

ing Britons who have been raising such havoc by their daylight raids in the land. They saw the five bombing planes, led by the commander of the unit, rise to an altitude of a few hundred feet, turn sharply to the north and fly away toward Germany.

Greeted by Shrapnel
At the lines, only desultory firing from the anti-aircraft batteries gave notice that the enemy was on the watch, but as the Americans approached the railway junction at Dommarie-Baroncourt, there was a heavy shrapnel bombardment. This did not prevent the group of bombing planes, always maintaining the same formation in which they had crossed the lines, dropping to within a few hundred meters of the ground.

A shot from the commander's pistol announced his sighting of the railway works below and his was the first bomb dropped. Other bombs followed and everything about the railway point below was enveloped in smoke before the bombers circled and started back.

A flock of Albatrosses gave chase, but two of our own machines forced two of the Hun's to dive when they tried to cut off the bomber who was bringing up the rear. This running fight lasted all the way back to the lines.

At the lines, the triumphant five were met by the American pursuit planes which had accompanied them that far when they set out on their gunning. After a hundred mile flight, they were back safe at the flyers' quarters by dusk and there a big jollification dinner was served to mark the day.

The second flight seemed more successful in terms of damage done, but it was less eventful. Only two German planes were sighted and these showed no signs of fight.

The flyer in command was an American who had served his time in the French air service and later entered the American Army.

NEW DOSE OF BING IF THERE IS DOUBT

Many Service Records Lack Complete Data on Immunization

If there is any doubt as to whether or not you have been vaccinated or "binged" any doubt as to whether the vaccination bing has taken effect, they're going to do it over again on you.

Hardly cheering news, but true. The whole trouble is that too many service records have been received with incomplete entries concerning immunization. Soldiers against smallpox, typhoid fever, and dysentery. It appears in many cases that the necessary doses have been given without a man's receiving credit for them on his service record.

So, as it is set forth in a special bulletin emanating from G.H.Q., whenever the record of immunization is incomplete, the individual soldier will be sent to a medical officer for such examination and interrogation as may be necessary to determine whether the immunization has been properly accomplished. If the evidence as to previous immunization is satisfactory to the medical officer, the record will be completed by an appropriate entry. If any doubt exists, the soldier will be re-vaccinated.

Back to the Sore Arm Squad
In other words, if they forget to put it down on your service record that you had both shots and were carried up on the arm, you've got to go before a medical and convince him that it was all done to you. If you can't convince him, or if he is an energetic young medico, back you go to the old Sore Arm Squad.

But here's a crumb of comfort. As they are using triple vaccine on us now, the one shot does for both paratyphoid and typhoid; so, while you may have a little bigger head from the triple dose, you won't be kept trotting around and riled up, as in the old days.

As to vaccination, if you can roll up your sleeve and show a good scar, even though you've been re-vaccinated unnecessarily, all that the medico has to do is to put down on your record, under "Result," is "Unsuccessful but protected," and let it go at that.

AIR SERVICE BUCKS
ALL ANXIOUS TO FLY
Enlisted Men May Be Given an Opportunity to Train

Enlisted men in the Aero Squadron of the A.E.F. have a grievance. They are not allowed to fly. Air Service regulations provide that no one shall fly an airplane but commissioned officers or cadets, and enlisted men are, temporarily, at least, out of the running.

The situation has resulted in several more or less formal requests that they be allowed to fly, and has gained the assurance that, after the present supply of officers and cadets is trained, they may have an opportunity.

AMERICANS ON JOB; GERMAN PLAN FAILS

Enemy's Xivray Losses Exceed Number of Yanks in Action

INVITATIONS ARE SENT OUT
"We'll Be in Toul Monday," Reads Note Dropped by Boche Aviator

The official communiqué of the night of June 16 tells briefly the story of another failure of the Germans to catch the Americans napping on the Toul front. It says:

"This morning in the Volvre the enemy executed a local attack against the left of our position. During the attack there was brisk artillery firing. The assailants not only failed to penetrate our lines, but were thrown back with severe losses, and left several prisoners in our hands, of whom one was an officer."

This is, without boasting, the laconic official account of a creditable little operation wherein less than a company of Americans withstood three or four times as many Germans, drove them back to their own line with a loss of more men than the Americans had in the fight, took prisoners from them and sent them back empty handed.

Smoke Screens Hide Activity
A week before the attack the enemy had been seen belching out smoke clouds around Mont Sec, a long shaped hill which looks across a wide sweep of wood and field and swamp in the plain below where the line runs, and again two days before the attack smoke screens had been used to hide whatever activity they had been preparing. The day before the attack a straggling Boche plane had been snooping about behind our lines and by way of pleasantry had dropped a note in a village which we shall call New York saying, "We are going to take New York Sunday and be in Toul Monday."

The Germans got their party together and trained it for a week behind their lines. It was a good strong party of some five or six hundred men, with a detachment of tanks and a few armoured cars. They were to crawl out into our No Man's Land, send up a rocket when it got there to set off its artillery, and come on over. The artillery was to put down a box barrage at Xivray. The party would then break up into three detachments, one to come straight on, the others to come round on the sides, catch the Americans in their dugouts and carry a few of them back to Germany.

One Thing Spoiled Plan
There was only one thing that spoiled the plan. The Americans were on the job. A scout up front caught sight of the crowd out in the No Man's Land before the Hun artillery began. He gave the alarm, the German rifle fire stopped, and the tanks started in and then our own artillery before the German guns got going. The result was something of a slaughter in the mass of Germans out front and of those who came on notwithstanding the artillery.

