- LISTENING POST **DUTY SUPPLIES** MANY THRILLS

Next to Actual Charge, It Contains Greatest Dangers

SHUN "WOODEN CROSS"

Snipers Always on Alert Against Guards Who Watch Enemy

By ELLEN ADAIR

Written Specially for the Eventso Lancers. LONDON, March 25. Perhaps no strain is greater on the average soldier that when he takes his turn, under cover of night, at the "listen-lug post." For he must clamber over the hig post." For he must clamber over the parapet of the fire trench into the hidden dangers of Na Man's Land, and creep cautiously in snake fashion among long grass and death-smelling shell holes.

where enemy anipers and enemy scouts are

It means a risk of being ambushed and the means a risk of being ambushed and killed silently with cold steel. On the other hand, it may mean capturing a recomplifting enemy and bringing him in triumphantly, with a pessible reward in the form of a week's home-leave or the much coveted D. C. M. Though occasion-ally we hear of the staleness and monotony of trench life, there is nothing in the least monotonous in the work of the night outpost. If he regards it as merely monotonous and lets his wits grow drowsy at the job, then, as some Tommy or other matly puts it, he's liable to "get the wooden

"For with that go wool gathering meet. with disaster. And enemy snipers are ever watching and waiting for them.

"Going out to the 'listening post' is the next best adventure to a charge," a cheery lance corporal informed me today. "I shall lance corporal informed me today. I shall never forget one night of it I had! A wisp of moon was glimmering in a veil of mist when three of us set out. The Germans had begun their night-long display of star shells, lighting up the scene in silvery radiance. Their rifles uttered vicious whip-cracks continually. We heard the whizz of a bullet overhead, or the angry hum of a spinning ricochet. With a friendly leg up to the parapet, we scrambled over as fast as we could. It would not do to be seen in the light of a flare, for German snipers miss few good targets. WAIT IN HOLE.

"'Crack-crack-crack' in a breathless stutter from a machine gun. The bul-lets whistle and hit the parapet behind us with a mighty whack! Have the Germans seen us? We lie flat, holding our breath. 'Are you two all right?' I whisper to the men behind.

"Slowly we creep forward another 20 "Slowly we creep forward another 20 yards to a hole torn by a shell. This is to be our listening post till close to dawn. The Germans are not unlikely to attack, and our business is to see that they do not take us by surprise. We do not expect to use our rifles. We have to use our eyes and ears, especially our ears, to detect any movement of the enemy. If we see him advancing, we must report to our companies in the trenches without a second's ades in the trenches without a second's

"Crouching low in our shell hole, we strain our eyes to pierce the darkness. Suddenly my arm is gripped tightly. I evercome the desire to shout, but cold perspiration breaks out on my forehead. No need to fear—it's only Johnson, my companion, and—'See that figure in front,' he whisners.

I strain my eyes again. Yes, there's a dark, motionless shape only a few yards

Tightly I grip, my rifle, ready to club the suspect, and in tense expectatory we await his approach. For surely he has seen us? Then a flare goes up, and in its horrible greenish light a post is re-vealed, to which remnants of barbed wire. shattered by shells, still cling. Only that,

"Darkness again, and the wind sighing over our heads. Quickly one realizes how deceptive the eyes can be for night work. Nerves are at the highest tension. You see wooden posts move and bend. Some will even hear them whispering in men will German!

DEAD LIE THICK.

"After a time I press forward, on through the knee-high grass of No-Man's-Land. It is a thrilling experience, this exploring of ground where battles have been fought for many a long month and where the dead lie thick. I fall forward three times over the bodies of slain conrides! Though the soaring star shells light un the scene brilliantly, lying flat light up the scene brilliantly, lying that like this, I am not out of sight of the

"Now I can hear the Germana distinctly. I am close to their trenches. Some one is calling names out rapidly—probably a sergeant distributing the mails. Some one is playing a mouthorgan. The ring of spades and the thud! thud! of pickaxes come from behind the trench. The enemy

must be filling sandbags to strengthen their parapets against shell fire.

'Then my heart gives a sudden terrible jump! For here come a party of Germans right toward me, on their way back from parcoling No-Man's Land!

