

**U. S.-FRENCH TROOPS ON HELLS OF THE HUNS**

**American Troops on Both the Line and the Road are Keen Spirited Big Machine is Moving Without Lost Motion.**

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 25.—With the sides of the Soissons-Rheims sack steadily closer together, the German crown prince's generals are driving their men mercilessly in an effort to hold them off long enough to extricate the armies threatened at the bottom, north of the Marne.

The American and French troops are never far behind the retreating forces and the vicious rear guard actions are not sufficiently resistant to enable the Germans to proceed in the orderly manner planned.

At Dormans, north of the Marne and east of Chateau Thierry, the Germans counter attacked, taking the position, but were promptly driven out. They occupied Treloup, west of Dormans, and have held it.

Minor advances have been made by the allies in the woods in that part of the sector, while further to the east, south of Rheims, here were additional successes.

The Americans have occupied Courpion on the road to Fere-En-Tardenois and the French positions have been advanced until Oulchy-Le-Chateau is dominated by the guns.

Nearer Soissons the German failed to hold all their positions, notwithstanding reinforcements and their desperate need.

It is estimated unofficially tonight that the enemy losses are more than 200,000, of which 50,000 were inflicted by the Americans. The prisoners alone number 20,000, and the losses in dead and wounded are appalling.

The French used more armored cars than usual, and cavalry or mounted patrols were effectively employed in clearing the forests and maintaining contact.

Toward Soissons there has been increased artillery work and bitter and steadier fighting. The French and American soldiers disregarded caution almost entirely yesterday, advancing their lines in open order and taking what came, without bothering to hunt down machine gun nests. This brought them into closer contact with the main body of the retreating forces.

In numerous cases machine gun companies surrendered, although it was necessary to clean up many others.

Division headquarters are constantly changing on account of the comparatively rapid advancement of the lines, some of them have been subjected to occasional shells, both shrapnel and gas, though without damage.

The American troops both on the line and on the roads are keen-spirited. Many of them having learned a smattering of French, often yell to the French marching by, amusing comments on "the big show." Invariably the French reply, usually in language which the Americans do not understand, although they shout their approval, no matter what the words may mean. The Americans also under take conversation with the Anamites, whose countenance rarely change and who never attempt to reply.

Intermingled in the line of battle and along the roads are white, black and yellow races in all the units, and the big machine is moving without a knock or lost motion. Now and then the color scheme to the rear of the fighting lines is broken by a column of gray clad prisoners, whose appearance is always quickly noticed by the troops who are more accustomed to the khaki of the Americans and British and the blue of the French. In scores of cases prisoners have begged their guards to tell them when they are to be shot. The majority of them, however, stolidly accept what they believe to be their fate.

Back of the lines there are dressing stations and fixed hospitals, and the American wounded are cared for expeditiously and skillfully, in a manner reflecting the quantities of veteranism now belonging to the American establishments in France. American doctors and nurses, men and women, are poring night and day to relieve pain and restore injured members. To them young men representing almost every state in the Union, and occasionally a French or British soldier are hurried to be cared for until they could be transferred elsewhere.

The same spirit of co-operation is displayed in all the hospitals of the allies. But the number of wounded is not so great as might be expected from the magnitude of the operations.

Y. M. C. A. men are close on the heels of the advancing Americans. One outfit appeared at Jaulgonne early in the morning with cigarettes, chocolate and other delicacies to be disposed of in the canteens. The guns were roaring on all sides but Jaulgonne, it was announced had been captured, and the Y. M. C. A. took charge. The commanding officer ordered the Y. M. C. A. men out, explaining not only that it was too hot, but that the men would gather wherever they were and German shells had a habit of going where the German observers spotted crowds.

**ABLE MEN ARE WANTED BY Y. M. C. A. FOR RUSSIA**



American Y. M. C. A. Workers Teach Returned Russian Soldiers Useful Trades

With the Government at Washington prepared to lend economic and philanthropic support to Russia, the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. is actively recruiting to reinforce the Red Triangle workers already manning huts over there. Agricultural experts, physical directors and regular Y. M. C. A. secretaries as well as other men familiar with welfare work in communities are being sought.

