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I had bought the day before. medieval fighters. Around their mid- that almost at once." die they carried some twenty or thirty 212 PRINCESS ST. bombs, little cylinders fastened on a



role," and he took my hand affection- by the streamers of wibbon plunges

The general feels as you do," he of ribbon. This clothing suggested a answered. "Your American affilia- mixed breed of Scotchmen and red Intions stand you in good stead. But the dians, who had taken to wearing the one fact which makes us consent at Indian headdress as a kilt. I had all to your going is that we are pre- heard many stories of what their work pared to surround them by noon to- was like in the trenches. Crouching day. If you can get through and es- down among the barbed wire entancape suspicion for several hours you glements, with their supporting infanwill be safe. You may tell them the trymen, who carried fixed bayonets, French 75's are being placed tonight they raised themselves a little from by the big bridge. They will recognize, the earth and, seizing one of their rockthe peculiar bark of that gun and etilke bembs from their belts, grasped know you are telling the truth. I need it by the stick and hurled it high above not go further. The less you know the the rampart. It twists and travels uneasier your task will be, for you are certainly through the air and finally wholly unsuited to such a despicable by the force of equilibrium supplied

ately in his own. He then questioned me minutely trench about Captain Frazer's condition and Not wishing to be observed, I stood spirits and, looking at me long and motionless, watching them until they steadily, said, "You are the fine"- had passed quite out of sight But he broke off abruptly and handed A little way farther on I was wonme a khaki overcoat, puttees, shoes dering if I might not miss my way in

"Put these things on over your nurse's uniform when you start. Now, get a few hours' rest and at dawn walk boldly out and down the road. Follow it for three miles-the lines break there and when you see me showing a map to a sentry by the aid of my electric flash run quickly by and make for the open. A few shots may be fired, but have no fear, they will be

the Flame of the Match & Saw It

Was Lord N-

for the benefit of any spies who may

be around. The German patrols will

be watching for you; however, take no

chances; leave your coat and cap and

approach their lines with your Red

Cross uniform in plain sight. Don't

wear even your own uniform coat; it

is wiser. Once through you will report

to the officer in command, and what-

ever else you do keep cool. A favorite

method of theirs is to humiliate and

insult a prisoner until they wear his

nerves down and then trick him into a

damaging admission. Tell your story,

and always keep in mind that a few

hours at best and our men will be there. I don't believe they can con-

nect you with the movement before

against lan will hardly be considered

shall meet again, that this is not to be

I slipped back into the room. The

dered when before in the world a good

woman had been really happy at being

mind was too occupied to dwell long

on that subject and I began thinking

of Ian's brother-he seemed so kindly.

yet so detached, as if life were a river

and he was sitting on the bank watch

ing it go by. I vaguely began to re-

call incidents relating to him, only his

my memory. About 4 I got up, slipped

out into the hall and dressed, crept

snow. As I trudged along I ate my

long stick, around w'tch fell streamers

woman was awake and had missed

a tragedy."

that time, and their trumped up charge

went on talking about the best way to crain a trench without clogging. It was still dark and snowing heavily, and I would undoubtedly never have found my way but for the starlike glare of the German rockets. I heard, too, the big guns as they boom ed out now and then, but even they to directions. I had walked hours before I saw any traces of the German

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straight as a plumb line into the

the snow when suddenly from an inne

there stepped into the road three khaki

figures. One of them fell behind to

light a cigarette, and by the flamelot

the match I saw it was Lord N. He

didn't appear to see me, and the three

A Man's Life. EMEMBERING LOTO NESTED monition, I had intended as soon as I felt the sentry, was near to throw aside my khaki coat, but the snow was so cold, and wet I was chilled to the bone and shivered at the thought of leaving it, so I was still wearing cap, coat and all when I heard the sentry call out, "Who goes there?"

"A friend!" I cried back quickly and advanced and gave the countersign. Evidently I was expected, as he directed me to go a half mile farther down, where I would find some one waiting for me. Passing a little inn, half dead with cold and fatigue, I went in to ask for a hot drink. The landlady was a French peasant, young and pretty. She eyed me curiously, but did not venture to speak. I had to wait, as she was getting breakfast ready. for some soldiers. They were fresh from the trenches and were covered with mud from head to heel. I thought idly they looked like football players at the end of the third quarter.

I had just begun drinking my ten when the door opened and a familiar igure, bundled in a great ceat, came in the room. In an instant I recognized him; if was Von Schulling. He came straight over to me and said very gently: "Fraulein, I've come for you. I am leaving tonight for home on leave, and I wanted to talk with you, and this seemed a good opportunity. As soon as you are finished we had better be off. They are anxiously awaiting you down there."