Only a few reached the village streets. These were surrounded and there was fierce hand to hand fighting in the streets before the enemy finally gave it up as a bad job and went back empty handed to their own lines.

If the purpose of the raid was to take prisoners, as captured Germans declared it failed completely. The raiders did try to carry off a wounded American, but upon a party of an officer and three men went after them, chased the Germans back to their own trenches, and brought back the almost captured doughboy on a stretcher which the Germans hadn't had time to carry away with them.

Major Moves His Bed
Perhaps the Germans were trying to get our wind up. They were dropping eight-inch shells promiscuously around in the fields away behind our lines all during the day.

One of them went through a roof and brought the house down on top of a major in his bed. The major was dug out unharmed and then put his cot out in the garden and went to sleep again.

Another shell smashed in the front door of an infirmary. It shattered the wall alongside under the Red Cross flag, which kept on floating. Another landed outside of the village of New York aforesaid, stoving in the wooden front of another infirmary and killing a horse which had been thoughtlessly left behind when the inhabitants made for the dugouts.

One eight-inch shell sailed into a barn which was getting up out of its bed, hit it in the nose and put it out of business, which is one for the Boche.

The net result of the eight-inch efforts, the first in a long time, was that while people who had been sleeping comfortably next to the pig sties talked a lot about going out into the woods with their cots and while one or two civilians did pack up their furniture at the family hay truck and go south, everybody went back to bed as usual in the usual place.

GOTHAM INCOME TAX UP TOWARD BILLION
America Has 206 Persons Whose Annual Incomes Exceed Million

(By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES, AMERICA, June 20.—New York City will probably turn in over \$700,000,000 in income taxes. Some proud Gothamites guess at \$1,000,000,000, but the accountants don't back it up.

"NOTHING TO REPORT"

When Major Pitcairn's red-coats went a-flyin' down the road From Lexington to Boston before the Yankees' gaud. The Minute Men communique'd, as soon as breath they caught: "Upon the Massachusetts front, there's nothing to report."

When Washington, debouching from the icy Delaware, Marched into sleepy Trenton town and bagged the Hessians there, The Continental Congress got these hurried words and short: "Upon the whole New Jersey front, there's nothing to report."

When Andrew Jackson did his bit way down New Orleans way, Did Andy send to Madison a loud hip-hip hooray? Not on your life: Old Hickory just scribbled, with a snort: "Upon the Mississippi front, there's nothing to report."

When General Scott (the elder) licked old peg-leg Santa Ana In Mexico, and thus advanced our well-known starry banner, These were his words to Jamps K. Polk, to tell him how 'twas fought: "Upon the Cerro Gordo front, there's nothing to report."

When U. S. Grant and R. E. Lee signed up and called it quits, Did U. S. Grant indulge himself in linguistic fits? No; he sent to Lincoln this illuminating thought: "Upon the Appomattox front, there's nothing to report."

When Dewey blew Montojo out of fair Manila Bay, He didn't pad the tidings; there were cable toils to pay. He thus informed McKinley of the victory he'd wrought: "Upon the Philippine front, there's nothing to report."

When the Allied Armies' heavy guns have battered down Berlin And we have strung the Kaiser up to answer for his sin, We bet that President Wilson will get something of this sort: "Upon the Prusso-German front, there's nothing to report."

YANKS LEARN MORE OF GERMAN METHODS
Machine Gun Chief for Every Division
Additional Member of Staff Will Be Lieutenant Colonel

Each division of the A.E.F. is going to have its machine gun officer from now on. He will be an additional officer—that is, one more officer on the division commander's staff, and he will have the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

His duties, as set forth in a new general order, will be to keep the division commanders informed at all times as to the efficiency of the machine gun units of the division; to advise the division commander on all matters affecting these units' efficiency, and particularly on their proper tactical co-ordination in plans of attack or defense.

It is also provided that for combined instruction, or when the tactical situation requires it, the division commander may place the divisional machine gun officer in direct command of all or any part of the machine gun units at his disposal.

THE CURTAIN! QUICK!!!
Corporal: Say, Sarge, in what state would a man be if he fell into the river Seine?
Sergeant: A wet state, I guess.
Corporal: No, insane.
(Corporal now a private).

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WEST POINT CLASS THIRD IN 14 MONTHS

Diplomas Are Awarded to 137 Men Before Distinguished Audience

(By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.) AMERICA, June 20.—The United States Military Academy graduated its third class since the declaration of war before an audience of distinguished visitors, including Secretary Baker; General March, Chief of the General Staff; General Silbert, of the gas division; General Hodges, commanding the 70th division at Camp Devens, and General Donaldson.

There were 137 graduates. John Paul Dean, of Worcester, Mass., was the first honor man, and the next nine were: P. H. Timothy, Nashville; Hugh J. Casey, Brooklyn; Robert E. Hamilton, Ambler, Penn.; Patrick H. Tansey, Memphis; Hans Kramer, Detroit; A. G. Matthews, West Point; A. B. Shattuck, Lake George, N. Y.; T. H. Hewitt, Northwood, Iowa; M. C. Grenata, Loui, Cal.

New York University this year gave degrees to 706 graduates, of whom 132 were recorded as being in the national service. Fordham gave 187 degrees, and many of the graduates were in uniform.

Incidentally, New York University gave Charles M. Schwab a degree in commercial science—D.C.S., or C.S.D., according to whether you Anglicize or Latinize it. The result is that the director-general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation can now style himself Dr. Schwab.

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