

# SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE WITH EMPEY

By Arthur Guy Empey

(Continued)

The door at the other end of the ward opened and two stretcher-bearers entered, going in the direction of the dead man. Pretty soon they left the ward, carrying a stretcher on which was a still form, covered with a blanket. The Irishman on my right was repeating to himself:

"Poor bloke, poor bloke; he sure done his bit, and it won't be long before he'll be pushin' up the daisies somewhere in France. And before this war is over, there'll be lots more in the same fix."

One of the Tommies, in an effort to be brave, addressed Jones: "What's his name, Mike? What battalion is he from?"

Jones answered:

"James Collins, a lance corporal of the Royal Warwick; five machine gun bullets through his right lung—hemorrhage."

The door opened again and two stretcher-bearers entered, carrying a Tommy, his head lying flat, and a smell of ether pervaded the ward. He knew it was a case from the Pictures (operating room). The stretcher-bearers placed him on the right of the Irishman.

Jones now left me, and, getting a little white basin, went over to the new arrival. The Tommies

turned inquiring looks in his direction. Answering these glances, he read from the tag pinned to the tunic of the patient:

"Shell wound, left foot—amputation."

"Then and there I knew that I had lost my prestige."

In a short while the form on the stretcher began to mumble. This mumbled soon turned to singing; that Tommy sure could sing! He must have been a comedian in civilian life, because the Tommies were soon roaring with laughter, so was I, as much as my wounds would permit. Harry Euse, the famous English comedian, in his palmyest date never had a more appreciative audience. After a while the singing ceased, and the Tommies began conversing among themselves. The main topic was—"Blighty—What Hopes?" Each one was hoping his wound was serious enough for him to be sent to England. The stretcher-bearers were being pestered with questions as to what chance the Tommies had of reaching their coveted goal. I believe they all envied the man under other, because, with a left foot missing, he was sure to be sent to Blighty.

A sergeant-major of the Royal Army Medical Corps entered the ward. The medical men promptly stood at attention, except one or two who were taking care of serious cases. The sergeant-major ordered: "Get this ward in shape. The M. O. is coming through in five minutes to inspect cases and 'clear out.'"

The medical men went from cot to cot, carefully smoothing out blankets, tucking in loose ends and

We'll fix you up with a cushy job at brigade headquarters, pounding a typewriter."

The Irishman, with a groan of disgust, addressing nobody in particular, sighed:

"Out since Mons, and I end up worrin' a bloody typewriter at headquarters. Stick me in skirts and I'll go as a manicurist."

The doctor, paying no attention to this remark, went to the next case and left the ward.

As soon as the door closed a string of oaths came from the Irishman: "Poundin' a — typewriter at headquarters; just like the bloody British army; what in hell do I know of those writin' machines? Just my luck. Why couldn't that shell have hit me in the hands? But, I'm sure of it, my bloody hands, they'd made a tightrope walker out of me. Win this war—what hopes?"

The Tommies were eagerly questioning each other:

"What did 'e say to you?" "Are you good for Blighty?" "He marked 'Blighty' on my tag!" "What does 'Blighty' mean?" "Does it mean that I'm to stick it out in this bloody mud while you blokes are a'go'in' to Blighty, etc."

Pretty soon a stretcher-bearer entered, carrying a little, oblong, green box, which, we all knew, contained Woodbine cigarettes. He was greeted with a chorus of:

"Gimme a fag, mate; I'm all out. Come on, chum; don't forget me. That's a good fellow. Let's have one."

Pretty soon every Tommy who was able had a lighted fag between his lips and a sigh of content went up as he inhaled deep drafts of the smoke. I certainly enjoyed mine.

The sergeant-major again entered. The medical men came to attention. In crisp tones he ordered: "Get the convoy for England ready. Look alive, the ambulances are expected every minute."

The stretcher-bearers entered, bustling about, and the ward was in an uproar. Then, outside, could be heard the chugging engines of the waiting ambulances.

As each fortunate Tommy was carried out the more unfortunate ones, who were left behind at the base hospital, bravely wished him a "Good luck, mate. Give my regards to Trafalgar Square. Be sure to let me know your watch in Petticoat Lane. Give 'er my love."

As I was carried through the door the cold air sent a shiver through me, and my legs began to pain. The effect of the chloroform was wearing off. Outside it was dark and confusion seemed to reign supreme. Lancers were flashing by and for long lines of stretchers could be seen moving toward the ambulances.

