

SPEEDY RUNNERS NORTH OF OURCQ RACE WITH DEATH

Wearers of Red Brassard Carry Tidings of Battle as Hun Goes Back

LIAISON WELL PRESERVED

Men Cross Fire-Swept Areas With Messages That Mean Defeat or Victory for Comrades

They had been pats together out in Council Bluffs—Al Boyesen and Billy Shupp—and they were together in Company L when their regiment sailed from America last fall.

It was the hour when an important message had to be carried from the company commander to a deep, hidden dug-out then serving as battalion headquarters.

Two Hundred Yards Behind A minute later—200 yards behind, perhaps—came Boyesen, for, thus managed, that message would have a double chance of getting through.

Then he faints. That is the story of two American runners in the Second Battle of the Marne. It is only one story, and there are so many.

Go to any one who has lived through any day or week of that battle where it was hottest and ask who were its heroes. He will want to name all the men who put their shoulder to its tremendous burden.

The Runners' Business The runners are the fleet youngsters who, as the battle sways and strains, keep regiment in touch with battalion, battalion with company, company with platoon.

NEW SERVICE RECORD IF YOURS IS LOST

Inquiry Must First Be Made at Central Record Office

If your service record is lost, and if searching at the Central Records Office, near Tours, fails to bring it to light, then you are not called on to look any further for it—or rather, your C.O. isn't called on to.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE, DOUGHBOYS?



This Ridge West of Château-Thierry Was the Infantry's Objective, and Having Reached It, They Are Awaiting Orders. [Signal Corps Photo.]

MUMPS LEADS IN DISEASES THAT HIT 131,075 IN FRANCE

But Whole Army Loses Less Than Three Per Cent of Working Time

DISEASE KILLS ONLY 923

Tuberculosis Scores Low, Trench Foot Near Bottom, Measles Almost Last

This was a pretty healthy Army during its first year in France. Up to June 1, it might have, with all the people in it, lost 62,714,000 days' work through being sick in hospital or in quarters.

As for the individual diseases, mumps—good old cheek-pulling, childhood haunting mumps—was the worst offender, taking more toll of the A.E.F. than any other malady.

Other Itches in Toll, Too Going in order, down the list, the following ailments took their toll, beginning with the eleventh, hepatitis.

CANNED LAIT IS FIXER

AMERICA, Aug. 8.—If your G.H.Q. suddenly pleads with you to have some unaltered milk, here is the reason.

COLLAR OVER COLLAR

If you want to, you can wear the collar of your O.D. shirt turned down outside the collar of your blouse.

CROSS OF LEGION FOR GEN. PERSHING

Gen. Foch Now Marshal of France, Gen. Petain Is Given Decoration

In the hour of Allied victory, embracing the greatest Allied advance since the First Battle of the Marne, General Pershing has been made a Marshal of France.

Band Plays "Marseillaise"

The sides of the square were lined with French and American troops, and as President Poincaré took his place facing General Pershing, the American band struck up "La Marseillaise."

General Pershing thanked President Poincaré for the honor, which he valued as another mark of friendship and respect on the part of France for the American Army.

56,000,000 SOCKS IN UNCLE'S WAR OUTFIT

Ten Million Breeches Also Figure in Bill for Army to April 1

AMERICA, Aug. 8.—Only after careful revision and report by the Board of Review of the General Staff will contracts be let on the "cost plus percentage" plan hereafter.

DOUGHBOYS TURN ARTILLERY RACE INTO MARATHON

Batteries Are Adjusted Just in Time to Get Move On Orders

NO REST CURE FOR THEM

Gunners Decline to Grow Downt-hearted When Expected Relief Turns to "On Ahead"

There are any number of Artillerymen in this latest forward rush who have the satisfaction of knowing their guns have put many a German out of action for the rest of the war—and then some.

Always on the Go

"Move up? It seems to me I've traveled half way round the world. I've counted at least two dozen times in these last six days when I was all set and ready, only to hear each time that the doughboy had once more run the lurch out of range.

The Luckier Ones

There were many of these, but just were others who were luckier. One battery executive had just received orders to get under way again after he had been firing steadily for half an hour.

President Tells Senators Women's Voting Would Aid World Morale

AMERICA, Aug. 8.—Woman suffrage as a national campaign issue seems likely to vanish. All parties are hurrying to embrace it.

