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This remarkable looking weapon, which is being used with telling effect against the Turks in the Dardanelles campaign, is a trench mortar, one of the ew engines of war which has been brought into play during the present European war. It is mounted on boxes, and judging from the way it is handled when fired there is considerable risk to the pointer or operator of the weapon, for while one arm directs the fire of the mortar the other arm pulls the slug which sets it off.



tween Officers and Men.

BY CAMILLO CIANFARPA.

(International News Service.) Udine, Italy.—A stay of a few days at any of the sectors into which the Italian front is divided will convince the neutral observer of several things. Two of these will suffice as chiefly characteristic of the Italian army, viz.: The good humor of the Italian troops even in the face of the most desperate straits; and the excellent relations which exist at all the leg. times between the officers and men. Nevert Shrapnel shells may explode at regular intervals in and around the Italian trenches, the roar of the guns may be deafening and awe-inspiring the rain of bullets may raise clouds of dust and send pebbles and chunks of rocks hurtling through the airand yet the Italian soldier will always be ready to get all the fun he can out of the situation.

In fact the clammy hand of death may be lurking in every corner and yet his native smile will never desert him, the unquenchable fire will never leave his eyes, he will always be ready for a joke at the expense of the unsuspecting comrade standing. rifie in hand, at his side, alert at the first signs of real danger.

This good humor, the radiant smile and the easy cheerful ways of the Italian "Tommy," even after the most bloodcurdling operations, in which he may have risked his life a dozen times, excites the wonder of the Aus trian officers.

One of the latter in a letter to his mother which was found on the battlefield declared that he could not make up his mind whether these Italian soldiers were cynics or en-

thusiasts.

their men as they deserve to be treated; kindly, humanely. Moreover, they do it without loss of dignity. Hence, the soldiers respect, honor and even love their superiors. In the trenches and everywhere on

the firing line, where danger is greatest, the feeling of devoted comradeship between officers and men is admirable and it is safe to say that every soldier is ready and willing to lay down his life for his superior. Stories of soldiers who risked their lives to save those of their officers are a daily occurrence at the Italian

The last soldier to be decorated was a certain Guido Vitelli who, on seeing in the course of an engagement his lieutenant fall grievously wounded, left the trenches accompanied by a comrade and rushed to the rescue. The spot where the officer lay was quite a distance from the trench and Vitelli was struck twice in the hand and in the cheek, while his comrade was slightly wounded in

Nevertheless, the two wounded soldiers succeeded in carrying their su-perior officer into the Italian lines. At the hospital, where he is now re-covering, Vitelli related his adventures to the captain of his company, adding that he was glad of the oppor tunity of proving the devotion he felt for the gallant young lieutenant. Nat-urally, the captain has recommended him for the medal.



other.

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Signal Corps Get Little Credit for Most Heroic Work.

With Shot and Shell Playing Around Him Signaler Coolly Splices Bro-ken Telegraph Wires - Always at Danger Point.

By CHRIS HEALY.

(International News Service.) Liverpool.—When the full story of he war is written we shall know the avact part played by the skilled craftsmen of Great Britain. Appre-clative hints are given here and there of the work of the collier in detecting the enemy's mines, and boring counter-mines, and of this work and that of the navy, in building to the but none of the official war correspondents have told us of the bravery and skill of the telegraph section of the Royal engineers, whose work is to organize victory by making it possible for one line of the men to com municate with the other by erecting and repairing wires; in a phrase, by acting as the ears of the British The signaler is seldom the army. hero of one of those great stories of aggressiveness which makes the name

of Michael O'Leary the subject of a thousand stories and legends, yet his work, nevertheless, is heroic to a degree An officer who has recently re-

turned from the region round Ypres, Festubert, and La Bassee tells me that the bravest feat he witnessed during his stay at the front was that of a telegraph signaler in the midst of a battle whose fortunes were turning now on the side of the Germans,

and then on ours. A shell came from the Prussian side, which blew in a trench and cut a telegraph line to pieces. The next moment a signaler dashed through with a layer of wire in his hand, his pincers between his teeth, and quite an armory of other tools in his pockets. Then with shot and shell playing round him he began to relay the broken telegraph line, fixed it up, walked calmly back to his original spot. wiped from his face the mud and dust with which it was covered, relit his