'The night wind whistles as the steps grow nearer, nearer. Yes, they have seen me. I must wait till a bayonet pins me to the ground, or till I am seized and made prisoner. No escape now! Resistance would be abourd. The whole course of my past life runs past me in a panorama. my past life runs past me in a panorama of quiet events. How soon will I feel the sting of cold steel through me? How soon? "What an unpleasant odor!" says the foremost German, 'Where's the corpse,

"Here's the body, says another, half bending over me, Wonder if he's really

"I am nervous and excited, but not offered. My death seems a fantastic, imcompile thing.

"'Came on-leave the corpse alone,'
says the first, 'To dead tired, and want to
get back to the dug-out.'

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"As in a dream I hear their retreating footsteps, and I am alone again—saved! Gold sweat breaks out all over me. Quickly I am off to join my two companions at the rear. They too are shivering, but with cold, not fear.

"Par off a cat is mewing dismally. Perhaps the poor creature is wounded. Hundreds of such gone wild, haunt this dreary No-Man's-Land, living on field mise, and, distructful of cruel humanity, refuse to come near.

"A sudden terrific fire from German machine guns warms us to lie flat again.
We're near our trenches now—yet this
may be the end. Over our heads the wild
blast goes—the star shells shoot up

For 15 minutes the firing goes on with-out paise. Apparently the enemy fear we shall creen over to attack them at

we shall croep over to attack them at the hour of dawn.

"Then comes a biessed silence, save for the mewing of those cats. Time passes. Now we can see each other's faces, pale in the cold light of morning. Trailing our arms and bending low, in a wild rush we are over our parapets—and home!

"The long night is over and duty at the listening post" is done."

KNIGHTS OF MALTA

Mystic Cross Commandery o Admit a Class of One Hundred C "dates

evening, April 29, in the hall Mystic Cross Commandery, No. 486, at 2 South 50th street, when a class of 100 candi-dates will be admitted. In addition to the regular meeting room, an additional hall has been engaged to accommodate the candidates and host of members and fra-ternal visitors who will doubtless desire

ternal visitors who will doubtless desire to witness the ceremonies.

The 10 hisher degrees will be conferred upon the full class of petitioners, and, in addition, the supendant Order of the Red Cross and Sepulcine will be rendered in full ceremonial form by the degree team of Fidelity Commander, No. 171, of Contestills. This team will use its linear team of robes and parameters are for this degree alone cost \$1200, and we for this degree alone cost \$1200, and we present the appendant order in a manner and style rarely will contribute void selections and an orchestra composed of 21 Malia Knizhis will add) to the impressive character and beauty of the degrees by appropriate musical selections.

Quaker City Commandery, No. 422, is arranging for a measure entertainment and reception to be given on Saturday evening. May 27, in Lu Lu Wingle. Music will be furnished by an orchestra of 11 pieces. A Victrola outfit will be given pasy and the talent for this concert will be of the highest order.

A special session of the Grand Commandery will be convenied in the council chamber of Adam Commandery, No. 425, at New Kenshiston, on April 22 for the purpose conferring the past commanders at All who have passed the chairs of the influcommander and all senter wards, nose terms expired on or before May 10 or last year may receive the degree at this time.

Friday and Saturday last Ariel Com-mandery. No. 145, at McKeespurf, now the largest commundery in existence, conferred the red cross and scrutchre degree upon a large class of candidates.

Tomorrow the State Finance Committee will meet at headquarters in this city to sudit the accounts of the grand recorder and grand treasurer for the past year.

The election board will meet at headquarters on Priday to count the official votes cast at the recent election for Grand Commandery efficiers.

Red Men

A delegation of 30 warriers of Pinte Tribe, b. 251, led by Paut Suchem John Lodge, uesing host trailed to the wiggom of To-anda Tribe and raised the newly elected lefs to their respective stumps. After the remony snort talks were made by Past

Knights of Pythias

there is an unwonted activity in circles is shown by the reports being from various sections of the jurisdi-well as from local Philadelphia lodges, dmission of classes of candidates and sentation of numerous petitions for hip.

