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Felled Tree Trunks Form Last Barrier On Finnish Front

Barbed Wire-Tangled Swath in Forest Is Military Innovation

By WILLIAM L. WHITE.
SOMEWHERE IN FINLAND.—The bluff and hearty Finnish major who looks like a football coach leads the way up the winding communication trench toward the front lines. The trench, of course, does not cover us completely—ahead we can see the bobbing of helmets, just over the surface of the snow, of a file of soldiers on their way back to rest camp. We step aside to let them pass.

A few hundred yards farther on the major stops us to point with pride through the forest. We look and there, lying twisted in the trees, is the wreckage of three Russian tanks, destroyed two days ago with dynamite bombs.

Farther on down this winding, communicating trench soldiers are constructing rest-dugouts, deep in

the ground and roofed with several layers of pine logs—the first layer close together, running north and south, the second layer running east and west, the third parallel to the first, the fourth to the second, so on until there are more than two yards of tough green pine, and on top of that at least a yard of hard-packed dirt. Over that will soon be snow. Proof against anything, boasts the major: even the direct hit of a 6-inch shell explosive will only jar the stew out of a man's mess-kit. His own post-of-command dugout is no stouter than this, built for his men.

Tree Trunks Form Barrier.
A hundred yards beyond this we halt again, for here the communicating trench ends in the deeper front line trench, the last outpost of Finland, and we can look over her defenses.

Here the forest ends. In front of our first-line trench is a clearing and a couple of hundred feet of barbed wire, thigh-deep, as in the last World War. The wire is laced around stumps of hewn-down trees. But out beyond the wire is something new found only in Finland—a great swath in the forest, parallel to the wire and trenches, at least 200 yards wide. Here lie the prostrate trunks of trees. Their branches have been lopped off and these again have been laced with barbed wire. On the opposite edge of this swath the Russians have dug

their trenches, as we quickly discover from the occasional ping! (it sounds like the tearing of silk by a quick jerk) of a rifle bullet above the deeper thunder of artillery. Any mountain climber who has spent a weary, nerve-racking hour going a quarter of a mile across a forest of pines felled by an old forest fire, can understand why Finland can never be conquered by this route. Every square foot of this fallen timber is covered by Finnish machine guns, spitting death from the tall forest behind. A Russian attack can only be a slow crawl, a laborious, tedious climb over fallen trees, with their bodies exposed to fire, with branches and barbed wire jerking them back every foot of the way.

Sand Bags Made of Paper.
So now we walk along the front-line trench, paralleling this wide ribbon of wilderness, felled trees and barbed wire. It is much deeper than the communicating trench, and bolstered with stout pine branches, which hold in place the tiers of sand bags, which in this country are not bags at all. Finland is an exporter of wood pulp but must import all her textiles, so her army's sand bags are, consequently, stout paper sacks. They are waterproofed, rot no quicker than cotton sacking, and a bullet makes no greater tear in them. Automatically we duck down when Russian rifle bullets ping over

(which is foolish because a bullet travels faster than its own sound, so the ones that hit you are never heard), and yet not quite foolish, for one ping bullet may be the first of a clip from an automatic rifle or a machine gun belt full of them, and if you duck at the first the others cannot get you.

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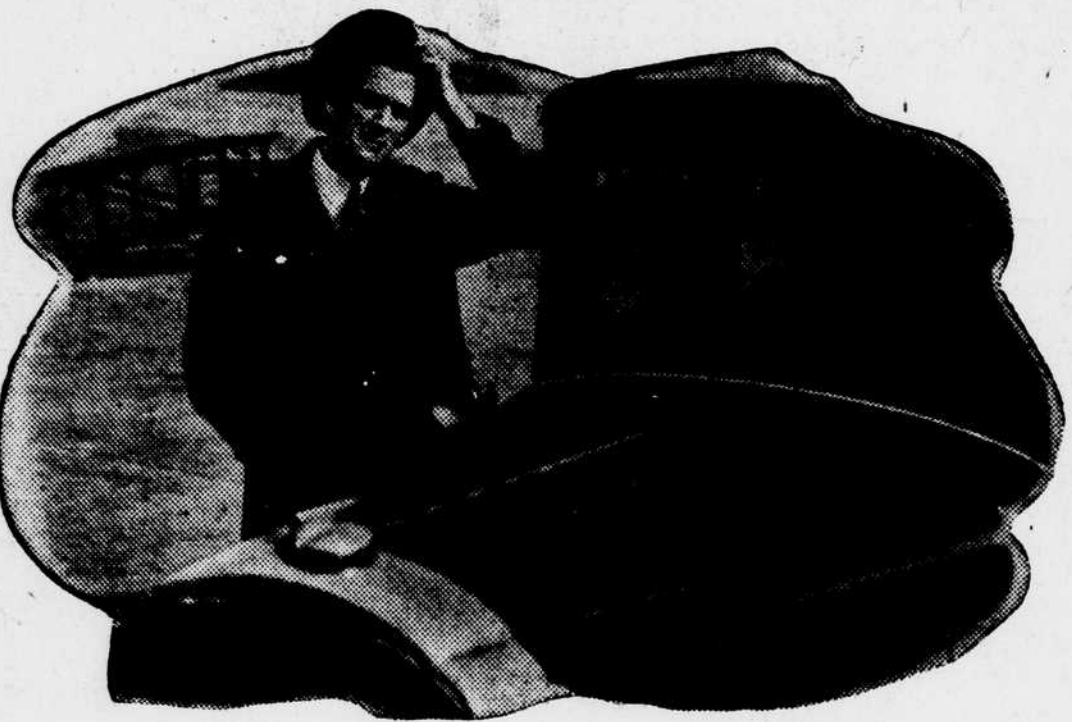
By the Associated Press.
A prediction that Great Britain might find herself allied with Germany in a common war against Russia before peace comes again to Europe was made today by Maj. Gen. J. P. C. Fuller, a British military analyst.

