the colors. Pick out every candidate for noncommissioned officers or for officers from those who desire such positions and whose services during the nine months showed them to be most fitted for such positions.

"Under that system we would have almost no standing army, certainly a standing army no larger than ours was at the outbreak of the war. We would have all our young men receive a training which would take the physical and moral stoop out of their shoulders, would make them infinitely better citizens in time of peace as regards the state, and would so improve them physically and mentally that they would be more useful to themselves and their families and more valuable assets in the country. We could have a great reserve army which would not be particularly efficient for offense but would be very powerful for defense. It would be composed of men voters, your sons, and my sons and our neighbors' sons, who would not make a separate militarist class but would simply and actually be the

people themselves. It would not offer the slightest temptation for aggression and it would effectively guarantee us as not even the wisest peace league could guarantee us against all likelihood of foreign war and would render it absolutely certain that no nation in its right senses would ever attack us and any nation that did attack us could not by any possibility conquer us."

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