## IN THE TRENCHES By Private John C.McElween

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McElween Returns to the Front-Administering First Aid to the Hun's Empty Our men are fighting on with the back. I had a case of the kind the other the bags and wallowed forward to our Stomachs-Hew the Funs Fought Amongst Thomselves As Soon As They courage of despair. They know Ger-day. Were "Fed Up." Thrashing Their Officers in the Cage-One "Fritzie" Told many cannot win, but they hope that "A battalion made up of men who to be out under that awful shelling, a Him the Fatherland Could Go to Hell So Far as He Was Concerned and That if they fight on the allies will quarrel had been brought back from a hospital, big experience for us even. After the War He Was Going to America Anyway—What the Fritizie Teld among themselves, or the people in allied was sent into the first-line trenches. What it must be for the Huns who Regarding the Affairs in the Fatherland—The Brazen Fraud of a Hun Decountries will weary of the war and They had not been in an hour before have the steel, as well as the noise, tachment Who Left Their "Pil-Box" Under a Red Cross Flag—Battlefield Has force their governments to make peace. they came out again. Some of them to contend with can be better imagined No Horror for the Warriors Once They Enter the Thick of It-You Be "I don't believe anything of the kind, were crying like women or babies, and than described. come So Engressed in Your Work That You Pay No More Attention to Bul- but our men still think it possible, and they had not be heart to fight. The lets Than if They Were Flies"-"After All, What Can You Do?"-"You're they are encouraged in that belief by dectors said they ought never to have One pill-box was within sight, and Probably Just As Safe at the Spot You Are in As if You Shifted to An- the high command. We are kept in ig- been discharged from the hospital. other, For You Never Know Where the Missues Are Going to Land-So You norance of what is happening at home. "Many of our men commit suicide many under the Red Cross flag ap-Just Go Ahead and Chance it, As the Saying is."-"And Besides, You've So Letters have been stopped by the cen-rather than return to the front. Much to Do That You Even Forget All About Your Chances"-Describes the sor, and even when the stoppage is not . "Of my own company I know eight Charge of the Highlanders From Shell-Hole to Shell-Hole -A Charge Against enforced all reference to bad times are who have taken this way of escaping Somebody's got hurt, or they're prea Pill-Pox-What is a German Pill-Box? A German Officer Badly Treated.

That wound of mine did not keep me After the scrap we went inside the It only scratched the thick part of my whole trouble was this: right leg, and three days of recuperation at an improvised hospital behind ficers began to reproach them for not rible. the firing line fitted me up again.

at he front, batches of Hun prisoners discipline the Fritzies for that. That rious offense today. the whole outlit looked starved.

We went out with the food, and what to kill your officers." do you think the Fritizies did : Well, Just before I withdrew to my bunk I line trenches. they made for us instantly, and we had got engaged in conversation with one Fritzies in line.

# un with good British food, the Huns the fatherland could go to hell in full ish guns are.

in hatine the Prusslans.

It is in Him-fhe Hate

amongst themselves, and that the press never happy the first handy handly reached the he were going to fix ato a temper, but tence,

struck out.

## Punishment for Mutineers.

away from our dear Fritzies very long. cage off an investigation tour. The have had to establish a post of our own, in the hope of gttting a wound that ficient advertisement of the fact, in all After the Fritzies were fed their of people are faring. What we hear is ter- pital. The result of this is that our prise, a few minutes afterward to see,

having fought further instead of surren- "We are told from time to time of pital staff to take away men that have least, emerge again from the concrete Really I could hardly keep quiet all dering. Now Fritz had enough of his riots, of hungry women and children lost a finger or other wounds that don't fort, and all under the protecting sign. night when the hospital orderly in officers' bull-dozing, and even our dear congregating in the streets and being make them unfit to serve. All such They came out, cool as cool, and formed me that on the next day I and patient Fritz had his limitations attacked savagely by military and po- cases are treated behind the lines, and trotted off to their own lines in the would be permitted to return to my in standing everything that his Hun su- lice, who are afraid to refuse to carry you can see plenty of men without most brazen and open way. I could perior handed to him at the end of his out work of this kind because they a finger or a thumb. I counted five scarcely believe it at first, but the boot. It was a real sight, what the in- knew that if they refused they would be close to me the day before I came out evidence of my eyes could not be de-By the way. That might the night dignant Fritzies had done to their over- sent off to the western front. That is of it. The men who want to make nied before the morning on which I was due bearing sups. But we were not going to the punishment for nearly every se-certain of being sent away manage to it was obvious, of course, that a

were brought in. One of hospital offi was one offense against good manners "In cases of treason, such as in con- Men With One Eye in Firing Line. cials ordered about 50 of us to go out the Fritzies had committed for which we nection with the revolts in the army with sandwiches and coffee and admin- could afford to stretch our palms and and navy, they don't carry out the death ister the "first aid" to the Huns' empty | st: "Here is a shake, old Fritz, do it | sentence themselves. They saw it would stomachs. The poor devils! There again, but please do not make so much be a waste of German ammunition. were subject a thousand in the horde, and poise while doing it next time. You which is already scarce enough. They know it is against the international law send the prisoners on to the western which is the same thing, men will gladly to relieve their garristan front, where they are put into the front give an eye or a leg for the chance of

## Chained to Machine Guns.

ish with a Yankee twang, and told me chine guns, but as a rule there is no eye employed in the fighting zone. I fired on by us, and then, with that in good old English that so far as he meed to take pains of that sort. Death suppose it will be necessary to lose sacred sign as their protection, they As soon as their stomachs were filled was concerned, the war was over, and finds you soon enough where the Brit- both eves very soon to make certain had got the big majority of the fort's

neny headquarters and informed an of- the Hun, he must hate, and unless he too risky because of the way the Brit- seem to turn Huns instantly. ficer that he Fritzies, were "scrapping is hating something or somebody he is sh were watching, so we had to give Now just to prove that I will you after all, of their idea of fighting. No made. The going up to the front-line

If with an effort. "We talked it over and decided that

to the British. I daresay we will be struggle. It's a battle in itself to get Supplementations and the British. unished if ever the German authori- through the mud, so things weren't exies get to know, but I'm not going back actly rosy-looking.