BIG WAR PROFITS TAX FAVORED BY ADMINISTRATION

House Plan for Revenue on Luxuries Alone Would Raise Billion

FOR GRAND UNIFIED ARMY

Guard, Nationals and Regulars May Be Merged When Congress Reassembles

AMERICA, Aug. 8.—The Administration is reported as favoring a heavy war-profits tax.

Army of at Least 5,000,000

It is also understood that the National Guard, the National Army and the Regular Army are to be merged into one grand unified army.

OLD PARTIES GIVING SUFFRAGE GLAD HAND

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NOT SO MUCH MUD WHEN WINTER COMES

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UPHILL FIGHTING WORRIES YANKS NO MORE THAN RIVER

Crossing of Ourcq Followed by Exhaustant Race to Gain Crest

RECALL SOUNDED IN VAIN

"Heaven, Hell or Hoboken Before Christmas!" Is Battle Cry of Charging Infantry

The spectacular retreat of the army of the German Crown Prince from the Ourcq to the Vesle was not made until after the enemy had spent the greater part of five days in a grim effort to make his stand on the line stretching from Fere-en-Tardenois to Ville-en-Tardenois.

PAY BOOKS OCTOBER 1

The pay book, which this newspaper forecast in its issue of June 7, has come.

Beginning October 1, they will be used to provide pay for men on detached service, in hospital, in leave areas, or whenever the soldier's service record, pay card, or other data needed to prepare a payroll is not available.

Organization commanders will, on receipt of the G.O. outlining the pay book, prepare requisitions for the books showing the strength of their commands.

Soldiers arriving for duty with the A.E.F. will be paid on payrolls for all unpaid periods to include the month in which they left the United States, and individual pay books will be opened for them on the first day of the succeeding month.

RETREATING HUNS ARE CHASED BACK 21 BITTER MILES

Marne, Ourcq, Vesle Crossed by Defeated Hosts of Crown Prince

VAST QUANTITY OF BOOTY

American Captures Alone Exceed 8,400 Prisoners and 133 Guns, With More Uncounted

Three weeks after the army of the German Crown Prince had launched the Second Battle of the Marne, that army, defeated and considerably the worse for wear, had been driven back from the Marne, driven across and back from the Ourcq, driven across the Vesle. At the end of the third week, the Germans had been pushed as much as 21 miles behind the line which was the starting point of their much-awaited Eriodurum.

Among the fruits of this victory, aside from its worldwide political import and its incalculable contribution to the morale of the Allied forces, may be numbered the liberation of 200 French towns and villages and all the harvest land between the infliction of grievous casualties on the Crown Prince's divisions, the taking of more than 35,000 prisoners, the seizure of more than 700 guns and the capture of an immense amount of ammunition, light railway material and other supplies.

Enemy Numerically Superior

Not only from its import as a turning point in the present war, but from the mere magnitude of the field and the forces engaged, the combat the Germans started in a desperate effort to capture the Ourcq, had been taken by the Americans alone. It should be added that at the time of that announcement, there were many more guns and prisoners yet to be counted.

Swift Dash for Heights

It took one battalion only 30 minutes to dash down the southern slope, wade the river, and entrench itself at the crest of the first slope beyond. It took the forces engaged there five days of the bitterest fighting to move a kilometer further to capture Serings and Serings, and make the heights untenable for the Crown Prince's forces.

Succession of Nimble Leaps

The German withdrawal from the Marne to the valley of the Aisne was made in a succession of nimble leaps backward, his yielding up of each defensive line following always after the most deadly fighting, while each retreat was protected by determined machine gun rearguards. But though his retreat was never, in any large sense, disorderly, the Allied pressure was so unrelenting that, with the stretched rears left at his command, he did not have time to destroy, let alone to carry off, all the immense quantities of ammunition and other costly material he had been so laboriously assembling for the offensive in which he had built such high hopes.

They Never Let Go

It has been said that Serings changed hands nine times in as many days. The Yankee regiment that took it will tell you that it grabbed Serings on the first day and never let go again.

Already Across River

The pursuit was hot, the scheme to keep the enemy from advancing from the heights beyond at 4:30 Sunday morning. As the time approached, it became apparent that all the elements would not be ready nor all the Artillery needed yet in position.

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An order to delay the advance was rushed down the line, but it is part of the price paid for such a hot and harassing pursuit that communications are, naturally, not always perfect, and when the countermarching order reached the regiment, its first battalion was already across the river, and when it reached another, the advance battalion was already in the flush of its first at-