FRIGHTFUL JOURNEY FROM GERMAN CAMP

Four Soldiers Who Undertook Perilous Trip to regain Their Freedom Underwent Terrible Hardships-Nearly Died of Thirst in the Desert

most desert land was related in a let. more effort, one more day, and we to remove the sick man of Europe given us the lands of Italy. They village, ter from Corporal McElnea, one of four soldiers who escaped from the sameness of sun and sand and suffer tering the government of Asia Minor from the yoke of a hundred years. of the taking of one cellar at Abiain. German prison camp at Franzfontein, ing until about mid-day we sighted and the Red Sea countries. German South West Africa, and made something on the coastline which did Naturally Christians the world over day comes for us to fight, cless our ing called by the men "the prison." their way to Swakopmund.

moonlight night and got them to talk In preparation for the escape they had saved up food and water bottles. First they made for the coast and then turned south. This region was the haunt of the "Klip Hotteutots," who use poisoned arrows. The four fugitives followed water-courses. There had been no heavy rains in that region for ten years, it was said, but on the third or fourth day of their trip a tremendous downpour took place. The r foot- of Italy, the Duke is perhaps the most wear was soon in tatters. Maritz, one of the four, had trained himself for European Royal houses. He is one of work. Once they saw two "Klip Hottentots" hunting with a dog but managed to avoid them.

By the end of the fifth day Mc-Elnea's sandals were gone and he was and lost two fingers through frost bite walking in agony, but they kept on. Of the sixth day the water and food the Duke was only fourteen years of were done. The next morning they came in sight of the ocean. By this time McElnea's feet were cut and bleeding and worn into open scres filled with sand, pebbles and all manner of dirt. By afternoon he commenced to fall back and being the officer. superior officer, he ordered the others to go on and if they got to civilization, to send back to rescue or bury him. That evening the three reached Cape Cross, a deserted former mine station. At night a second storm came up and the three drank their fill, then fell ex-

hausted and slept. A Terrible Ordeal Meanwhile the shower had aroused always led a Spartan life. Incident the corporal and he stumbled after ally, he is the despair of match-making them. In the middle of the night he mammas. passed through the dismantled station where they were sleeping and missed them. In the meanwhile his three companions decided to go back and save him. One stayed as a lookout while the other two retraced their steps. For a long time they searched the neighborhood and had finally given up and were returning when an the war has revealed none has been empty cigarette box told them the more striking than the one showing corporal had passed them in the night. the enormous number of young men The delay had cost them a day. The compelled to wear glasses on account next day McElnea rested under a fig of weak eyesight. tree in a dry watercourse and found Prior to the war no men who were two bundles of poisoned arrows. Prob- under the necessity of wearing glasses ably a little out of his head already, were accepted in the regular army. he took them up and carried them With the formation of "Pals" battaltwo days. He still toiled on. The ions and other specially-constituted second night alone he thought he heard corps, drawn in very large measure the grunting of pigs and the bleating from the ranks of city workers of the of lambs. He hurried on, expecting to middle class, and used, for the most find a farm, but came upon a great part, to desk work or other sedentary congregation of seals on the beach, occupations, the rule prohibiting The next afternoon, McElnea was no glasses was relaxed. As a conselonger able to keep upright and felt quence, many men who had become himself becoming light-headed. He accustomed to wearing spectacles or was still two days' journey from Swa- pince-nez, after passing the regulation kopmund. McElnea continues: "I pick- army tests to prove their sight was not ed out a small but prominent sand defective, were allowed to retain and dune near the beach and crawled up continue the use of glasses. to the point where I would be most | The interesting sequel is that, after likely to be seen. There I tied my undergoing a few months' training. waterbag—the only flag I could raise— many of these young men found they account was published of how a major die in their midst." on to my stick and planted it as a could dispense altogether with any are who commanded a battalion in the carried to the place where the regi-Towards evening I became conscious their vision for all general purposes Artois died. The major was beloved ment was assembled. "Thank you, my arm amputated at Evreux Hospital, of something moving on the beach and is markedly improved. This happy by his men. He was a strict disciplin- friends," he said, "you have deserved where Colonel Prevost presented him gradually ealized that there were state of affairs is attributed largely to arian and had a kind heart. A quarry well of the country, and your major with the artillery medal in recognition three figures, men! I called and wav- the open-air conditions of their new had to be carried in order to take a is proud of you. Continue your work, of his bravery. ed. They stopped for a while and life, and in particular to the more ex- certain village. Before the operation Be always valiant and strong, and looked round and I waited for them pansive prospect continually present began the major addressed his man remember the last recommendation of to come. They stopped for some time, ed to the eye. Freedom from close thus:
then turned and went on. It seems pursuits, carried on under artificial "Your know, my lads, what France At this moment the major saw tears they were as dazed as I was and did light, is doubtless an important factor. expects of you. Advance!" not see me. I made one more effort- In a proportion of cases it is believ- Before the quarry was reached the "Do not pity me, my friends," he said. called and staggered towards them and ed the improvement effected will be major was struck by a shell, and fell "This death is the one that I have al-