Suicide Rather Than Return to Firing | But it was all in the game, and we

from the horrors of war within the last paring,

"The result is that in the army we put a finger or a hand out of safety coming off-the bombardment was sufand thus we obtain news of how our will keep them to get away to a hos- conscience-but what was my surcommand do not now permit the hos- not four but twenty-four at the very

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immudity from service is going up brewing, and, realizing perfectly well, First it was a finger, then a hand, an too, from bitter experience, that we officer is very strict on very cruel, land curried others they had determined being invalided out of the army.

our hands full in keeping the hungry of the Fritzies. This Fritz spoke Eng- Sometimes they are chained to mathowever, for I have seen men with one four, knowing that they would not be of being released from service."

in another instant the Huns were fight. America, and spend the rest of his life are continually refusing to fight on. The common ordinary Fritzies are generally nal machine-guns when our boys went night I was captured we were out with human beings like you and I. They are over. a patrol. We found that we could not good and some of them I found very Pill-Box Captured, But Few Huns. British privates. So I can to the com- I will tell you it is in the nature of carry out the task given us. It was far good but when they become officers they | That was coming it pretty low-

a up. We knew that if we went back another experience of mine. I am again doubt they thought it rather smart, but ence of any officer was the wife being blank what he with the story of failure we would be getting ahead of my story, but never 1 had adifferent opinion, and I was mud, and what a task getting through aught of the war outlook; for Ger- out on to some more dangerous work, prind, this is a good one, and I must only sorry there was no officer be- it and out of it! to the eage with me, but believe me many. For a moment he looked as if that would be as good as a death sent tell it. The grounds with the Fritz is side me at the moment to witness the that he is ton obelient to his officer. attale

Listen to This One, rated like a bunch of tom cats, who and answered after a few beyonds of we would try to reach the nearest Brit. Just previous to one of our big at that place afterwards, but instead of 100 900 korteket in the back and before been so of prisoners we ought and got a cold bath thrown from a serve to win. We have been too clever, the party was against it at first, but trenches. It was to be a fight for pall- to have had, we could only have got

could only lie there and wait and fig-"Men are burried back from hospi- are out for ourselves how the obstacles tals before they are fit for duty, and would be reduced by the terrific artilthey break down as soon as they get lery bombardment before we topped

as I was watching it I saw four Ger-

Well, I thought, that's all right, 5

two months. In many cases they just | They must know that an attack is

trick had been played.

. As I say, the Huns must have known "The price that men will pay for perfectly well that an attack was arm next, now, where the commanding would carry that pill-box, just as we But how?

## Ah! the Red Cross!

"You can't always be certain of that. They had sent down that party of inmates clear away, leaving only one began to quarrel among themselves, and speed. After the war he was going to the army in Flanders the men New that is the whole story. The or two die-hards to work their infer-

down. But it is only part and parcel,

We had the satisfaction of carrying bucket of water from a back kitchen We have gone too far, and must now when he saw we were in carnest he fell boxes, and from the nature of the a handful if we get any; for I don't but through it we plunged, literally and we gave ourselves up ground we know what the exact fate of that marked and we gave ourselves up ground we know what the exact fate of that marked and we gave ourselves up

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ticular pillbox was.

Probably it was blown to bits.

I shall never forget the last trip I

And yet, despite it all, our boys went up as if on review, with rifles and bayoacts slung high, and jests on their lips. You couldn't call it a road the way we had to go over, Almost at every the boys went over, and we had to

ploughed, our way, helping each other as best we could until we reached the front-line trenches. Into these we scrambled, and then settled down to was all right-bar the mud. What wait he first act in the drama which was to unfold itself.

The first act, of course, was the artillery, and needless to say, it was a great success.

Through Storm Bullets. Our special, difficulties | began when

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At a called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Retail Merchants' Association of High Point Wednesday it was voted to EXTEND the PERIOD DURING WHICH PERSONS OWING THE MERCHANTS OF THE CITY MIGHT PAY UP AND PRESERVE THEIR CREDIT RATING. IT WAS UNAIMOUSLY VOTED TO GIVE CREDIT CUSTOMERS THROUGH

Monday, April 15th

To pay their accounts or to make such arrangements as will satisfy the merchants that the intention is to pay. It had been the intention of the merchants to put the recently passed resolution calling for the payment of all accounts by the tenth of the month in effect after yesterday but it was found that several people could not pay until the 15th and rather than work a hardship on these customers and cause them to lose their rating, the period was extended.

# he Extension Is Final

And all persons owing accounts that are not paid on or before April 15 will be made known to every member of the association and further credit denied him. CREDIT CUSTOMERS MUST EITHER PAY OR MAKE SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS by that time—the regulation concerns EVERY person who buys on an account. The merchants are forced to pay cash for the goods they sell and must have prompt payment from customers. The enforcement of the regulation in the future to have either money or satisfactory arrangement is nothing but a measure of SELF-PROTECTION to the following merchants, MEMBERS OF THE RETAIL MER-CHANTS' ASSOCIATION OF HIGH POINT:

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