Specialists of the Trenches

IV. - The Scout.

By A.M.I.

When the Canadians settled down scouts crawl warily, through the to the regular routine of the trenches opening and get as close as possible rheum. after their bloody but victorious to the enemy's trench. It is work of battles at Ypres, Festubert and the most dangerous type, for now Givenchy, there began a struggle for the way to escape, in case of dissupremacy in no man's land. Night covery, is cut off, and great care is after night would find clashes with I necessary. The scouts crawl along the enemy out between the belts of I the front of the trench, noting everybarbed wire. But these little fights thing that is worth their attention. ended so often in favor of the Can- When a machine gun emplaadians that ere long no man's land is found, its bearings will be taken by was deserted by the enemy, and left compass, to be reported to the a entirely to the Canadians. This su- Itillery for destruction on their repremacy was due to the keenness, Iturn.' The nature and condition scouts. With the instincts and tra- also the probable numbers of ditions of the trapper, the Indian garrisons in the trenches, and, if and the hunter behind them, the possible, the regiment to which they duck takes to water, and soon he Having patrolled their section was dreaded so much by the enemy the front the scouts worm their way that no opposing patrols dared to back towards their own trenches, question their title to ownership of and, on giving the necessary pass

quickness of movement, their alert- patrol is met in no-man's land, and ness of mind, and for disregard of a short, sharp struggle takes place. Die. I took it, and today I am free danger. With these qualities little which ends in the annihilation of from that terrible disease. training was needed to become an lone of the parties. Sometimes their efficient scout-a course of map- | movements are observed by the sentreading, and of instruction in taking lies in the German trenches, and bearings by compass, and a know- | they have to face a hail of machine ledge of what things are important | gun and rifle bullets, or, if close to in finding out information about the | the enemy trench, a shower of bombs enemy's lines, and the scout is quali- But these dangers do not lessen the field to commence his work.

field of a scout's activities is on that | tentions. It is work that requires a which separates the two front lines. , for the scout section are never lack-Every night, as soon as darkness ing own barbed was not the open coun- the troops to and from their posts. ring emblematic of the order was try it from Caution is necessary, In spite of its dangers, scouting is made by C. Hawkey, to which the refor a single hasty move might ex- attractive to many. It is a role in cipient responded very ably. Speakpost the whole party to the enemy. which the individual soldier has a eeches were made and a splendid re-At length the enemy's wire is reach- chance to show his own abilities. past was partaken of, after which all ed and it is inspected thoroughly, The scouts work in small parties, wished Mr. Coulter a good voyage mental notes being made as to its each man is practically on his own and a safe return. depth and condition. The patrol resources, and there are none of the moves along the front of the wire, restrictions which the ordinary soluntil an opening is found, then the dier in the line feels. The work is before you take it by brute force.

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With the formation of the scouts their headquarters. But they do no scouting activities. Night after night Most of his work is, or necessity, these patrols crawl up and down and done by night, as it would be next to across no-man's land, bringing back impossible for any man to traverse valuable information about the enno-man's land in daylight. And the emy's defences and his probable innarrow strip of bullet swept ground great deal of courage, but volunteers

fails, and the star-shells begin to ap- Besides their patrol duties, the pear the scouts make their way to scouts become the guides of the bat- them, men of valour, initiative and the front line trench ready for a talion. Their great knowledge of courage. night on patrol duty. Usually they the country and of the trench syshave their faces blackened, so that tems make them invaluable when they will be less easily seen when a troops are being relieved and new star shells turns night into day. They garrisons are being sent up to re- Glenburnie L.O.L. 1034 gathered at carry very little impediments. The place them. At the head of each the home of Benson Coulter to bid weapons consist of a revolver, with party goes a scout, picking his way good-bye to one of their members, ammunition, a knobperrie, which is by means of little landmarks which Chester Coulter, who leaves shortly a club with a heavy spiked head, a less experienced eyes cannot distin- for overseas. Elgin Stover announcgas helmet, and a prismatic compass. guish. That frequent reliefs are ed the purpose of the meeting, after With this light equipment they jump carried out without confusion is due which an address expressing regret Seaplanes Are Active over the parapet and stealthily make entirely to the knowledge and skill at his departure was read by D. their way through a lane in their of the scout guides who accompany Shannon, and the presentation of a

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TEUTONS MUST WIN QUICKLY OR FAIL UTTERLY

GENERAL MARCH, CHIEF OF STAFF, WEARING NEW CHEVRON DENOTING ACTUAL SERVICE AT THE FRONT

. Confidence in the ability of the allied lines to withstand the terrific battering of the massed German divisions was expressed by Major General March, Chief of Staff, who gave to the American people the first reassuring message since the great offensive began. The attitude of the War Department is based upon official advices received from General Bliss and General Pershing and the announcements of Field Marshal Haig.) "So far as the military situation in Europe is concerned," said General March, who now wears a chevron on his left sleeve indicating six months' service in France, "the War Department sees no cause for alarm on the part of the people of the United States."