I was placed in the ambulance with three others. A rasping noise as the gears were shifted, and with a jerk the ambulance started. That jerk made me grin several times.

But I was happy in the thought that at last I was on my way to that longed-for heaven, Blighty!

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## BOUNTY CHIEFS HELP STATE CLEAR OUT NOXIOUS GAME

### Money Derived From Hunters' License System Used in Good Purpose

Money derived from the hunters' license system in Pennsylvania helped wipe out over 50,000 noxious game animals that are nuisances to the farmer, the poultry raiser and the game fancier and probably brought about the destruction of thousands of predatory hawks during the year ending November 30, 1917, according to the records of the State Game Commission which recently have been a most successful year for clearing out the noxious game and the figures all represent payment of bounties which have been carefully attested and the pelts examined.

The bounties were paid on 44,270 weasels, of which Crawford and Bradford county farmers each killed more than 2,000; 5,846 mink, 3,734 gray foxes and 2,326 of his red brother and 391 wild cats. The total amount of money expended was \$66,614. All of this was provided by the sportsmen of the state as their share of ridding the farmer of some of his worst pests and a rather impressive lesson in the value of the license system, to say nothing of benefiting every hunter.

Over the Top Level

With several counties to complete their returns, the total of the hunters' licenses issued during 1917 was \$205,000, which is just twenty-three short of the record made in 1911, the first year when the license system was adopted. It is certain that the total will run a couple of hundred dollars beyond that record and that the year will close over 15,000 beyond 1916. This means ninety cents for game protection for every hunter from each license for the state, extension of the game preserves, running down of game outlaws and payments of bounties for more nests.

The record for the year is led by Allegheny county, which had about 20,000 licenses, with Philadelphia and Luzerne coming along as contenders for second place. It is interesting to note that big farming counties like Lancaster, Berks, Lehigh, Franklin and Chester have issued more licenses than ever before and that they furnished considerable kills of game, according to the reports which have come to hand from the wardens. This illustrates the changed conditions and the attitude of people toward the act.

Thousands of game birds, Pennsylvanians went out to war, including many who spent a couple of weeks every fall in the woods, and that industries have to give up a part of their rate that many men were forced to give up their annual hunt for deer, bear or cottontails and birds.

# Sugar and Ships

In the interest of the public it serves, the Franklin Sugar Refining Company is earnestly supporting the Government's policy to regulate the supply of sugar so that it shall be sufficient for the needs of all—our soldiers, our Allies and ourselves.

With the new crop of cane sugar coming in, the sugar situation is more favorable than it was a month ago. There will be sugar enough, according to present indications, if extravagant use and waste are avoided.

War has disturbed the whole world's sugar supply. It has not only wiped out any available surplus, but it has put all nations on a hand-to-mouth basis.

The European Allies were the first to feel the pinch. Before the war, enough sugar was produced on the Continent to supply all Europe. Today, two-thirds of this sugar-producing area is within the battle lines.

England, France and other nations have had to turn elsewhere for a supply of this indispensable food.

And they came to Cuba—the main source upon which the United States depends for its cane sugar. During 1917, Cuba sold and shipped to Europe nearly 1,000,000 tons of raw sugar—one-third of its crop.

In addition to the normal increase in the consumption of sugar as food in this country, the nation-wide movement to save the fruit crop last season greatly increased its use.

But this increased consumption of sugar has been a real factor in combating waste. It enabled the American housewife to add to the store of the food of the nation at a time when fruits and vegetables were plentiful and cheap.

The sugar is not only in the fruit jar, but it has carried into the pantries of the country a vast supply of fruit and vegetables which would otherwise have been lost. Sugar itself is not only a food, but it is also the great preserver of other foods.

As the demand for sugar grew, both here and abroad, Cuba's supply was exhausted last fall. Every available ton in Porto Rico and other cane sugar countries was acquired. But this was not enough, and the shortage came.

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Every 5,000-ton ship which can be saved by giving England sugar from Cuba means the release of a ship which can make three trips and take a total of 3,000 soldiers from the United States to France.

If we can save the Allies from taking any Java sugar in 1918, we will release for transport purposes enough ships to carry over to the Western front and supply about 150,000 to 200,000 soldiers.

