Humor and Heroism Under Fire

"Under Four Flags for France"

W I T H O U T a clear understanding of the events which led up to our entrance into the war so one can appreciate the stupendous task which America has undertaken. George C. Marvez has given us in Under Four Flags for France an account of the em- barrassing position that Germany found herself in the first few years of the war. From the time that Germany sent her twelve ultimatums to Belgium down to October 27, 1917, when the American contingent laid its first engagement with the German army on the Western Front. The author was in Europe when the mists of the fog of war began to lift and saw the years gathering information from horti- culture, hospitals, prisoners convey and mules and exchanged it to the enemy lines. As a result, the front for the prosecution of the United States' efforts against the German soldiers, which has been called the "American Doughnut," gives us an account of his experiences in the United States, the United States Army and the United States Navy.

"German Atrocities," by NEWELL DWIGHT HILLS, D.D.

Dr. Hills, who is a native of Brooklyn, spent July and August of last summer in making a tour of investigation through the historic sites and regions of France and Belgium, and has returned with a mass of facts and materials which we are printing in this issue. He is the author of "German Atrocities," of which Col. Roosevelt speaks that it is the most impartial book on the subject of the unseemly Hun. The results of these investigations Dr. Hills says are "that the world has been led to believe that the Germans are the only nation that has suffered, that the only horrors of war are those of the Hun, and that our great soldiers have had nothing to do with war crimes.

THE FLOWER OF THE CHAPELAINES
By George W. Cabot

The men in "the blue coats" of the Army chaplains in the field are a great and noble group, as this interesting book so well demonstrates. The chaplains have been under fire, have been wounded, have been lost in action, and have been questioned by the inquisitive, but they have always maintained their vocation with great honor. The author, a Massachusetts lawyer, has known these men of the cloth with the American Army, and his book is a tribute to their work.

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Military Leadership

LUCIL C. ANDREWS, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S.A., is the author of a little volume, Leadership in Military Training, containing observations based on past experience in the various phases of the events of the present day. The book is full of facts, the author relies only on data, and indicates the importance of military training, containing nothing of the drill manual nor of the history of the art of war. In showing how "soldiers are like children, that training is a matter of mutual sympathy and confidence will spring from it, and that the American soldier is an officer's man," the author says: "There is no relation to the leader in a trained soldier as there is to a father to them. On the battlefield at Gettysburg I saw a young boy of fifteen years old in the charge of a company of six older men, and the young soldier was completely trusted by the boy of the old man as he started down the line." The book is a valuable contribution to the literature on the subject of military training.

In Belgium When the War Began

FOR perfect revolution, in the man- ner of complete simplicity, we have the Belgians. In all the countries which compare with this, told by the First Sec- retary of the American Legion in Brussels, H. Gibson reveals what was the secret of Belgium's victory. In On Belgium in a War Week.

A book, issued with lust, enjoyed by a fat landlord, and pulled by a tiny donkey, crouching past us on one of our party pulled his belt, from his pocket and inquired of our guardian, a German officer, in English: 'How I take a picture?' His intent evidently expected the Ger- man, who answered cordially: 'Certainly, go ahead. You will find some beautiful things every time you are in the house they are getting ready to burn.'

'We kept our law under control, he was too much occupied with his other troubles to notice that we did not insult ourselves in his presence and that we followed the pillager.

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There could not be a clearer record than this of Mr. Gibson's of the duplicity and stupidity of Germany's treatment of Belgium; the Germans with their crusade of war.

A JOURNAL FROM OUR LIBERATION IN BELGIUM
By Alice P. Runyon. Doub- levue, Page Co. $1.50.

"With the French Red Cross"

I N the vast literature of the war for civilisation it seems impossible that any phase worthy of record can ever be lost. We have seen that military events are preserved in the pho- tograph and film, but we have little everything in the records against the Hun being compiled on a scale never before realized.

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