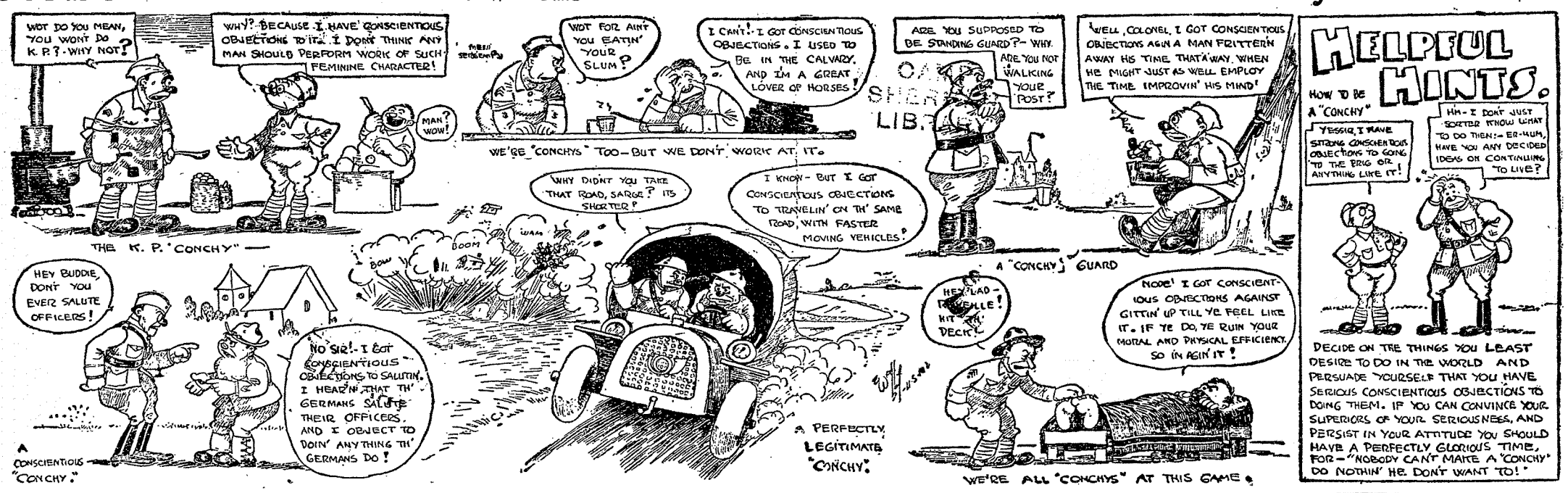
CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS —By WALLGREN



NEW TOM SAWYER ROUTS FOUR HUNS; SPIKES WEAPONS

Up-to-Date Chapter Written in Career of Mark Twain Hero

LONE HUNT AMONG WOODS

Doughboy Smashes Everything That's Too Heavy to Be Carted Off

Shades of Mark Twain! Tom Sawyer has been in mischief again.

He has been over in the German lines cutting barbed wire, frightening Boche machine gun crews, and stealing ammunition, locking pieces and other things. He has been very naughty to Fritz, and his colonel has had to write to the Commanding General about it.

Yes, it's Tom Sawyer all right. If not the original himself, then as worthy a namesake and successor as any hero of two novels—and part of another—ever had. "Private Thomas Sawyer," it reads on the company roster, but of course, as he himself says, everybody has always called him just Tom. What else could they do with a name like that?

Private Sawyer is a member of an Infantry regiment which was holding a sector where the line wasn't at the moment very definite, and he was assigned to an intelligence squad, the duty of which was to find out what the enemy was doing or likely to do. As the result of one night's work, he won the distinction of being one of the very few men, of the millions that have fought in this war, to capture two machine guns single handed. And he did it without firing a shot.

After a Machine Gun Nest

The other day it became imperative that the Americans determine the whereabouts of the German line in general and locate a certain machine gun nest in particular. It was a ticklish job—a stealthy reconnaissance across No Man's Land and through half a dozen clumps of brush and woods which, if it was not silent, was almost certain to be fatal. It was decided to send one man and, from several volunteers, Sawyer was selected.

At midnight he left the American lines, stripped to his shirt sleeves and carrying, in the way of arms, only a revolver. It was bright starlight, but the moon had gone down. The first 100 yards was across open ground pitted with shell holes. He made the distance and gained a strip of underbrush in which, somewhere, was the German line. Through this, with redoubled caution, he advanced. At the end of 20 minutes on his hands and knees, he ran into something that wasn't a bush. It was barbed wire—the Boche line.