I no longer wanted anything, and he tossed a coin across the table, and we went out to the waiting motor.

I dreaded the ride. In fact, I shrank from it in a sort of nameless terror. but again I was to find the big black thing that loomed, only loomed and nothing more. We were hardly started before he began. Speaking English,

you to forgive the many unthinkable discourtesies I have inflicted upon you. I think over and over how dear and kind you were to me when I was ill valld by the officers higher up. After in your hospital. I am afraid you all, it's the hazards of war. God bless can't forgive what happened there, but you, my brave child, and I feel we I want you to know that I am sorry." He paused, evidently awaiting a reply. I murmured that it was all forgotten as far as I was concerned.

"You are an angel," be said, with a catch in his voice, "to say that," and then he began anew. "I came to meet you today because you are in danger, "I have been wondering which of them and I want to help you. I know you back the location of the battery by tobest quality, moderate your man was now I know." I won- far too well to believe for one moment that you placed those guns for us fair-I know you, and I told them so in

> I parted me lips to speak, but he antold me anything. Not one of us has ! any reason so far to suspect you played anything but fair, but I am as certain

heavy fire day and night, they will near us, followed by another and anknow the truth—that their gans and other in quick succession. The whole gunners are safe, fresh for an attack, building trembled while we have been pounding away at His voice shaking with emotion. h dummies and-I don't know what may said: "All day and night they have been happen." After a pause, "Perhaps going. The din has been hell itself let nothing until they know definitely, loose. At first our guns replied, and have actual proof, and then you will then, as the enemy's fire grew heavier be"- He turned to me as white as and more persistent, ours grew fainter death. "I can't bear to think of it and fainter, until now our batteries do I've seen so much-things too awful to not speak at all. Through it all I have

He paused, it seemed minutes, and taubes, come in, circle around, signal then said gently: "Adele, dear, come and then said away. At first it never with me-marry me-I am afraid I am occurred to me-I couldn't have formu-done for as a soldier—we shall go lated such a thought—that you, you of away out of all sight and sound of all beings in the world, were giving war, back to your home in Louisiana, the range. Even when I overheard an anywhere you say. I am sick of it." effect tell another that some one had I had been so stunned at his words; given it, I wouldn't-couldn't-believe he had said a great deal too much be it was your But as I lay there, torfore I had sufficiently collected my tured like a man on the rack, with my

less. I don't love you. Captain von mice out there were not returning the Schulling, and that is the answer to fire was because these devils must "Is it Frazer?" he asked bluntly.

ed. "Will they shoot him as a spy?" of H. has taken command, and he doesn't 'play the game,' as the Engmad wild mission all would have been well, but that's past now; you did go, you did trick us, and now-what's to

"Twe probably got to pay," I answer-

ther is not only a anancial power, of them all, for I adored you-in the

"I am sorry," I said, "sorrier than I can find words to tell you; but my answer is final. But in spite of the pain would have left me quite confused as of it all, I wouldn't exchange what you have told me for much, very much. All my life I shall remember that you are fine and brave and—the man I like to think of you as being." We were before the steps of the hospital.

"Then in spite of the danger everything-this is the end?' he asked

Holding out my hand, I said gently, "Goodby," and he looked into my eyes with an expression that hurt me. Handing me a card, he said: "If you

ever need me this will find me. I am going before they question me. Goodby, little girl. God bless you." His voice broke, and he turned, ran down the steps, jumped in the car and was gone. I looked at the card. It read, "Prince Hugo von Schulling, Captain -Dragoous, Berlin."

As I climbed the steps, breathless, my anxiety as to lan and my thought of Von Schulling were interrupted by an orderly calling out to me, "Fran-lein you are wanted at once by his excellency." I followed him. I had no time to get nervous or to think of what to say. Consequently I was calm when I entered. The commander I knew was no longer there, and in his place sat an erect-dignified man with gray deep set eyes and square chin. He would have been handsome had his face been, a little less heavy. All his sternness.I felt was a mask

"Is this the girl?" be said to an cer beside him.

"Yes, your excellency." "What is your name, and what was your mission?" he said. Telling him my name in full, I added, "To place the big guns of the Eng- I adored you, worshiped you, and that

"Have you succeeded?" he asked. thought so."

