

"The Thrill That Comes Once In A Lifetime"



LEMME WALK ON TH' INSIDE WHEN WE GIT DOWN BY HAZEL PARKER'S HOUSE

YA BET IF MY BRUDDER DIDN'T HAVE FLAT FEET HE'D BE IN TH' ARMY YA BETCHA!

HE ALLUS WUZ A LUCKY STIFF!

HUH! MY GRAN' PAW FOUT IN TH' CIVIL WAR 'HE DID!

WALKIN' WITH YER BROTHER WHAT'S A SOJER RIGHT DOWN MAIN STREET PAST TH' GANG AN' TH' GIRL AN' EVER THING!

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Drawn Expressly for TRENCH AND CAMP BY WEBSTER

Ample Shipping In Sight To Maintain U. S. Oversea Forces

The question, "What grub are we going to get when we hit the trenches?" which thousands of American soldiers in cantonments over the entire country are asking one another, is a simple enough one to ask, but involved in its answer are problems which are vast and weighty.

Getting an army into action in Europe is simply the beginning of the game, as far as the American government is concerned in its relations with its fighting men. Once there, they must be maintained.

Food and equipment must be kept on the nose so that the boys in khaki will be able to sustain the reputation for efficiency which the great Pershing organization has gained from the Allies. This maintenance totals about five tons per man per year. Every soldier who arrives "Over There" is to be followed by five tons—ten thousand pounds—of upkeep, varying in shape and form from beans to bullets. The vital factor in getting this bulk across is ship tonnage. On October 1 there were available for Atlantic service, includ-

ing German ships, approximately 3,000,000 tons, which means that at the rate of five tons to the man, an army of 600,000 could be maintained.

Of course this would be inadequate if it represented the only shipping resources with which Uncle Sam is to back up his expeditious forces, but there is a total of 5,900,000 tons more either building or contracted for. The great bulk of this is expected to come in during 1918. It will not all be available in the twinkling of an eye, for providing ships is not done over night, nor is there any magic whereby ocean-going bottoms may be whisked into being by the waving of a red, or of a sheet of paper with figures on it.

By June, however, there should be ready 2,000,000 tons, according to expert prognosticators. This, added to the 3,000,000 of tonnage which was available October 1, makes a total of 6,000,000 tons, or enough to support an army of 1,200,000 men, at the five-ton a man ratio.

This conclusion is safe, with these

figures to build on, that shipping is in sight ample to maintain the forces abroad, and to give the men now in cantonments those necessities of food and equipment which are so close to the lives of the soldiers.

As to the future, there will be 2,900,000 tons to come after June 1, when the maintainable force is 1,200,000. This additional tonnage will enable the support of reinforcements to the number of 550,000, making the total 1,750,000, which should be rapidly increased, as new shipyards turning out standardized ships would be capable of an enormous output.

**TRAINING WITH FRENCH GUNS**  
France has enough big guns to ship a few to the United States for the training of American soldiers in the handling of them. A number of French artillery officers and men are now in this country superintending the firing of the heavy ordnance and pieces of light caliber and also explaining the details and operations of the guns to American artillerymen.

As a result of this training the American gunners will be able to take their places on the firing line in France much sooner than if they were compelled to wait until they got "Over There" to learn how to handle the French guns.

**TOO HONEST**

"Now, if I haven't left my purse under the pillow!" "Oh, well, your servant is honest, isn't she?" "That's just it. She'll take it to my wife."

**ALSO GUM DROPS**

"They're making candy out of mudlage now." "What kind?" "Stick candy."

**THEY'LL LIKE IT**

Every soldier should remember that his family wants to ready everything obtainable about his life and activities. Send them Trench and Camp when you are through reading it.

**WHAT HE PLANTED**

"What did you plant in your vegetable garden this summer?" "Oh, about the whole of my yearly income."