From its location, Sawyer realized that the Germans must have their gun emplacements behind their line. If he was to finish his job, there was only one thing to do—go through. So, lying on his back, he cut, one by one, the strands of wire. This can never be done silently, but, with caution, the noise can be minimized and—maybe it was the old Tom Sawyer luck—there wasn't a German within hearing this night.

Last Strand Is Severed

Sawyer severed the last strand and wriggled into Hun land. Twenty yards further he gained the cover of a wood. He stood up and, finding his way more by touch than sight, explored the whole clump of trees. No Germans.

He spotted another group of trees, crawled across to it and continued his exploration. Still no Germans.

He decided to try a third clump. He gained its cover and walked cautiously from one tree to another, flattening against the trunk of each as he gained its shelter. He had worked into the center of the wood when, as he started across a small cleared patch, a German arose directly in front of him.

But nothing serious happened. The German promptly, albeit silently, paid the American soldier a compliment. He beat it—with much haste—for the rear. And, as he went, three more Germans got up and followed. One of them said something which sounded like *Amerikaner*, and the fleeing quartet was joined immediately by four others.

In Undisputed Possession

Private Thomas Sawyer regained his breath which, he explains, "skipped a couple," and investigated. He found himself in undisputed possession of two machine guns of the heaviest type, several thousand rounds of ammunition, two kits of tools and a sort of abbreviated dinny bag.

He had taken two machine guns—but he couldn't bring them back with him. He found that out by lifting them. So he decided to do the next best thing.

With the Germans' own tools he took out the locking pieces and otherwise proceeded, with a pain of pinchers and a screw driver, to readjust the weapons so that they won't shoot at the Americans again for some time. Then he took the ammunition belts and scattered the cartridges around the edge of the woods, saving one containing 250 rounds as a souvenir.

Back Through the Wire

It wasn't until he had done all this and started back with the cartridge belt, the dinny bag, some tools and other plunder that Sawyer began to get excited. He can't remember getting back through the Boche wire. But he arrived at the American lines at 3 a. m. with 50 pounds of trophies after being gone three hours, most of the time within the German lines.

So we add the single handed, shotless capture of two machine guns to the exploits of the Tom Sawyers of fiction and fact, and, if the young lady who recently announced telepathic contact with Mark Twain will get in touch with the great humorist and let him know that Tom Sawyer in flesh has been brought to the attention of the Commander-in-Chief of the A.E.F. by his colonel for obtaining highly valuable information, we'll be obliged. He would probably be interested.

RAISED IN GERMANY, NAMED FOR KAISER

But That Doesn't Prevent Kaler from Bagging Six Huns

"GEHEN SIE" AND THEY DID

Sharp Command in Pure Prussian Sends Dutiful Boches on Wrong Scent

This is the story of Corporal Kaler of Company M.

There may have been some suspicion of him at first because he was born and raised in Germany. Some doubts may have lurked in certain minds in the company even after he was made a corporal for his excellent work under actual battle conditions. But all doubts were dispelled forever when he jumped into the fight south of the Vesle and came out of it accredited with six Germans—two killed and four taken prisoner. And his folks had named him after the Kaiser.

He was named Wilhelm when he first saw the light of day in Munich 23 years ago. But he grew up a Socialist, distrusting the German government in general and the Crown Prince in particular.

That is why, smelling the battle from afar, he cried "Ha! Ha!" and deserted from the German navy shortly before the war broke out, at a time when his ship happened to be in Hoboken. Therefore, while his three brothers were serving in the German army, he was out of reach in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Handy Man in Regiment

Then came a time when America decided to enter the war. So did Wilhelm—the very next day.

His knowledge of German made him a handy man about the regiment when it was ordered into the line, but it was not as an interpreter that this knowledge served him in good stead during the savage, free-for-all, wide open warfare which marked the passage of Company M from the Ourcq to the Vesle. He used it to baffle and bewilder the Boches by more than one order roared out guttorally in the dark.

Once, when Kaler and part of a platoon were almost marooned as an outpost that had overreached itself, he could hear a column of Germans filing along the edge of their woods with evident intent to surround them. The German order was straight ahead, and from where Kaler and his pals lay quaking in the underbrush, they could see an endless succession of gray legs trotting by. Then, sharp and authoritatively, a voice from the bushes ordered: "*Gehen sie zur rechter Seite.*" The column veered off obediently to the right, and before it could be steered back again, Kaler and his bunch had made good their escape.