ARCANUM COUNCILS HOSPITAL MOVEMENT

Association Contracts With Local Hospitals for Necessary Care of Needy Sick Members

The Royal Arcanum Hospital Associathe Royal Archum Florital Associa-tion, closing a year of effective and val-uable work, has just issued its report of the year's operations, showing total re-ceipts from all sources of \$2401.09. Dur-ing the year \$507.10 was paid to nine different hospitals for the care of sick members, which, with other necessary ex-penses, leaves a net balance on hand of

The sociation has 22 councils enrolled as armial contributors, and is renewing its efforts to more thoroughly care for all needy cases submitted to its attention. Contracts have been made with all of the Philadelphia hospitals, with a few exceptions, to care for all sick Royal Arcanum members at the association's expense. In addition to this, agreements have also been made with hospitals located in Delaware, Montgomery and Berks Counties. The field of usefulness is in-

reasing every year. A special meeting will be called in the near future of representatives of all local councils on the surpose of organization an active attaining the surpose of organization an active attaining the surpose of the surpo

The month of April honor roll shows the northwestern jurisdiction of Pennsylvania in first place, with 28 applicants. The central purisdiction, however, is a very good second, with a credit of 27 new members. The Pittsburgh district shows no third, with Philadelphia, a poor fourth. The total for the State is 116 during the month of March. Brother H. H. Hipwell, regent of Darling Council, Pittsburgh, won second prize for the month of Pobruary, while Brother William E. Frye, of Pine Grove, made the magnificent record of procuring 17 applicants in this month. In the work done by councils the Grand Regents Council, Conestosu, of Lancaster, made the best record for March.

Friday evening was Haverford Council's regular meeting night. Hushness, as insult, was promptly disposed of an air netering training the fit food that region. This time it food that region the region was promptly disposed by Dr. Walther E. Lee, who has served six months with the American Ambutances Carps. April 21 the council will hold memorial services. The ladies will be invited to attend this meeting.

Chester Council, No. 553, with Charles R. Lewis presiding as regent, held an interesting session last week, initiated one cantilate and received an application from another. The Membership Campaign Committee and the rep-resentatives to the Associated Councils of Philadelphia both presented satisfactory re-ports.

GOLDEN EAGLE KNIGHTS

Valiant Crusader Knights Select New State Officer for Coming Year

John F. Brounley, the grand chief-elect, has been a member of Acolian Castle, No. 348, of Philadelphia, for the last 26 years. He has served the Grand Castle on two of the most Important committees, Finance and Law, also as grand sir herald, grand vice chief and next month will be in-stalled as grand chief of the Grand Castle of Pennsylvania.



JOHN F. BROUNLEY Grand Chief of the State Castle of Pennsylvania, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

lagic Knights, fournessed to Treverton Castle, to, 455, and conferred the three degrees upon 8 cardidates for that castle last Saturday vening.

Mystic Chain Knights

ARTISANS' ORDER MUTUAL PROTECTION

Clubs Organized to Secure Candidates' Aid on the General Campaign Planned for the Year

A "Boosters" Club, with 60 charter members, was organized in Bartram Assembly No. 55 on Monday evening, Each member pledged himself to attend every meeting of the assembly unless prevented by sickness or some oth good and sufficient cause, to bring by least one member during the current P. to pay 16 cents per month into the aquet fund and in every way possible boost

the assembly in general. Dr. J. M. Delo, the popular medical examiner, was elected to the presidency; Russell P. Cottinsham, secretary, and F. S. L. Rubbert, treasurer. It is proposed to have a roll call of the members each month, when they are to make known what has been done to boost the assembly during the last

THE MACCABEES

Uniform Rank Drills in Preparation for Degree Team Exemplification

The Uniform Bank held a drill meetng Monday evening last to practice for the First Degree, which is to be put on at Bartram Review by the degree staff of Philadelphia Review tonight in Oriental Hall, 52d street and Haverford avenue. All members are welcome. Captain Crouch reported progress on the entertainment and dance for the benefit of the Guard, and it is hoped that all members will help make it a great success.

