

MARIE DRESSLER ON CASUALTY LIST Not the One You Think, but Battery D's Walking Milk Supply

M.P. CORNERS BEEF OUTPUT Artillerymen Fall for Con Game and Are Now Minus Dairy

Marie Dressler is dead. In a green French meadow she knew and loved, where the poppies lift their scarlet heads to the sun, and where, as the afternoons wane, a friendly wood reaches forth a grateful shade...

Once it was reported that she was missing from her post—a plain case of A.W.O.L.—and scouts went forth in every direction. It was the captain himself who found her held prisoner by another battery...

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Another battery of Field Artillery had a cow, but has none no longer. Some of the M.P.s descended on its custodian and bawled him out in their best and most intimidating manner. What, the M.P.s wanted to know, did this battery mean by calmly adopting a French cow? Did they think they owned France? Did they know what stealing meant? Did they ever hear the regulations on the subject? Where did they get that stuff? And so on and so on.

Much abused, the battery yielded up the cow, and the stern guardians of military law led her away. That night the M.P.s had fresh beef for dinner.

ARTILLERY GETS INTO BIG ACTION IN RECORD TIME

Continued from Page 1 had tidings was no French officer at all, but a German emissary doing his best to confuse and demoralize the new troops thus insolently opposing the will of Berlin.

They stayed where they were—stayed there day and night for 70 hours—70 hours without rest or sleep. For the first week, they fired almost continuously. During the first 24 hours, that regiment sent 10,000 rounds over in "Germany" and cared not a whit that they were exceeding the allowance of shells that had been assigned to them.

Of late, as the emergency subsided, they have been firing more thriftily. The guns have been settling down into better and more thoroughly camouflaged positions and planting their blows with deadlier and deadlier accuracy, an accuracy they could not have hoped to achieve in the first anxious days with their scanty knowledge of the land ahead of them and their less detailed information as to the movement of the enemy.

Luxuries of the Line The jabsos have borrowed further under ground and the officers have been elaborating their dugouts till you find them rooted with layer on layer of logs, carpeted with straw, warmed by fireplaces and neatly niched for candles, telephones, books and other luxuries of the front.

But these July days and nights know no such tense excitement and exhausting work as made memorable their first week in that region, the week when they fought in the open and suffered most of their casualties. And just as the Artillery men there tell wonderful tales of the Infantry and Marines fighting ahead of them, so you must go to the Infantry and Marines for a full appreciation of the part the Artillery regiments played in the woods and meadows north of the Marne.

ran down and captured single-handed 52 stubbornly resisting soldiers of the enemy, but because he apparently was quick-witted enough to give the final flip to their impulse to throw up their hands, and because he had himself negotiated the surrender.

The misinformation he gave the German captor was not such a great stretching of the truth, for, as a matter of fact, the little group of Germans were gone gassed that evening. If they had been so minded, however, they could have made a company of Yankees pay dearly for that bit of woods. But the Americans, when they pushed forward later to take the nest at whatever cost, found that nest empty. The birds had flown.

They did not learn till later that they had flown, with Private Lenert.

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Looking for his own people again in the darkness of the woods when he stumbled into a German company—walked into a German machine gun, and knew as much by the way they fell upon him.

The Boches dragged their lone prisoner before their captain, who put him through a hurried examination—an examination carried out in German, for Lenert can speak German.

Lenert did not know much, for he tried a few details on his inquisitor, and, noting the profound effect they seemed to have, quite warmed up to his story. He bent over the map they showed him, and reluctantly described the position of various American regiments till he had conveyed the impression to the already unhappy captain that this nest of Germans was virtually surrounded.

"And I want to get out of here," Lenert went on with growing conviction. "There's a lull now, but they're going to turn the artillery on this patch of woods and blow it to bits. I don't want to be here. I want to get out right now."

Heap Big Powwow With this final piece of information to consider, the captain withdrew a little and held great powwow with his three lieutenants. The council of war did not last long, and very likely was the concluding session of one held a little earlier, the maturing of a plan already considered. A moment later and Private Lenert was startled and a little embarrassed by having the German captain formally surrender to him. He took the proffered automatic, flourished it several times, and squared his shoulders.

"Throw down your arms," he said boldly, and the soldiers, who were entirely in sympathy with the proceedings, discarded their weapons with alacrity. There were 78 of them.