"Kommen Sie," and They Came

Again when, from his vantage point on the edge of the woods, the corporal saw four German prisoners break away from an American who was trying to bring them in, he called out across the field:

"*Kommen sie vorüber.*"

The escaping four stopped dead in their tracks, wheeled and hustled docilely over to the spot whence the voice had issued, and a moment later Kaler had them covered and started for the rear. Those were his four prisoners.

Another Boche he killed with his rifle and another died at the end of Kaler's bayonet. In spare moments between such tasks, he harangued the prisoners on their sin of working for the Kaiser. But how could they help themselves, they asked plaintively.

"Why, that's easy, come and fight with us," said Wilhelm the Second.

UNIT IN EACH ARMY FOR WATER SUPPLY

Engineers Will Develop Resources to Care for Men and Animals

SANITARY CORPS TO HELP

Laboratory Examination and Filtration Provided for—Quality to Be Indicated

To safeguard the health of the A.E.F. a water supply service has been organized as a branch of the Engineer Department. It consists of certain officers and special engineer troops experienced in water supply work, including examinations, design and construction.

For each army the service will consist of Army Engineer troops not to exceed one regimental headquarters and six companies. This organization will investigate the water resources in the region where the army is operating, concern itself with the further development of water supply, and construct and operate such works as may be necessary to make water available at "water points."

This will include, also, the providing of conveniences for the watering of animals, filling water carts and water tank trains, buckets, canteens and other containers.

Assistant to Chief Engineer

The commander of the army's water supply regiment will normally be the water supply officer of that army, serving as assistant to the army's chief engineer, under whose direction he will direct laboratory and sanitary inspections needed to determine whether or not water is drinkable, and to prevent contamination of pure sources.

Under direction of the chief engineer, the work of installation, maintenance and repair of power pumping equipment incidental to the development of water points will be done by engineers of the electrical and mechanical units, in accordance with the requirements of the water supply organization.

Laboratory examination of existing water supplies is provided for, also, the personnel for this phase of the work being drawn from the Engineer Department and from the Sanitary Corps of the Medical Department. Included in the duties of the branch having this work in charge are the systematic periodic inspection and examination as to the quality of water supplies from all sources, both those that come under the direct control of the water supply service and village supplies, such as wells, springs, and so forth; together with the inspection, instruction and supervision of the operation of filters, liquid chlorine apparatus, and special mobile purification units, and the placarding of water points and other sources of supply to indicate their quality.

Every division, furthermore, is to have a sanitary inspector of water attached to it, to supplement and carry on the work of the water supply service of the army of which the division is a part.

SHIP SCHEDULES BEING REGULATED

Vessels Now Clearing from Some Big Ports on Hourly Time

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES]

AMERICA, Aug. 29.—Ship movements have so increased and port arrangements and other branches of the freight and transportation problem have become so co-ordinated that we are beginning to run ships on something almost like the railroad schedules, and we now figure clearings from certain big ports hourly, instead of daily or weekly.

Charles M. Schwab, director-general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, plans to have fewer ship types, to simplify fabrication. We will build big ships and more of them, but of similar patterns. We have already got some whoppers on the sea.

WOMEN IN NEW FIELD

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES]

AMERICA, Aug. 29.—The cigar stores of New York City are training women for clerks, a field hitherto sacred to men.

Cynics say my Lady Nicotine, being a non-smoker, can recommend cigars unblushingly and with a clearer conscience than male salesmen who might have smoked them.

And that isn't all. The New York City police force has just been enriched by six women cops. They are on the regular force, and carry guns, badges, handcuffs, persuaders and all.

HOTEL FAVART
5 Rue de Marivaux, PARIS
(across from l'Opera Comique)
First class Modern Rooms
from 5 to 10 Francs

WALK-OVER SHOES
34 Boulevard des Italiens
19-21 Boul. des Capucines
PARIS
All soldiers are welcome at the WALK-OVER Stores, where they can apply for any information and where all possible services of any kind will be rendered free of charge.
Trade Mark
LYONS, 12 Rue de la République
NAPLES, 215 Via Roma
The WALK-OVER "French Conversation Book" and Catalogue will be sent gratis any soldier applying for it.