To the officer beside him he said, "Has she?" "Yes, your excellency, but"-

were you to receive in exchange for your-your work, fraulein?" and with- point of flying to him and screaming out stopping for an answer went on, out the truth, but I was held back-"The stake must have been a rich one not because I feared we might be overto tempt a girl like you," and he look- heard. That thought never once came ed me over slowly from head to too to me. Had I been saner I would have and then back again. I was still wear- known that it was for that very pur-"Miss Bleneau, first I want to ask ing men's shoes. He smiled as they pose I had been allowed to go to Ian's caught his eye. "Yes, a very high room. But at that time no thought price. What was it?" abruptly.

at him squarely. "Who is the man and what is he?" army, son of Lord L, and he is my thought me capable of this beinous

were a very devoted nurse, I should room and fainted. say," with emphasis, "A life," he repeated. "Was his life in danger?"

night he would be shot." "What had be done?" he asked, turn ly. They," he said contemptuously, nod- ing to the officer near him. Before the ed that Ian's speech and my failure to

> snatched the receiver from the hand the listeners that I would have acceptof the man near him and began speak her. After a few monosyllables he sensed in the midst of his conversation and said: "Fraulein, you are free. oste year duties for the present."

and Liliterally ran to Ian's room. He move. You do love Frazer with all was standing at the window, and, even breakfast-a cake of chocolate which | the strength of your soul. I know, but laboring under the great excitement no love, no passion, no personal senti- that I was, I noticed he was wearing For some time I had gone along, see ment, would ever make you sell out his uniform. I nearly reached his side ing no signs of life, and then, moving your own. How you did it, what hap before he realized my presence, so pro-like ghostly shadows, I came upon a pened, I don't know, and," he hastened foundly lost was he in his thoughts. squad of bombardiers. They made a on, "I don't wish to know; but, what when the turned and saw me for one strange picture, recalling traditions of ever happened, we shall know it, and brief moment the hard lines around his mouth softened, and over his face Without waiting for me to speak he there came a fleeting expression of continued, "When the firing begins happiness mixed with almost bewilliast is a lady."

again, if theirs is not diminished, in "Adele?" At that moment there came fact, not almost annihilated, after our a sound as if a dozen guns boomed

ant here and watched their cursed (soul torn out of my body, I began to "Don't, please; it's useless and hope realize that the only reason our Tomhave been given the range or they couldn'tehave literally annihilated us. "Yes," I scarcely more than whisper- Lbegan to wonder. I could see it allthe trenches pounded to pulp and "Perhaps General S. might have done those who were not dead or dying fallso, but since you have left Prince E. ing back before the deadly fire. Who had given it? For certainly somebody had done it thoroughly. Even then my reeling brain fought back the hideous spicion that haunted me. And now -you're here. By the devil's own tuck you were able to escape safely. No. it wasn't luck. It was because you trad ed on the decency in some man who believed in you-your childlike, wistful expression, your frank, innocent beauty! God! That's easy enough-men are "Not as my wife," he said. "My fa- like children, fools! I, the biggest fool

which is a very important considers. whitest shrine of my soul I enthroned tion now, but one of the kniser's near. you. But, thank God, that has passed est advisers. As my wife you will be I know you for what you are, and Y safe, honored and, more than that, hate you! Your soft, warm arms, your with God's help, happy. "We may have beautiful eyes-my God! How I loathe faults, it is true, but no man can the night I was carried to that hospitruthfully say we are not good hus tall I would rather have died out bends." I had tried again and again there 10,000 times than to live and love to stem the torrent of his words, but you and be loved by you. I don't it was useless. Only by waiting until want your kind of love. That is the he had finished could I hope to be sort low women have given since time began a selfish longing for the pleas-



Had Been on the Point of Flying to Him and Screaming the Truth.

ures that possession gives. You knew if I lived you would be my wife. You wanted that, and to gratify your taw-"Have I?" I questioned in turn. "I dry passion you bought my life with those of my comrades-my men, perhaps even my own brother! Great God! I am going mad! Leave me before I strangle you! My one prayer "Good," he said, interrupting. "What is that I shall never see you again!" A dozen times I had been on the of any such material thing came to "A man's life," I answered, looking me. I was so absolutely stunned, crushed, that I had no words with which to defend myself. Only one "He is Captain Frazer of the Indian idea came and persisted: Ian had thing, while even Von Schulling had "Your patient?" and he smiled. "You known better. I staggered from the

"He had been accused of being a spy, had been given for the evacuation of and I was told that unless I brought the hospital, and I was desperately needed that I came back to consciousness and found a little German nurse bending over me. Afterward I learnding in the direction of headquarters, officer-could reply to the question the defend myself probably saved, if not telephone on his desk rang violently, our lives, certainly for the time being. and his excellency took or, rather, our liberties, for it never occurred to ed his denunciations unless I had been

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