"Any more?" Lenert asked. The captain admitted there might be a few more left, but they were stowed away in dugouts and outposts, and would have a shift for themselves. There was no time to lose.

Leading His Flock "Come on, then," said the Marine, and, in scandalous contravention of the approved methods, brandished his newly acquired pistol, and led rather than drove his prisoners forth. His sense of direction had been improved considerably by his study of the map, and when he became confused once on the way back the captain proffered his compass, and they soon had their bearings again.

It was like that all the way through—an affable party, with the Germans doing double time every once in a while when they feared they might not get as thoroughly captured as they had decided, by this time, they wanted to be.

The first point they struck was the headquarters of another regiment, for Lenert did not know his own command had vacated their premises and moved on elsewhere. He got his new directions and started on.

"Need any guards?" they asked respectfully.

"Don't need any guards," he replied "but I'd like a couple of guides."

"I got some prisoners"

So his staff was increased by two, and off down the road the strange procession moved. A little later and he was roaring his announcement:

"Say, come on down; I got some prisoners, I have."

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THE WEEK'S BATTLE LINE

The week ending Wednesday, July 3, though marked by no major engagements, has seen a series of raids and reconnaissances on the western front, including the Italian line, made on the grand scale. These reconnaissances in at least three instances were smashing local attacks in force, each of which, brilliantly executed, won back appreciable slices of ground, captured important points of vantage or assault, and made a considerable number of prisoners.

112 MORE D.S.C.'S FOR YANK HEROES

Continued from Page 1 aged all men near him, although he himself was wounded three times. He subsequently died of his wounds. Sergeant 1st Class, Theron Dalrymple, Engineers—"At Bois de Villiers, France, on May 9, 1918, displayed heroic devotion to duty by rendering first aid resistance to the wounded, by handling his platoon under shell fire with coolness and courage, and by attempting to protect a comrade while he himself was mortally wounded. Sergeant Grover C. O'Kelley, Marines—"In the operations against the enemy in the Bois de Belleau, France, on June 6 and 8, 1918, displayed the greatest qualities of courage and leadership in the assaults against strong enemy machine gun positions. This brave soldier was killed in performance of his duty."

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Continued from Page 1 allowance as she always has. Only the excess \$10 will be held up a short while. Other amendments to the War Risk act state that beginning July 1, Class A and B allotments may be carried in column 1 of payrolls, and that Army serial numbers must be given on all Forms 38. The War Risk Section will advise organization commanders in all matters arising under the War Risk act. All questions relative to the construction and administration of this act will be sent by organization commanders direct to the War Risk Section at Tours. Wherever such complications arise as to make explanation by correspondence impracticable or unsatisfactory, the War Risk Section, upon request from any organization commander, will send representative for personal conference relative to War Risk problems.

MORE YET FOR RED CROSS

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, July 4.—For proftoreering, a wholesale flour dealer in New York has paid \$25,000 to the Red Cross; easy come, easy go. The total of the Red Cross collection during the last drive is now at \$170,000,000, with money still coming in.

EVERYONE HELPING IN KANSAS HARVEST

Wheat Crop Reports Show Weekly Improvement Over Estimates

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, July 4.—The wheat harvesting is proceeding briskly, with almost 100,000,000 bushels already cut in the south and southwest. In Kansas, when harvest-time came around, thousands of citizens dropped their regular occupations and pitched in, with sleeves rolled up, to help harvest 9,500,000 acres. Mayors and other city officials, butchers, bakers, candlestick makers and real estate agents dropped all their business to help out in the fields. Even the city women gave up their reading clubs and children and knitting and everything, and went out to the farms to cook and wash dishes for the volunteer farm hands. The crop reports improve every week even over and above the first estimates. Winter wheat is now safe, and there is every prospect for the crop of spring wheat reaching the maximum. The weather is almost universally good throughout the wheat-growing territory, and the grain is in beautiful condition, with big heads and all.

JERSEY'S WAR RECORD

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, July 4.—New Jersey is holding up her hand to tell Dear Teacher that she—New Jersey—is the busiest little State going. She says she has sent more of her joys to the front than any other State in proportion to population, and adds that in a few weeks she will be completing one ship every other working day.

'T' WAS COLDEST JUNE EVER

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, July 4.—The coldest June within the memory of the most famous and oldest inhabitants of the East has ended. It actually sprinkled some snow on the Hudson River Valley—yes, and upon Coney Island!

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