was the tenth day—and the fourth ing or lining for the hulls of ships to I had used mine so often for rinsing always drawing from one water to have taken place more or less on other and then reversing the process -that what I had left was unfit for use; and one of my companions fearthat I might lose control and drink it, emptied it out on the sand. They

familiar sound of the broad Scots ac-

cent, and then I knew that they were

my friends.

"As we tolled along the beach we saw a seagull—which for some reason or other seemed unable to fly. We at it with my stick, got it across the troops would be liable to fire at their with the bayonet between Souchez wound; a piece of shrapnel went clean Britain's forts are broad, circular galnec't five cooked it in sea water and own machines when they passed over and that gave us strength to head, were they not all decorated with through my right shoulder, and half leries, well ventilated, and fitted with through my right shoulder, and half leries, well ventilated, and fitted with make another effort. Then for the an emblem to proclaim their nation- bres were firing together for two hours an hour later I got a second wound electric light. They are called "listenence for which there is no known pre-

struggled on through Sunday. There will also furnish the excuse to put an were created for us, and our ancestors An officer who returned to Paris

It was as Squadron Commander in the war with Turkey that the Duke of Abruzzi, made a name for himself in modern naval warfare, after winning a big reputation as a dashing sailor and explorer. A cousin of the King energetic and athletic member of the the finest mountain climbers in the world, and his Polar expedition reached farther north than even Nansen's. He shared all the hardships of his men, fived on dog's flesh for weeks. while helping with the sledges. When age he showed a great liking for geography, mathematics, and for a saitor s life; so they sent him to a naval academy. The Duke entered the Italian navy at the minimum age, and applied himself to becoming a competent naval

As a mountaineer the Duke is with out equal. His first feat was the ascent of Mount St. Elias, on the far borders of Canada and Alaska, a mountain of some 18,000 feet, another exploit being the ascent of "The King of the Clouds," the highest mountain peak in Central Africa, reputed to be 20,000 feet in height. The Duke has

SOLDIER'S WEAK EYES

Healthful Training is Open Air Made For Much Better Vision

Among the many "surprises" which

they stopped again. I could not un- enduring after "Kitchener's Men" re- never to rise agair. In spite of his ways dreamed of. I die on the day derstand when they spoke to me, and turn to civil life. Anyway, for people mortal wound he conserved all his of victory." did not recognize them. I thought so afflicted a valuable lesson is given clearness of mind. His men wanted He had a fainting spell, and afterthey were Kaffirs-their faces seemed on the preservation of eyesight. guite black. Presently I caught the

Rubber to Protect Ships

The loss of ships by German tor- when victory is assured." pedoes draws attention once again to avert or minimize a catastrophe. A good deal of research is understood these lines, and the granting of patents for apparently hopeful devices has Many Czechs From England Fighting been mentioned from time to time. Experiments have shown conclusively that rubber is almost invulnerable to also threw away the bundle of arrows of the principle to shipping does not seem to present insurmountable diffiin the Foreign Legion of France. In