pipe, and awaited his next job. "It was the coolest piece of work I have ever seen," said the officer. He was a judge, too, for he had seen six Victoria crosses earned, although the signaler in this case did not get one. Here is a sketch of the daily routine of the signaler: He rises while all the other soldiers are asleep, and quietly makes his way to the place where the new trenches are to be-made, estimates the amount of material necessary, thinks of the men he can spare from the work of repairing. and then goes back to make all the preparations needed, which must be completed before the shell signal is given that the artillery attack has

opened He waits with strained nerves, as to be at the heels of the rush of infantry which is to capture the ensmy's trenches; then, as the last German is bayoneted or taken prisoner even before the work of the Red Cross section has begun, he starts laying the telephones and telegraph wires which are to keep the field commanders in touch with one an

Night work is not only difficult but dangerous. Apart from the discomfort of trudging through plowed fields, often after heavy rain has made them into huge quagmires, fall-ing into deep ponds made by a big shell, and running the risk of being drowned where a cry for help may mean wholesale death for your own sector; dodging the star shells which the enemy send up to take a view of things, the signaler must always bear in mind that the lines must be laid or repaired, and his own life is simply



This remarkable picture of bursting German shells was made just at the moment when they were falling on a farm in the Argonne district used by the French as a rendezvous. The shells were directed at the French so diers, who are seen working. None of the French soldiers who were present while the rain of shells fell on ther were hurt.

WAR'S TRAGEDY FOR THE NONCOMBATANT



One of the London Daily Mail's prize photographs, showing a family returned to their native village after a lous battle had been fought there, only to find their cottage in ruins.



TEAN AGO THIS WEEK	
1002	Sept. 27, 1914.
00	Allies repulsed German attacks both wings, but Germans gained center.
	French re-enforced on the Meuse.
	Germans bombarded Malines. Russians checked German ac-
Va	ince into Poland at Suwalki and tered town of Przemysl.
	Serbs and Montenegrins reached sumanian border.
01	Japanese defeated Germans in Itskirts of Kisochow.
	German avlators dropped bombs Paris and Warsaw.
	Cholera outbreak in Austria.
	Sept. 28, 1914.
	Allies made programments the Meuse.
pu	Belgians retook Alost and re-
84	General Hindenburg's army road to retire from Poland.
	Russians occupied Dembica and ok a fort at Przemysi.
13	Russians crossed the Carpathians d invaded Hungary.
	Japanese approached Tsingtau.
-	German Congo seized by British d French.
-	French warship sunk by Cattaro
	Russian soldiers occupied Tileit tate of kalser.
	Sept. 29, 1914.
M	Germans occupied Moll and alines and bombarded Lierre.
	Outer defenses of Antwerp elied by the Germans.
	Serbs retook Semiin.
H	Russians swept over northern ungary.
	Japanese invested Tsingtau.
100	Chinese blew up callroad beldase

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS W

Chinese blew up railroad bridges to hinder progress of Japanese. British warships bombarded Tsingtau.

German cruiser Emden sank five British steamers in Gulf of Bengal and all tank steamers at Madras. Zeppelin dropped bombs in Belglan towns.

U. S. S. Tennessee ordered to the Adriatic

Sept. 30, 1914.

Allles drove back both German wings and retook St. Mihiel. Germans destroyed town Orchies.

Germans failed in attempt to ross the River Niemen.

Retreating Austrians surrounded near Dukia.

Hungarians retook Uzsok pass. Japanese reached Lao-Che and Germans abandoned their artillery Italian shipe sunk by Austrian

Ines. British cruiser Cumberland cap tured ten German merchant steam

ers. Cadets from Canada Royal Milltary college sailed for England.

Oct. 1, 1914.

Allies won fight around Roye. French shelled Germans in quar

Bombardment of Antwerp forts

German and Japanese warships fought in Klaochow harbor.

Troops from India landed at Marsellles.

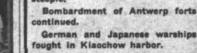
Oct. 2, 1914.

Germans driven back across the

Allies checked at Arras.

Two Antwerp forts silenced.

les. Belolans bombarded Termonde church to drive Germans from steeple.