In an article written for Army Ordnance, publication of the Army Ordnance Association, Gen. Fuller

expressed the view that Stalin's most profitable course was to "aim at a Franco-British defeat and risk a German victory and, further, whilst the clench in the west continues, to advance into Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan and establish himself so firmly in those countries that, should Germany win the war, he can at once move into India and prevent the Japanese from occupying that country."

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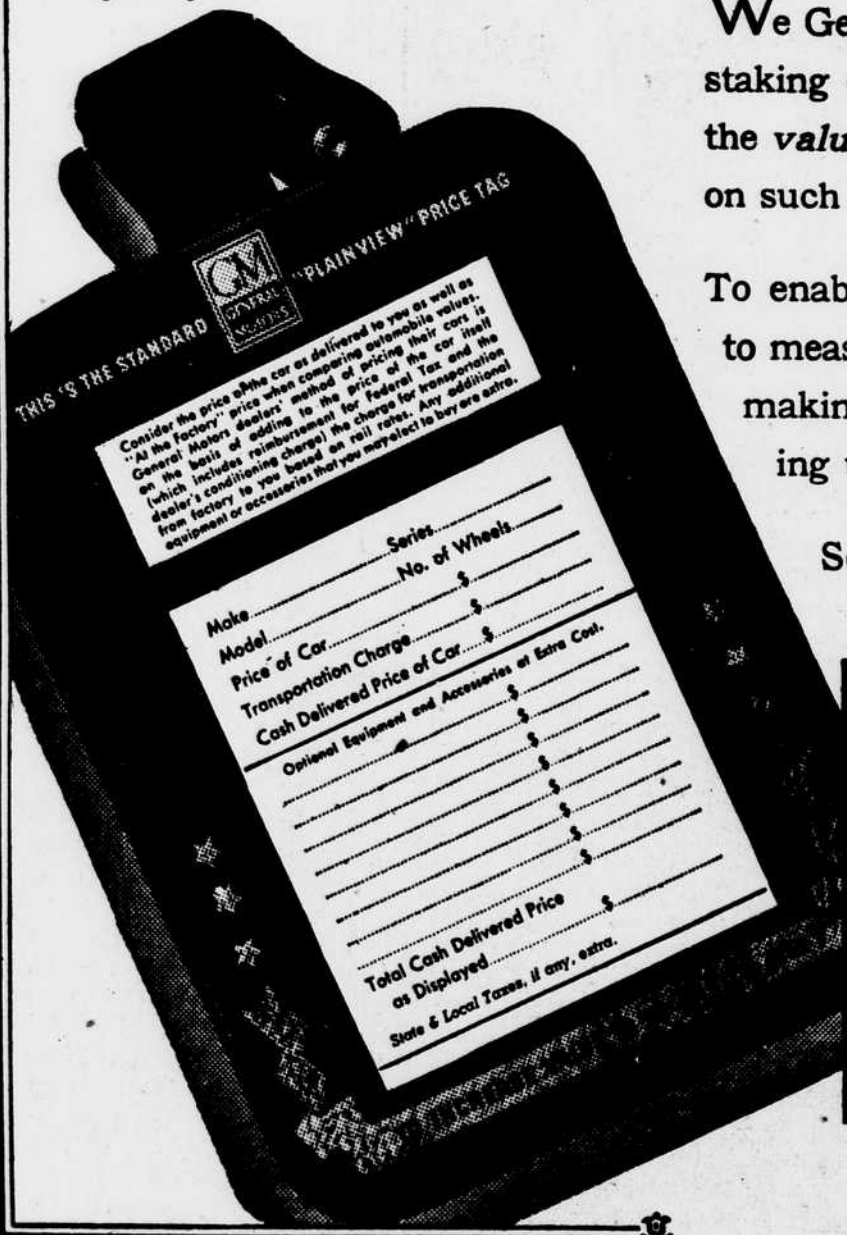
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