Identifying Aeroplanes At a height of two thousand feet all ing chosen to be the first out of the trenched ourselves as best we could; ded it and Maritz, taking a shot aeroplanes look very much alike, and trenches and to take the German lines but finally had to retire about 120

WHEN THE TURK GOES

When Palestine is Free

Any consideration of the effects must be incomplete if the corresponding and related effects of such remov-

ferent ends of the sentries' beats one later I saw three men coming to me power. With the religious practices of leading a spare horse. Then I knew Mohammedans there will be no inwhile the four slipped under the low and seventy miles eleven days, and shown the mability of the Turk to ad
| There is a very happy woman in was killed instantly, and seventy miles eleven days, and shown the mability of the Turk to ad| Dartford | Far behind the rest billets. The pro- turn home. A very profitable line is a prictors are mostly French and Belgian phonographs and records. There is a

come in truth the home of the race and armies a battery consists of six guns;

ITALIAN'S WAR PRAYER

Every Italian soldier on leaving for the front receives a card containing the following prayer:

"O Lord of Hosts to which we now belong, cleanse us from all hateful things that in this hour of wild hatred our prayers may ascend to Thee, as It is not to be forgotten that Premier innocent as the prayers of our ch ldr. n. was nothing but the never-ending end to the decayed system of adminis. have made them free with their blood from this d strict gave a vivid account

Recognized Soldier Hust and

in the Russian army of twelve.



TEACHING SOLDIERS A TRADE Artillerymen are taught useful trades as time permits. shown learning how to make harness.

Died As He Desired For His Beloved France

roll down the faces of the soldiers. to convey him to the ambulance, but wards became delirious. He recited he refused. "No, my friends," he said, Deroulede's "Chants du Soldat." Then of picric acid—or tri-nitro-tolul. The

"my place is here. I shall only go with a supreme effort he roused him- metal in the shell is fairly thick. The The dying officer had the consolation his agony. A smile passed over his "So we went on again. Saturday the possibilities of rubber as a sheath- of learning that the quarry had been discolored lips; he murmured, "Adieu! carried after an obstinate fight. "Take Vive la France" and died.

UNDER TWO FLAGS

in French Foreign Legion

says the Legion had the honor of be- sergeant took command, and we en- kill unprotected men.

ning. It was wonderful. We were like a storm. In ten minutes we had won the first lines of German trenches, obstacles. Shrapnel are quite differbut the worst was 'o come. But there ent projectiles, and are serviceable was no stopping us. After an hour and a half of terrible fighting we took entrenched. They are thin steel cases three lines of German trenches, and containing a very small charge of low

UNDERGROUND FIGHTING

Germans Fortified Cellars With Tunnels Leading to Trenches

Some of the most desperate fighting north of Arras took place in the cellars of the villages captured by the French. Nearly everyone of the stone houses in these Artois villages is provided with a large cellar, in many Asquith has declared that "the death Thou seest, O Lord, that we have not cases reached by a staircase from an knell of the Ottoman empire not only joined the strong against the weak. inside courtyard. The Germans had in Europe but in Asia has been sound. no desire for rule drives us to destructurned these cellars into little forted." And drastic as this may seem tion. We will not plunder and burn resses communicating by underground A fearful tale of suffering in an al- but it sufficed;; it saved us for one it is not unlikely that the opportunity the country of others. But Thou hast passages with a trench outside the

Bless cur weapons, O Lord, when the It was necessary to take a large buildnot look like a sand dune. Later on will be interested in this devolepment. King of the rate of heroes, and saints. At ten o'clock at night volunteers we saw the smoke of a chimney and Not only Christians, however, but Jews and give us victory, and an clive crept forward to within twenty yards in the allies' lines. To begin with, pleases the old folks at home like a The prison enclosure was of barbed we then knew. I was so far gone that likewise will hail the disappearance of branch of peace for the sake of our of the house and the threw them there are now established a large num- snapshot of thir son as he is at the wire with double sentries outside I could not walk alone, and once more the Turkish form of government and wives and the graves of selves forward with a rush. The ber of coffee stalls, where refresh front, and one enterprising photographhouse was carried. On the cellar floor ments, candies, cigarettes, etc., may er who joined the colors has made not a person was to be found. A ser- be obtained even by the soldiers in the enough to set up a decent establish-

