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Applications for this examination must be made on the prescribed form, which, with necessary instructions, may be obtained from the Commission's local representative, Mr. Arvid Magnuson, secretary, local Board of Examiners, at the Highland Park post office, or from the undersigned.

All persons wishing to take this examination should secure blanks and file their applications with the undersigned at once in order to allow time for any necessary corrections and to arrange for the examination.

JAMES V. SWANSON,
Secretary Civil Service Board,
Chicago, Ill.

RESTORATION PROGRESS SLOW IN WAR REGION

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Souffles on our right, each at a distance from the road. All this time we were ascending. We came to a ruined farm house where some big siege guns have been abandoned. All over the top of the mountain the ground is completely covered with shell holes. Once forests covered the region, but not one tree is left standing.

We came to Fort des Vaux where for eight days the French Garrison held out without food or water. In the rear we saw the graves of every volunteer who tried to act as water-carrier. The fort was built five years before the war, and it was wholly underground. The concrete roofs are covered deep with earth except at two points where heavy armour plate at the brow of the hill provided peep holes toward the enemy. One of these was still intact, the other had been broken and displaced by a giant shell.

With the aid of a soldier guide and sandles, we penetrated the dark passageways deep in the earth. We saw the narrow quarters where the defenders slept, the little chapel, the place where the Germans bored in and entered by surprise. We could imagine the horrors of the four days fight which followed—the hand grenades, the bayonets, and at last the flame guns and gas which drove the defenders out. They pointed out to us the little chamber of the commander, pigeon holes for his official papers still on the wall, and also the place where he lay wounded and was captured.

We drove to Fort Douaumont but did not enter. They pointed out Dead Man's Gulch—a ravine where the Germans lost ten thousand men vainly attempting to cross it. Very interesting it was to see the furthest bit of ground which the crown prince was able to gain in the direction of Verdun, where a twelve day fight with countless dead brought the effort to an end.

We ate our lunch at the entrance to underground hospitals of a very extensive character, built and used by the Germans. These were times when men became prairie dogs and lived and died by the hundred thousand in their burrows under ground. Montfaucon is a very interesting place on the Verdun front. Here there is a temporary chapel of large size filled with large coffin-like boxes. You lift the lid on one of these, and you find it as I did, full to the top with human skulls and bones. These are the remains of 350,000 men blown to bits by German shells. The individuals are unknown, but on each box is recorded the sector from which the bones were gathered. We stood with uncovered heads in front of one of these boxes which was draped with an American flag; and we hastened to deposit our mite in the box to help build a monument to all these unknown heroes.

Near this place is the "trench of bayonets" over and around which our American, Mr. G. F. Rand, has built an imposing monument. Here long French bayonets stick up out of the ground as if planted in a continuous line—thickly planted. Here, as a trench full of French soldiers stood, gun in hand, ready to go over the top, a mine, planted before them by the enemy, was exploded, and they were all buried alive as they stood. Their remains have not been touched.

We drove to the American cemetery. We had seen a number of French and German cemeteries with their crosses, the one white, the other black. But nothing of this sort is to be compared with the American. Here 14,800 of our brave boys are still sleeping, 11,000 having been sent home. It is a beautiful spot and more effective because so many are buried as individuals in one large cemetery. The crosses are of dazzling whiteness, set with geometric precision; on each the full name and outfit.

As we drove up an American officer and a civilian promptly appeared to ask whether we wished to visit any particular grave. We spoke of one or two and they took us in to see if they were buried here. The system of registration is perfect. You are taken at once to the particular grave you wish to see. On the hillside locomotives and men were busily at work bringing black dirt and distributing it to make a perfect carpet of green. The temporary wooden crosses are to

be replaced with marble or stone. In contrast to the 550,000 unknown French dead mentioned above, of 25,800 Americans, only 550 remain unknown. The little identification disks of metal did what they were intended to do.

From the American cemetery we drove on to Melancourt and Montfaucon, where we saw the Kronprinz's observatory and his dugout. The latter with its comfortable fireplace, large room and cook ovens, all underground, was a very different sort of thing from that which the ordinary man endured. It was at the edge of the Argonne Forest: Miles of trenches separated him from the American front. He had an aviator near his dugout, and a menagerie of animals to amuse him. The wire fence still stands.

Our driver said, "Les Americains ont chasse les Boches ice" (The Americans chased the Boches from here). It is surprising how many bullets and unexploded grenades one can pick up almost anywhere if one stops to search.

A little only of the Verdun fields, laid waste by war, is now under cultivation after four years. We drove more than a hundred miles over all the Verdun front and though the Argonne forest. At the present rate of progress it will take many years to repair the waste. Whenever we saw the American flag, our hearts swelled with joy. Here it floated over her heroic dead; here over an asylum of French war orphans our people are financing; here over a monument. We read a proclamation by the mayor of Verdun posted to an ancient wall, bidding the people decorate their houses with French and American colors, and turn out en masse to do honor to the American ambassador, who was to come accompanied by the President of France to present a medal, voted by the Congress of the United States to the City of Verdun for its heroic part in the war. We went to the city hall to see the medal, which was presented some time since; and we were delighted to find it in the hands of the concealer, who was showing it to a crowd of French as the most interesting of the many similar tributes presented to the city. Yours very truly,

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