At the same time, we will also be giving the Allies the necessary sugar. Therefore, it is to the interest of the common cause to save ships and send soldiers.

The Franklin Sugar Refining Company has put forth every possible effort to keep up the supply of sugar for the United States, even in limited quantities, and to stabilize the price to the consumer.

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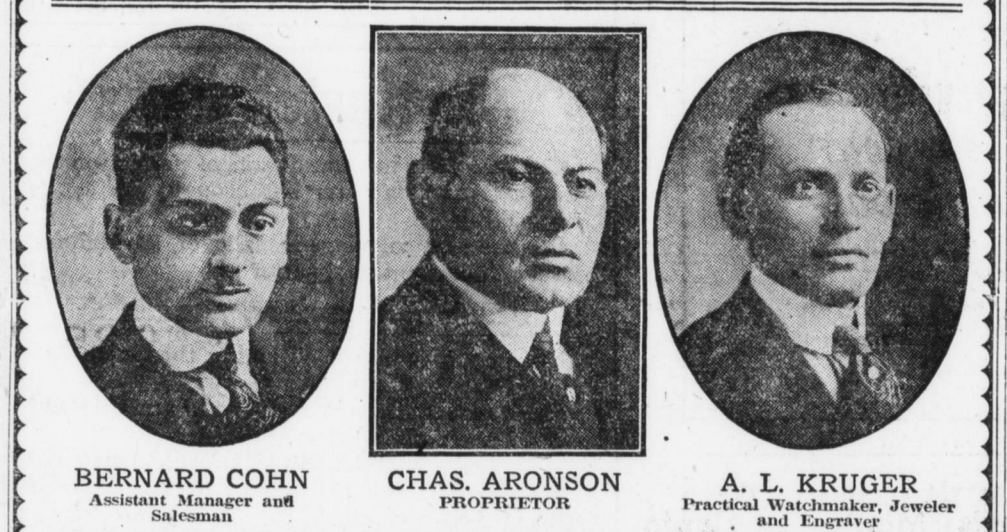
These small-unit cartons and cotton bags enable grocers to limit their sales so that waste and hoarding may be prevented.

It will be necessary for grocers and consumers to watch carefully their distribution and purchases during the approaching period of readjustment. The refineries are now starting up and supplies of raw sugar coming forward, but it will take weeks, and possibly months, for the return of normal conditions.

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**Snyder Co. Safety Com. Enlarges Its Membership**

Middleburg, Pa., Jan. 14.—The Public Safety Committee Snyder County has enlarged its membership, and 260 names have been added. The county has been divided into districts and each township and borough in the county comprises a district. Dr. John I. Woodruff, of Selingsgrove, is chairman of the speakers' union, and Dr. Charles Alkens, president of Susquehanna University, is the county chairman. A meeting will be held in the Court-house at Middleburg Saturday evening, January 19, when several speakers of nation-wide fame will deliver addresses.

**ACCIDENTS AT LEWISTOWN**

Lewistown, Pa., Jan. 14.—Margaret, 2-year-old daughter of Mrs. H. Platzer, of Yeagerstown, fell from the porch at her home and fractured her collarbone.

Charles Fager fell on one of the east end streets of town and was badly injured about the back and shoulders.

James Krepps bruised a finger some time ago and a felon formed and for two weeks he has suffered severely.

H. S. Yeater, of Ferguson Valley, went to Philadelphia to consult a specialist about an injury that he received seven years ago while working on his farm.

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**BOY SEVERELY INJURED**

Anville, Pa., Jan. 14.—Ray Stober, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stober, of West Queen street, met with an accident while coasting at the hill at Brand's mill in West Queen street. His sled struck a plank on the bridge and threw him against the bridge, causing severe injuries. He will be confined to his home for some time.

**TELEPHONE CO. OFFICERS**

Middleburg, Pa., Jan. 14.—Stockholders of the Middleburg Creek Valley Telephone Company held a meeting in their offices over the National Bank building yesterday and elected the following officers and directors: President, Harold McClure; vice-president, James Magee; secretary, George W. Wagenseller; treasurer, John S. Kauffman; general manager, Frank A. Eyer; directors, George W. Wagenseller, John S. Kauffman, James Magee, Professor Thomas Shambach, Thomas Spigelmirre and John W. Kassinger.