est wire and crept from bush to bush. the last five without boots and on one minister the affairs of government as of Facthill. Her hosbard was reportational traders whose shops have been depaying streak in the mouth organ and bit of seaguil and two drinks of water." applied to national entities. With the cd killed. Three ments later Mrs. hole from the cellar. The captain stroyed by the German big guns. And the accordium. There would be no abolition of Turkish rule in Palestine Cambers recailed a card from him called for thirty volunteers. Sixty other class of trader is the peasant difficulty in selling cartloads of these Christians will be received of the ig- saying that he was wounded and a offered. With half of them he went who takes a big risk for a moderate instruments could one only get them nomy of seeing places and structures, prisoner in Germany. The notification into the tunnel while the rest remainsacred because of their associations, of death was thus a parent v a mis ed in the house. There was a long These people knew that their goods great demand. As much ts \$250 is under the control and direction of take. There was the chance, too, that silence and then several muffled ex- will not be looted. Tommy's honesty risked on one card in a game of bankthe statement that he was a prisoner plesions. At last the voice of the cap is as unquestioned as his courage, er by men drawing a little over 25 To the Jews the world over the free might be a mistake. A'l doubt was tain was heard crying, "Look out on The fear of spies has made it extreme cents a day. The queerest trade is the dom of Palestine will be an event of soon set at rest. A photograph of the other side. Forward!" The men ly difficult for a stranger to set up a manufacture of charms guaranteed to even greater significance. The dream British sold-ers of war in dermany in the house rushed down the sta reaso shop in or near the camps, otherwise bring back luck at cards to the wearer. of the Zioniata, which was shattered was published in a Lo.don paper. Mrs. and found a great underground room there would have been a small army This work is generally done by watchof the Zionists, which was shattered was published in a Lo. dra paper. In the Young Turks assumed pow- Cambers saw this picture and recognized by oil lamps. In the centre stood a Cerman lientenant and war prices, a daring trader may make ous trade in the fashioning of curios forty men with their arms up. Here a comfortable competence from the from empty cartridge cases and pieces unite on sacred soil and Palestine by In the British, French, and German and there lay dead, and wounded. Surprised by the rear attack the Tommy often sets up a shop himself. a handle for a walking-stik out of an

enemy had made only a feeble resist. One of the most profitable trades is empty cordite cartridge, and many of ance. On the French side only six that of selling and mending watches, these presents, proudly displayed by were wounded. The booty included for, next to his pipe or cigarette, a the senders' relatives, represent a nice seven machine guns, 200 rifles, watch is Tommy's most treasured pos- profit to the actual maker. ridges, in short, a veritable little ar senal. There was also an important telephone installation. The soldiers who discovered the bolt holes was mentioned in orders.

A LONE FRENCH HERO

Single-handed Stood Off a Whole German Company and Won Medal

African battalions into which those who do not behave well in civil life are drafted. That these men can fight is shown by an incident which took place in the vicinity of Vpres. A section of 200 men held an advanced trench which was marked by a German aeroplane. The position became untenable, and the captain gave the order to his men to retire. A "bat d'Af" who had recently joined the force, was the last to retire, and with some of his comrades protected the retreat by exchanging shots with the Germans who had left their holes. A the explosion had caused such havoc as to prevent him from joining his

Cooly he charged his rifle. He was the only occupant of the trench, and he fired at one point and then another, always hitting his man, and shouting commands in order to make the enemy believe that a strong detachment was in readiness to make an assault. The crawling, thus giving the man in the of them being small proprietors, holdtrench an opportunity of selecting his ing from one to six acres.