HOTEL CONTINENTAL
3 Rue de Castiglione, PARIS

ASK FOR THEM!
MANUAL FOR SOLDIERS IN FRANCE
by G. RUFFIER (3 FRANCS)
MANUAL FOR "WAR-WOMEN" IN FRANCE
by G. RUFFIER (3 FRANCS)
ALL BOOKSTORES AND Y. M. C. A. CANTEENS
L'EDITION FRANÇAISE ILLUSTREE, 30, Rue de Provence, PARIS

ATHLETES MAKE BEST FIGHTERS
That's why we know that the big lot of Taylor Athletic Equipment sent to the troops is in good hands. In one order alone we were awarded the following in competition with all other makes:
59,760 Taylor League Base Balls
500 Taylor Basket Balls
1,200 Taylor Foot Balls
3,500 Taylor Baseball Gloves
780 Taylor Base Mitts
1,500 Taylor Bladders
Here's the glad hand, boys, and I wish with all my heart I were there with you. If I can do anything for you let me know.
Alex Taylor
ALEX. TAYLOR & Co., Inc.,
Military - Athletic Outfitters,
26 East 42nd Street, New York.

Soldiers, to Learn French Get the
English & French DICTIONARY
(With French Pronunciation) Price 1fr.25
Albin MICHEL, Publisher, 22 Rue Huyghens, Paris

Alfred Nelson Co.
261 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK, U.S.A.
Cable Address:
'ALFREDARE,' NEW YORK
PARIS:
MEYER & MORTIMER,
10 Rue de la Paix
LONDON:
MEYER & MORTIMER,
36 Conduit St., W.
LIVERPOOL:
WM. BAND & SON,
34 Lord St.
BREECHES MAKERS
Military Naval and Civil Tailors
Quick Service to American Officers while overseas.

The 'MODERN OPTICAL Co.'
(AMERICAN SYSTEM)
EYE SPECIALISTS AND OPTICIANS
SEND MONEY ORDERS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO N. QUENTIN, DIRECTOR,
5 Boulevard des Italiens, PARIS.
10% Reduction to Americans.

HOTELS
St. JAMES & d'ALBANY
PARIS
211 Rue Saint-Honore & 202 Rue de Rivoli
MOST CENTRAL. QUIET. MODERN. MODERATE TERMS.

SLEATOR & CARTER
MILITARY TAILORS
PARIS, 39 Avenue de l'Opéra, PARIS
Uniforms and all Insignia
British made Trench Coats

J. C. VICKERY
Their Majesties' Jeweller,
177-183 Regent St., LONDON, W.
For all Active Service Regiments
CAPT. ENGLISH CATHOLIC GRENADIER GUARDS
IDENTIFICATION BRACELET
No. A 677. Vickery's Identification Bracelet. Solid Gold. £2 15s. Sterling Silver. 11/6. Engraving 2/6 extra
Cigarette Cases
Wrist Watches
Photo Cases & Frames
Pipes & Pouches
Writing Cases
Dispatch Cases
Kit Bags; Trunks
Dressing Cases
Canteens
Etc., etc., etc.
Illustrated Catalogue post free on application.

Capt. M.——B.E.F., France, writes:—"Your Soles are absolutely O.K."
Lieut. C.V.——B.E.F., France, writes:—"By wearing them, my boots last twice as long."
PHILLIPS' 'MILITARY' SOLES AND HEELS
THIN rubber plates, with raised studs, to be attached on top of ordinary soles and heels, giving complete protection from wear. The rubber used is six times more durable than leather.
They impart smoothness to the tread, give grip, and prevent slipping. Feet kept dry in wet weather.
Worn by the majority of British Officers in France. Sold by all Bootmakers in England.
Prices—MEN'S STOUT 3/6 per set. LADIES' 2/-
Spare Heels—Men's Stout, 2/-; Ladies' 1/- per pair.
Special Rates quoted for large supplies to Purchasing Officers of the A.E.F.
Sent Post Free by the Makers to Members of the AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.
PHILLIPS' PATENTS, LTD.
142-6 Old Street, LONDON, E.C.1.
Fortify your Boots!
U.S.A. and Canadian Patents for Sale or Licence.

Gillette SAFETY RAZOR
No Stropping—No Honing
Gillette U.S. Service Set
PACKETS of new Gillette Blades—each Blade wrapped in oiled paper enclosed in sanitary envelope—bright, smooth, sharp and clean, can be obtained at all dealers in France, England, Russia, Italy, Canada and all other parts of the world.
PRICE OF GILLETTE BLADES
Packet of 12 Blades .. .. 6 Francs
Packet of 6 Blades .. .. 3 Francs
To be had at A.E.F. & Y.M.C.A. Canteens or at all Dealers in France.
GILLETTE SAFETY RAZOR, S.A., 17bis Rue La Boétie, PARIS