Aiding the Destroyers

Air Service, after a recent

ward of eighteen months. 100 rounds from straight behind his wreckage and oil. into a very fest spin with my engines' see the enemy crash into the sea. and went up after the remaining eight Gothas-one had been shot down in flames-and caught up with them at 14,000 feet and engaged them in turn from both above and below. Then devoted all my attention to one Gotha, and after firing 200 rounds into him. silenced both his guns. I think both German gunners must have been hit,

ends with his ammunition. marine patrol above the North Sea, sighted a submarine on the surface travelling at about fourteen knots. Two men were observed on the conto a height of 800 feet, and the lead- water. ing machine dropped a bomb, which burst on the starboard side of the submarine, half-way between th stern and conning tower. The sub marine heeled slowly over to port and remained in that position. The bow rose into the air as she stopped and began to sink. The second seaplane then dropped her bomb, which burst in front of the couning tower, and as the submarine sank another bomb was dropped by the first machine which had wheeled round and passed then circled round for a quarry of an of his popular book. hour searching for possible survivors.

None were seen, however, and they accordingly returned to make their

bursting 50 feed in front of the sea- of the heavy service pattern. plane. As the latter turned, the bomb which he had dropped exploded, tearing a great rent in the hull of the ahead and through the mist three will, in all probability, be utilized in line abreast, reinforced by three public is rich in petroleum, from hostile destroyers and two seaplanes. Salts to Tierra del Fuego. All were firing at the British sea-

gain flew over the sinking submaine. A second bomb was dropped, nd the submarine sank, leaving a arge quantity of oil, air-bubbles and wreckage floating on the surface. Her bombs exhausted, the scaplane returned, having first photographed the In Fighting Submarines sinking submarine and its would-be

HE report of a squadron com- of submarines rest by no means with mander of the Royal Naval the Navy-that-Flies. The Navy-thathostile air raid, shows the in the North Sea sighted a large subodds which British pilots cheerfully marine on the surface, about three accept in beating off the raiders. The miles distant. Telegraphs were at officer in question had been flying shaped for the enemy, who promptly continuously under war conditions in dived. The speed at which the de-France, bombing and fighting, for up- stroyers attacked, however, brought the leading boat over the submarine before the swirl of her dive had left "When 11,000 feet," runs his re- the water. An explosive charge was port, "I saw ten Gothas coming in- dropped over the spot. This detonatland. I climbed up to them, and en- ed, and blew a large dark object to gaged one on the right of the forma- the surface, which promptly sank again. The next destroyer in the line tion about three miles out to sea at then dropped her charges, which covsomething over 12,000 feet. Fired ered the surface with small pieces of

tail at 100 yards' range. Bullets were On another occasion a force of destroyers acting in company with some light cruisers sighted at dawn a small followed and fired about 25 more in- sail on the horizon. This was watched to him to make sure. My gun then carefully through glasses, and as the jammed, and in trying to clear, I got vessel pitched in the swell her bow and stern were visible and were recognized as those of a submarine. The destroyer which was the first to then landed, bad my gun jam cleared penertate this disguise at once altered course toward the supposed enemy, who was about seven miles distant. The sail promptly vanished and the conning tower of a submarine was seen as she dived. Five minutes later the submarine raised her periscope for a look-around, and submerged again in 10 seconds. It was long enough, however, to betray her whereas I was able to get within 60 feet of abouts to the destroyer, which made him without being fired at. I finally for the spot half a mile away, and ran out of ammunition." The story opened fire as she rushed toward her. Two British seaplanes on sub- showing a glimpse of the conning tower and the large vertical rudder. Midway between these two points the destroyer rammed, at a speed in the region of 30 knots. The enemy sank ning tower. Like a pair of hunting vertically, bubbling like a gigantic kestrels, the seaplanes swooped down empty bottle, in over 100 fathoms of

Saw Improvement. Ian Hay, the famous author of "The First Hundred Thousand," tells seems that after his great war-book had brought him popularity his publishers received some of his earlier stories and republished them. . They thor regarded them rather as amateur efforts. But a critic in New York waxed enthusiastic over them and over the spot 15 seconds later. Hav- congratulated him on his improveing disposed of their quarry, the two ment as a writer since the production

Haig Doesn't Care.

A London correspondent notes that in matters of dress etiquette. Sir On another occasion a seaplane on Douglas Haig, commander of the patrol overheard a Lostile wfreless British forces in France, is the most signal, apparently in close proximity; unconventional of field marshals and shortly afterward a large submarine the despair of strict disciplinarians, was sighted lying on the surface a Besides discarding the shoulder strap hour, the seaplane whizzed over the refuses to wear the ivory hilted curvenemy and released a bomb. The sub- ed sword prescribed for officers' samarine simultaneously fired a round bres. He also defies custom by using with his foremost gun, the shell a hunting bit for his horse instead

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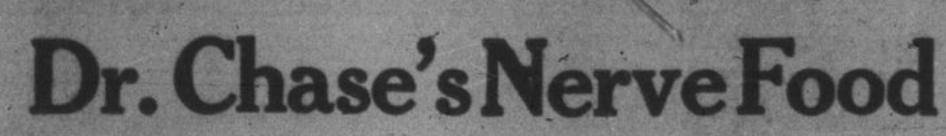
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