'For a whole day," continued the officer, who is a devout Catholic, "I was prevented from training a gun against a certain spot, because I saw through my field glasses that an ammunition wagon was guarded by a priest armed with a long shining

When the Italians evacuated the spot it was discovered that the priest was nothing more nor less than a black cassock and a widebrimmed hat, supported on two wooden sticks and the cross formed out of a num ber of tin meat cans.

Musi: and singing, however, form the chief diversions of the Italian troops, whenever and wherever the officers allow it. As Colonel Dunn, military attache at the American embassy, remarked after a short visit to the Italian front, "These encampments behind the firing line are more like a picnic party than soldiers on a battle front."

Every contingent has its quota of guitar, mouthorgan and mandolin players, and night concerts follow each other on every side until the "Last Post" is sounded and the regiment retires under canvas. But even then after the patrol has disappeared toward the farthest end of the camp. a tender and touching melody steals through the air, lulling the nearby restless to sleep.

As to the relations existing between the officers and the men in the ranks, they form, in the opinion of Captain Hayshi, member of the Japanese military mission, a striking feature of the war. Italian military discipline is strict, but not harsh. It is maintained by kindness and justice rather than by fear.

First, the officers invariably treat drinks in large 20 cups a day.

KANSAS HAS 900 PAUPERS | rious counties in Kansas cared for only 960 paupers, the report says. Twenty Countles In the State Have Pending the construction of new quarters at the Winfield Hospital for No Poor Farms Nor Poor

Indigents.

Topeka .- Twenty of the 105 Kansas counties have no poor farms or indigent poor, while in other counties the poor farms are self-supporting, accord-ing to a report made by J. W. Howe, retary of the state board of control

In the year ending July 1 the vaagainst 14 the previous year. a means for that end.

If he is killed after his work is done, then he can die happy knowing that he has saved the lives of men. If his work is unfinished, then death has a new terror, a new agony. This braces him up when a star shell lights the sky. He promptly faces his own trench with his back to the enemy. The pink patch on his face would not only make him a target for a sniper, but would also give away the posi tion of his regiment.

So he stands still, or else throws himself face downward, running the risk of getting honorable wounds, in the back. By the time he has measured the ground for the new lines, given a look for the other lines in use, and made a test or two, it is time to return to his dugout quarters, crawl in for an hour or two's rest, and, perhaps, just as he has fallen comfortably asleep, be peremptorily awakened by the news that the en-

my has blown in one of our trenches, and the wires must be repaired or re-Bank Teller Admits Hold-Up Fake. laid at once. Cedar Rapids, Ia.-Leo Perrin, de Under no circumstances whatever posed paying teller of the Cedar Rapmust the communications between ids National bank, is under arrest, the artillery and the infantry sections charged with embezzlement of \$20,070

be interrupted for a moment, for that might mean "disaster to the whole 100 His Precious Horses.

hold-up, really was taken by him. He was taken to jail when unable to ob Miller, S. D. - Robert. Wilson, a cominent rancher here, is known for tain signatures to his \$5,000 bond.

Lives on Coffee.

the Feeble Minded, a number of in-

sane and feeble minded patients have

been cared for by individual coun-

As a result there were ten more in-

mates of poor farms this year than

ties.

Second daughter of the Secretary of

from that institution. Perrin was ar-

rested after he confessed that the

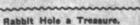
money, lost by the bank in a supposed

Labor, W. B. Wilson.

the fine horses he raises. He has many ready for the market but he re-Baltimore-Kate Larber, aged thirfuses to sell one while the war in teen, has since she was fourteen Europe lasts, fearing they would be months old taken practically no noursent there and injured or killed in battle. He refuses fancy prices right ishment except coffee, which she drinks in large quantities, sometimes along for horses.

army.

CORS.