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Chiladelphia Review, Parkway Building, reports one of the best meetings ever held, with one supplication for membership and dyars one present enthusiastic to have at last 50 new members to present to the great commander on May 17. Twenty-due new members to present to the great commander on May 17. Twenty-due he members hames are on the honor roll since the lirat of the year, with Commander Haney and the year, with Commander Haney and the following in line: Mrs. Governb. Mrs. Myers. Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Ritler and others. An establishment will be held at the heat meeting the first of the property of the property of the members are coming to their assistance of all.

Order of Moose

Order of Orioles

Philadelphia Neet, No. 118, Fraternal Order of Orioles, was organized Sunday, April E. I. Everett C. Rote, supreme vice president, of feading, assisted by Brothera Gruff, of Yari Dotterer, of Boyertown; Lyons, of Baltimorand Levenby, of Camden. A large delega-tion of members of Camden Nest assisted a obligating a class of 62 candidates, amonwhom were many men prominent in the Buel ness and social life of Philadelphia.

order that all nests own their own clubroom. The organizer of this new and pregressive order in this city is William F. Domohos.

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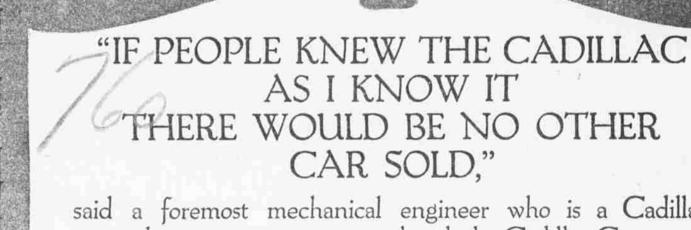
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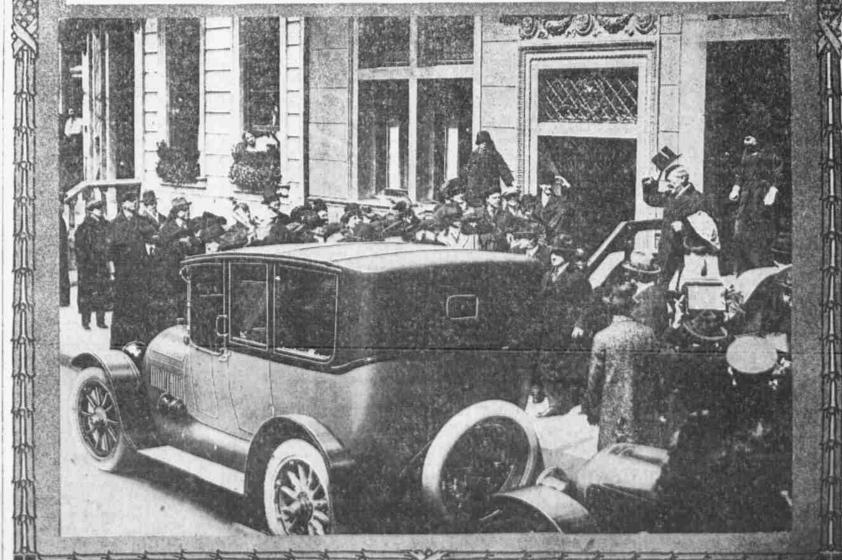
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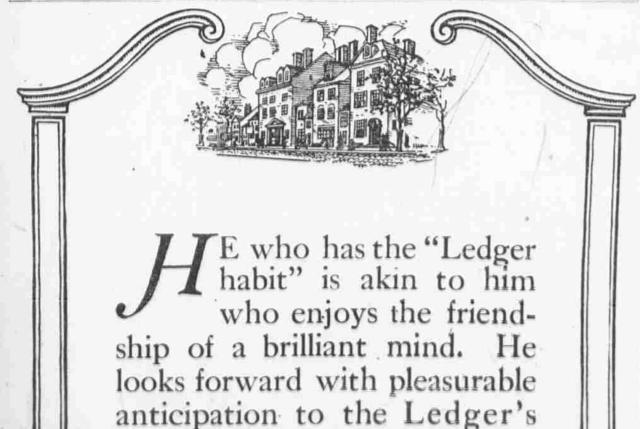


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