For 35 minutes the French soldier kept an entire Prussian company in check, and gave his comrades time to reform and re-occupy the trench which, with the aid of the French artillery, the Germans were unable to In the Paris "Liberte" a touching me to my men," he said. "I want to approach. When the French troops

HIGH EXPLOSIVE SHELLS

Against Strong Defenses Lyddite and Toluol Excel Shrapnel

High-explosive shells are strong steel cases with a fuse, usually placed in the base. The charge employed may be self. He looked at the spectators of explosion has a thoroughly destructive effect upon anything near the point where the shell explodes concret walls, entanglements, steel shields for the trenches or for guns. The French and Germans use these shells to prepare the way for assaults on hostile against infantry in the open or lightly were driving the Germans in front of or moderate power explosive, which opens for the cases and liberates a "By this time all the officers of our large number of bullets in them. These Czech company were wounded, so a cover an oval area as they scatter and

without interruption. It was like the from shrapnel in my elbow. Of our ing galleries," because, in times of

SHOPPING IN TRENCHES WHILE BATTLE RAGES

Tommies Sometimes Start Business For Themselves - Peasants Make Fair Profits Supplying Soldiers With Farm Produce and Comforts

A modern battlefield seems the most session. The expert watchmaker has unlikely place in the world for con- no lack of repairing jobs, for which ducting any business except the grim lings. If he be of a speculative turn trade of war. Nevertheless, there are of mind he will order a consignment a large number of people making of watches from home, which he is money at the front by supplying goods always sure to sell at a good profit, geant descended the cellar steps and firing line. Some of them are not very ment should he have the luck to reprofits of a dozen well filled wagons. of shell. Not every soldier can make GAS MURDER IS CHEAP

Game with Chlorine

When shells are filled with shrapnel

bullets there is poured in about a pint

of boiling resin, which keeps all fixed

About five-sevenths of the Bulgar-

until the discharge.

Britain can Excel Germans at Own Second Battalion Lost Fourteen Offk cers and 580 of Fank and File

There is no difficulty about produc- al Sussex Regiment wrote about the ing chlorine gas-which is that mainly share they took in some heavy fightemployed by the Germans-and dis-ing as follows: charging it at the enemy's trenches "I told you in my last letter we were

GALLANT SUSSEX MEN

when the wind is favorable. Any of about to embark on a desperate enter-Britain's manufacturing chemists prise. Well, we have done so, and by could produce enough chlorine in a the merciful power of God I got day or two to suffocate the whole through safely. I cannot say too German army from the Yser to the much, for never has there been such Vistula, for chlorine is familiar to a day. After a bombardment by our English chemical manufacturers, who, own guns on the German trenches, until a few years ago, were the only the good old Sussex went forward makers of this chemical. Chlorine is like one man, only to be met by a fire a greenish-yellow gas with a peculiarly from the gunners which simply mowunpleasant and suffocating smell, and ed us down like rabbits. The barbed with very terrible effects on the lungs, wire in front of the German trenches throat, and membranes of its victims. was not cut by our shrapnel as it The cost of suffocating our troops by had been planned, and we were caught the Germans is not heavy. Liquid up like rats in a trap. I cannot exchlorine costs about \$120 a ton, con- press myself as I should like to, but taining 170 gallons, and this will pro- it was perfect hell. We had 14 offiduce a large volume of deadly gas. cer casualties and 580 men casualties. shell came, and he had just suufficient time to throw himself flat on the ground. When he rose he found that suggested nearly half a century ago nor our adjutant. Though we were by four Frenchmen, but at that time unable to take the trenches and had it was thought that the invention was to retire, we got through, and the men too horrible to be allowed in field were all heroes, for they enabled others to go through us and reap the honor and glory."

Fooling the Wome

At the outbreak of the war the Germans filled railway carriages with dummies made of straw, and dressed Germans hesitated, and advanced by lans are engaged in agriculture, most in French uniforms, in order to make people believe that they had captured numerous prisoners.



sedent there and the third time durnorthe whole journey it rained, the world. It consists of 75 guards,

make not a domain like the other, and a domain like light.

Monaco possesses the smallest army in times of the trained won't remember your next birth day."-Vincent in Sydney Bulletin