Pratt, Kan .- A Mexican some sh miles east of here was hunting rab-bits yesterday and ran a rabbit into He reached into the hole and a hole. pulled the bunny out, but the rabbi-beld to a sleeve of a man's jackes. Further investigation by the Mexica: showed a large swag of heavy silver ware that had been hidden in th

iast year. In the year ending July hole, wrapped up in the jacket. The last year the report, there were 19 chil- silverware was turned over to a near silverware was turned over to a near silverware was turned over the hole, wrapped up in the jacket. Th dren in the county netitutions as by resident and he notified the of

0 Θ 3 This photograph, taken at the Dar Representatives of England and France, who came to the United States

for the purpose of negotiating a loan of a billion dollars for the allies, are shown in this illustration. J. P. Morgan (1), as financial agent of the Brit-(2) Sir Edward The others are: Holden of the London City and Midland bank; (3) Sir Henry Babbington Smith: (4) Lord Reading, lord chief justice of Great Britain and head of the commission; (5) Octave Homburg of the French foreign office; (6) Basil B. Blackett of the British treasury; (7) Ernest Mallet, regent of the Bank of France.

Russian Barbers Act as Surgeons. Russian barbers with about siz weeks medical-training are with the czar's army in great numbers as fullfiedged surgeons, according to reports of wounded German soldiers who have just returned from the front. These soldiers, many of whom bear evidence of improper amputations, also complain of poor sanitary conditions in Russian hospitals, but praise the Rus-sian woman nurses as being kind and considerate

USES FOR OBSOLETE GUNS

Have Been Turned Into Many Object Interest, Especially in Eng-land-Some Instances. of

Many unmilitary things are made of obsolete guns, and in England espe-cially are to be found a number of ob ects of interest in this line, says the Marine Journal. The Victoria Cross, for instance, has always been manu

Lavender Repels Mosquitoes. Noted in this evening's issue came for advice and assistance a poor woman who had just "heard the formula for repelling mosquitoes. A simpler and more effective repellent worst" about ber man at the front is of lavender, sprayed through Would the separation allowance be paid still? Or would the war office an atomizer on parts exposed. This make a special grant? "I can't say definitely what the war office will do in your particular case," was the oil is more afficient than citronella, ammonia, camphor, tar and a hundred other "straws" that "skeeter" victims have cirtched at.' It has been found judicious verdict, "but, person-tried in New Jersey and not found ally, I shall be glad to ah-to supply wanting, so what more can one ask for?-(Letter to New York Globe). you with mourning from my establiab ment at a wholesale p

ish isles are named for Waterloo in | St. Paul's there is the funeral car consequence of the great victory that which bore the remains of Weiling was won there over Napoleon on Juna ton to his last resting place, made entirely of enemy guns.

18, 1815, one in particular being the Waterloo bridge, the gas brackets on which were fashioned many years ago from cannon used at Waterloo An-The United Fruit companies of Nove

other instance is the ornamental capi-Scotla (Ltd.), a co-operative society of solete guns, and in England espe-ally are to be found a number of ob tal of the monument to Nelson, the baro of Trafalgar, which was made the Annapolis valley, have opened a trine Journal. The Victoria Cross, r instance, has always been manu ctured from the guns captured at bastopol. Many things in the Brit:

Russians broke German cente and took up new battle line from Mariampol to Ossowetz. Germans bombard Ossowetz. Russians took two forts o Przemysl. German cruisers shelled Papeete

Would Help Some.

Farmers Makes Direct Sales.

Meuse.

capital of French Islands of Tahiti. French gunboat sank German auxiliary ships Rhios and Itolo.

Jerman cruiser Leipzig sank Union oll tanker Elsinore.

German foreign office accused French of torturing wounded at Orchies,

American Red Cross ship arrived at Paulliac, France.

no sane reason why people should try to change seats while in rowboats.

The nearest some men ever come to getting their pictures into the papers s when a cross (X) is shown on the half-tone to indicate where the innocent bystander stood when it hap pened.

Daily Thought.

Even in ordinary life the unselfish people are the happlest-those who work to make others happy and who forget themselves. The dissatisfied people are those who are seeking hapriness for themselves .-- Besant

Daily Thought.

I do not say we ought to be happier as we grow older, but we ought to be calmer, knowing better what life is, and looking forward to another, which we believe to be a reality, though we cannot tell what it means .- Jowett.

Those Musicians. "Do you think, professor," said the musically ambitious youth, "that I can ever do znything with my voice?" Well," was the cautious reply, "It may come in handy to holler with in case of fire."