A further consideration of a definite policy toward Russia has served virtually as a "go-ahead" order to the association. The Y. M. C. A., through all uncertainties of the past few months, has kept 100 of its secretaries in Russia. These men have been kept busy day and night in an effort to build up the morale of the citizens and soldiers of the unfortunate country. The secretaries today are in all parts of Russia.

In the dark days of Russia the American secretaries "stood by" all over that country to serve the people in every way possible. Thousands of invalid prisoners were taken care of as they returned from Germany. Most all the men were broken in health. They died, almost without exception, with curses against Germany. But greater even than their hatred was their wonder that their countrymen could have made "peace" with such an enemy.

"The Y. M. C. A. leaders in Russia," said Dr. W. W. Alexander, director of the War Personnel Board of the Southeastern Department, National War Work Council, "have never doubted the essential soundness of the Russian people. Despite all difficulties and inevitable losses and discouragements, the Y. M. C. A. has remained in Russia, seeking to serve and watching for a better day. The day is now evidently coming."

Fifteen new secretaries, with ability to contribute some constructive element to the Russian life of the future are being searched for throughout the Southeastern Department. Some agriculturists are wanted, some business men, but the call comes stronger for men skilled in rural Y. M. C. A. and Community work. All are to go with the purpose of helping Russia help herself.

**American Woman Furthest Front**

(By Delayed Cable from Chateau Thierry Front With American Forces in France).—Mrs. Clara Simmons, Grafton, Mass., woman Y. M. C. A. worker furthest front, placidly runs canteen while shells drop in adjoining field. Makes hot chocolate and distributes cookies to men going into action. Military policeman killed by shell near her hut. Husband with Y. M. C. A. forces in Vladivostok, Russia.

**NEEDED IN Y. M. C. A.**

For Overseas Work With Red Triangle Forces—500 Recruits Asked For Out Of Southeast During July

"Pass the word on, and pass it quickly, that 500 of the most capable, earnest and big souled Christian business men are needed immediately out of the Southeastern Department for overseas work with the Red Triangle Forces," according to Dr. W. W. Alexander, director of the War Personnel Bureau, Army and Navy Y. M. C. A., for the Southeastern Department. The quota of 500 for the department for the past month was exceeded by 128 enlistments.

The call now comes for executives, of much business experience and specialists in all lines. No man in America is too big for the smallest Y. M. C. A. job "Over There." Today the leading men of the nation are volunteering for the work: Bank presidents, college presidents, office holders, political leaders, religious leaders and hundreds of corporation heads are giving all time to the work with America's Sons in France.

State recruiting committees are operating in the seven Southeastern states. Information as to the opportunities and the work can be secured through the state recruiting secretaries, as follows:

- Chas. M. Norfleet, Y. M. C. A., Winston-Salem, N. C.
- Heath Bartow, Y. M. C. A., Columbia, S. C.
- W. E. Hearon, Y. M. C. A., Atlanta, Ga.
- O. E. Maple, Y. M. C. A., Jacksonville, Fla.
- Truman L. McGill, Y. M. C. A., Birmingham, Ala.
- Dr. J. Watt Raine, Edwards Hotel, Jackson, Miss.
- F. M. Massey, Y. M. C. A., Nashville, Tenn.

**CROIX DE GUERRE GIVEN TO Y. M. C. A. WORKER**

Taking his Croix de Guerre from his own breast, a French army captain, by orders of his general, pinned it on the coat of Edwin Ely, of No. 73 West Eighty-eighth street, New York, according to a cablegram just received from overseas. Mr. Ely is a Y. M. C. A. secretary of a Foyer du Soldat. Ely was later invited to dinner by the Commanding General. When he entered all the officers stood at salutes until he was seated at the side of the General. The General made an address thanking Ely and the Y. M. C. A. for their work in France and expressed regret that he was not able to confer an official decoration.

