

AMERICAN FRANCE

1—Chateau-Thierry

Written down by the soldiers of the A.E.F., one by one, these are appearing for the first time in the pages of American history...

Such a name is Chateau-Thierry. It was there that the German armies in the great thrust for Paris...

Built by Charles Martel The chateau was built in 720 by Charles Martel, the great Hammer of the Franks...

Then, in the early days of June, 1918, men once more fought hand to hand in the narrow streets of Chateau-Thierry...

English archers took and held it in 1421, toward the close of the Hundred Years' War...

Germans Had It of Old In the first half of the sixteenth century while adventurers on the other side of the Atlantic were exploring...

A half century later, the Spaniards sacked it in the course of the terrible Wars of Religion...

Greatest Battle in 1814 It was in 1814 that the Spaniards fell upon Chateau-Thierry, but its greatest battle was fought in that desperate February of 1814...

Visiting there in the spring of this year, you would have heard Chateau-Thierry in a town set in a fair and peaceful countryside...

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ANGELS—JUST FROM AMERICA



SPRING DAYS UP AT THE FRONT

"Say," said an infantryman. "Do you want to hear about the worst piece of out-of-luck that ever happened in the A.E.F.?"

An ancient French school house, deserted in the fight of the villagers, was taken over by the Americans as part of the headquarters of a field ambulance...

Don't carry anything in your gas mask bag that doesn't belong there. That isn't a general order, but the fruit of at least one man's experience...

Up at the front you hear vin rouge called by the nickname by which every poilu knows it. The word guard is now the best Americanese...

Two Marines on the outskirts of Chateau-Thierry made a dash at a German machine gun that was coming into play on their bunch...

The top sergeant of a field hospital was tearfully straightening out the papers—clippings, letters, photographs—that had been found in the pockets of a Marine from Philadelphia...

Major, or—I mean Colonel—no, pardon me, Major— You really can't tell the difference after the major or the lieutenant colonel has been hiking a few kilometers along the dusty roads away up beyond the sprinkling zone...

USELESS QUESTIONS For the sake of efficiency in the Army, it is suggested that hereafter all useless questions shall be mentioned only by number...

A.E.F. SMILES

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ETIQUETTE HINTS FOR DOUGHBOYS

Questions Answered

By BRAN MASH

O.P.—Yes, you stand at attention and say "Sir" to a British regimental sergeant-major, but you do not salute him when passing on the street or road...

Y.P.—The seat on the Top's right is undoubtedly the seat of honor for your guest, but also the seat of danger; that is, unless the Top is a Sou'wayer...

G.L.M.—When borrowing someone else's putts for guard mount, be sure of course, to return them rolled in the original order, and not hindside to...

H.P.—No, you are not required to salute German officers when you meet them up front unexpectedly. You are however, expected to invite them over into our lines at once, and to see that they are made thoroughly at home in the cage provided for them...

U.H.—No, it would not get you anywhere to give a lawn party in honor of your division commander. In the first place, he would probably be too busy to come himself...

"YES, THERE IS REST"

A Few New Verses

Of all the animals alive I'd rather be the bear; He gets a full meal once a year, And never cuts his hair—(I tell you).

Of all the fish that swim the lakes I'd rather be the pike; They have no bathing problem and they drink whenever they like—(I tell you).

Of all the barnyard fowls I know, The rooster is the best; He blows his own sweet reveille, Then goes back to his nest—(I tell you).

The General has his motor car, The Colonel has his horse; Whenever they see doughboys hike, It fills them with remorse (?)—(I tell you).

The First Foot wears his silver bars, The Second Foot's are gold; But when the Skipper comes around, They do just as they're told—(I tell you).

The Sergeant can report you for a gun all caked with rust; But if his own gun's dirty, why, The Sergeant will be bust—(I tell you).

SIZING HIM UP

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