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RIFLE SHOOTING IS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE

"The nation's task now is to make armies," writes Professor Spenser Wilkinson in a recent issue of The London Morning Post. "Anyone who has read the accounts of the fighting at Mons and at Camerai," he continues, "will see that only first-rate soldiers will be able to stand in that kind of fiery ordeal."

He accordingly proceeds to discuss the training needed by the Territorials as follows:

"Living together in complete units at full strength, the Territorial troops must be gradually gaining that quality of cohesion which marks an army. Daily marches will harden them for the field. Their officers are keen and intelligent and many of them have studied war. What they are now acquiring is the confidence which comes from practice. But there is one other thing which is indispensable to give officers and men the spiritual quality which will enable them to emulate the achievements of the army now in France. That one thing is the power to shoot straight. It is everything."

"The weapon with which the infantry soldier destroys his enemy is the 120 bullets which he carries. The rifle is merely a machine for directing them. Give a recruit a rifle and he will be afraid of it. When he fires it sickens him and the bullets seem to go everywhere except to the particular point at which he thought he was aiming. A man in that condition is bound to be afraid when he hears the enemy's bullets whistling past him in the air. He may hope that one of his bullets may hit an enemy, but in his heart he is quite sure that it will not. But let the recruit be quietly taught to handle his rifle, let him practice every day on the range firing in every practice only a few deliberate shots and let this practice be continued day after day for weeks. By degrees the man will find that he can hit the target and even the bull's eye. The practice should begin at short ranges, and continue until the recruit has reached the stage when he knows that at short range he will hit the target and probably the bull's eye. Then the bull's eye may be diminished and in proportion to the power the recruit has acquired the range may be lengthened. The object is not merely to teach the man to hit, but to give him the knowledge that he can do it and the confidence that comes of that knowledge."

"The second stage consists in practice against the kind of targets that are offered by the battlefield, small objects, moving objects, objects that appear and disappear. Only constant practice will give the necessary skill. Yet only in proportion as that skill is really acquired can the man be expected to rely upon himself. All this is a matter of individual training; it is an education in which each man must conquer for himself, of course under proper guidance and instruction, the mastery of his weapon."

"Then comes the third stage. A group of men, each of whom has made himself a good shot, must be placed under a leader for the attack by bullets upon a group of targets. They must be extended, must advance towards the target as they would in battle and halt from time to time to fire. In these conditions they will be disciplined by the fact that every shot means a bullet fired. This collective practice must aim at something more than mere steadiness; it must convince the soldiers of the value of control. A description of two exercises will illustrate what is meant. Suppose a squad of ten men with ten rounds apiece advancing from a distance of a thousand yards against a row of ten targets repre-

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BEST STORIES OF THE WAR

Correspondents at the front are marooned in obscure places while the great European conflict rages madly daily to get through the wire censors some little grimly humorous or tragic side lights of the war. Here are the best that have come over the cables.

LAUGH AT THEIR WOUNDS

"The hurts inflicted upon the Germans by the French seventy five millimetre gun are frightful," writes a Bordeaux correspondent. "I saw one young Saxon boy peacefully reading 'Die wartenlaube' in his cot, surrounded by French wounded. He has three bullets in him, but is chiefly anxious to know when he will be able to go back to work as a brick-layer."

"A little wounded French troops told me he was actually rescued by Germans. 'I pretended to be dead,' he said, 'as I thought it safer.' The second German firing line was a long way off, so when the first had passed I got up and wandered along, but two stray German troopers caught me up. I thought I was done for, but not a bit of it. They actually gave me a handkerchief to bind my wounds and then went away, and as I lay there in a trench I could not help roaring with laughter. Both were wounded in the leg, but one man's game leg was the right one and the other one's was the left, and they looked ridiculous as they hobbled off."

"Presently a cavalryman came along, and I thought I really was done for this time, but he turned out to be a French hussar. We both got on his horse and travelled, one behind the other, about twelve hours. The hussar kept me in fits of laughter by telling me not to lose my arm, which was hanging quite loosely. I am nearly all right now and fit to go to the front again."

SAW 20,000 BAYONETED

A despatch to the London Daily Telegraph from Paris says: "An American army officer who observed the fighting on the line of Rebas-Champennoise last week, asserts it was of a most desperate character. He estimates the German losses in this direction in the four days' fighting that he saw as 20,000 a large part of them being killed by the French in bayonet charges."

"These charges, he says, were not sporadic but general, being repeatedly carried out against the Germans in the trenches by Senegals or Turco troops."

GIVE PRISONERS HORSE MEAT

The Berlin Lokalanzeiger in several issues complains that prisoners of war are fed much better than millions of Germans, who often have no butter and eat meat only twice a week, whereas the prisoners get meat daily. The same paper also suggests that wounded and dead horses on the battlefield should immediately be converted into sausages and other food for the German population.

CHILDREN SENT TO FRONT

A despatch to the London Exchange Telegraph Company, from Bordeaux says that boys less than sixteen years old are fighting in the German ranks. The correspondent declares he saw one wounded in the Bordeaux Hospital whose age was fifteen years and nine months, and two told him that all students at school more than fifteen years old had been mobilized and placed in different regiments.

HOW IT FEELS TO BE SHOT

"Here one among ten thousand, is the history of a French private, wounded near Noyon," cables a correspondent.

"We lay together, my friend and I. In order to fire came. We shot and shot until our rifles burned us. Still the Germans swarmed on us. We took careful aim.

"'Did you see that?' I turned to ask my friend.

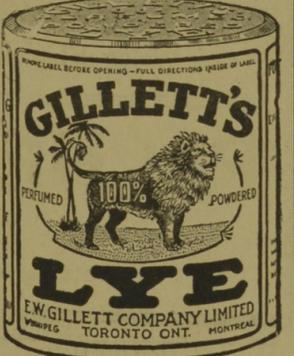
"'And as I did so I heard a terrible dull sound, like a snail striking newly turned earth. His head had fallen forward. I called him by name. He was moaning a little. Then I turned to my work again.

"They were advancing quickly now. Ah, how cool I was! I shot so slowly, and then—do you know what it feels like to be wounded? I rose just a little too high on my elbow. A sting pierced my arm like a hot wire. It was too sharp almost to be sore. I felt my arm go from me and then my rifle fell. I was a little dazed. I looked at my friend presently. He was dead."

BRUSSELS HAS "DARK MYSTERY."

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