**FALL Y. M. C. A. DRIVE**

National Goal of \$112,000,000 Includes \$15,000,000 For War Work Of Y. W. C. A.—Southeast Asked For \$5,000,000

The quotas for the seven states of the Southeastern Department for the next financial drive of the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. for \$112,000,000, which will take place late in the fall were decided upon last week by delegates from each of the states. Seven hundred delegates from the seven states of the Southeastern Department recently met with the nation's leading Y. M. C. A. workers at the Capital City Club of Atlanta, Ga.

The quotas for the Southeastern states, totaling approximately \$5,000,000, were decided upon as follows: Florida, \$677,684; Georgia, \$1,043,784; Mississippi, \$280,000; North Carolina, \$680,288; South Carolina, \$644,396; Tennessee, \$1,095,920; Alabama, \$504,000.

\$15,000,000 to the Y. W. C. A. Of the total amount \$15,000,000 will be turned over to the Young Women's Christian Association in order that they may carry on the many war activities that they have undertaken.

Every town and community of the Southeast was represented by its leading citizens at the conference. Chief among the international figures were Dr. John R. Mott, General Secretary of the National War Work Council, Geo. W. Perkins, former leader of the Bull Moose party, a member of the executive board of the United States Steel Corporation and now chairman of the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. bureau of finance. Others in the party were A. H. Whitford and Chas. S. Ward, directors of the national campaign, and A. M. Cotton of the Boys' Earn and Give Campaign.

**The "Y" Men Are To Be Found Where Battle Is Hot**

"If you want to know what the Y. M. C. A. means to the soldiers, go where the fighting is hot," is the regular reply of the American soldiers in France, according to a cablegram received recently by the National War Work Council telling of more secretaries who have been under liquid fire attacks, as well as gas and shell fire. The American Expeditionary officers have sent scores of letters to the Paris headquarters of the "Y" praising the work of the Red Triangle workers, declaring them to be indispensable. More than a thousand "Y" secretaries are in advanced positions and dugouts under constant shell fire. There are no quitters and they refuse to be relieved, saying that where the troops go the Y. M. C. A. will stick.

**Belgium.**  
Less than 2 1-2 per cent. of Belgium territory is still free from the invader. All the unoccupied communes are within range of the German heavy artillery which is fired upon Dunkirk, but all are inhabited.  
On the other hand, Belgian troops have occupied seven times as much German territory in German East Africa as the total area of Belgium.

**AUCTION SALE**

The G. L. Dodson place known as the Will Herring place will be sold to the highest bidder for cash on Saturday, August 10th, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Low Gap road two miles from Mt. Airy. This farm contains 40 acres. Plenty of timberland, good 4 room house and other outbuildings. Will also sell all the house hold and kitchen furniture, all farming tools etc.  
W. H. DODSON, Exr.

**Notice, Sale of School House Bonds.**

Pursuant to the laws of North Carolina, the County Board of Education of Surry County will sell at public auction for cash, at the Court House door in Dobson on Monday the 5th day of August 1918 at one o'clock P. M., \$5,000.00 in bonds, in denominations of \$500.00 each, bearing date the 1st day of June 1918, due and payable in 20 years from date with interest coupons attached at six per cent, payable semi-annually. Said bonds were issued by the County Board of Commissioners of Surry County for the purpose of building, repairing and equipping a school building in Dobson Graded School District, as expressed by the will of the people in said District under an election held for that purpose.  
This the 1st day of July, 1918.  
E. H. WRENN,  
Chm. Co. Board Education.  
J. H. ALLEN,  
Clerk to Board.

**NOTICE**

State of North Carolina, Department of State.  
To all to whom these presents may come—greetings:  
Whereas, it appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that Haynes, Brown and Company, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated at Oak street, in the town of Mount Airy, County of Surry State of North Carolina (W. T. Haynes being the agent therein and in charge thereof upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 21, Revisal of 1905, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:  
Now, Therefore, I, J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 26th day of June 1918, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.  
In Testimony Whereof, I have here to set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 26th day of June A. D. 1918.  
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