

DOUGHBOYS TAKEN ON SIGHTSEEING TRIP FROM PARIS TO BATTLEFIELDS

Paris, July 22.—Already Chateau-Thierry and Belleau Wood have become shrines which every American in France wants to visit. Last Saturday announcement was made in the newspapers here that the Y. M. C. A. would establish a daily free sightseeing trip from Paris to Chateau-Thierry, Belleau Wood and Rheims, taking 100 doughboys a day on the trip. On Monday—the day the trip was inaugurated—nearly 2,000 soldiers put their names on the waiting list. At present time the "Y" at Rheims is serving 1,200 meals a day and providing sleeping quarters for 500 officers and men, besides furnishing sandwiches and coffee to several hundred more. Even more men are visiting Chateau-Thierry, but the train schedules are such that not so many sleep and eat there.

The boys first are taken to Rheims, the coronation city of France. There they see the devastation which makes those of them not lucky enough to get to the front during the war deepen their sentiments regarding the Hun. Rheims was a beautiful city of nearly 200,000 inhabitants, but the Boche rained shells on it until only fourteen of its 17,000 buildings were left standing. In addition the Germans threw 15,000 shells into Rheims, and for months they averaged a thousand shells a day. But they were able to enter it only once, and then the French drove them out after a few days.

Poppies on Flanders Fields "Y" guides with sightseeing trucks into each of which sixty boys can crowd, meet the boys at the station and take them through the town to Fort Pompelle, which was captured by the Germans and recaptured by the French seventeen months ago. About it the ground is so torn by shell fire that it is heaped up like sand dunes, yet over it already grow, vividly green grass has grown and acres of poppies like those which blow on Flanders fields, crimson red and suggestive of the heroic blood shed there, glow in the sunshine.

Under the grass and the poppies the boys stumble over barbed wire, and discover innumerable shell fragments, hand grenades and other relics. German helmets are so plentiful there, eight months after the armistice, that boys hawk them about the streets for two francs each. In the next office in the biggest Y. M. C. A. hut there yesterday was a stack of helmets, guns, pistols and similar souvenirs more than twenty feet high, which were eight feet high and fifteen feet wide at the base, which the boys had mailed home during the last three days.

From Rheims the boys are taken to Chateau-Thierry, where again they are met by guides and trucks and taken on a trip which makes them realize as never before how proud a part America played in the war. First they are shown how the Germans started their last drive for Paris on May 27, how they crushed back the thin lines of French and where the half-prepared Second and Third American Divisions were flung in to stop them. Reverently they look at what remains of the two bridges where the Seventh Machine Gun men of the Third Division held back the Huns for four days and the spot where, after the bridges were demolished, the Americans put a

Investigate Caves

The Chateau, built by Charles Martel in 720, from which the town takes its name, no longer stands, but the caverns and subterranean passages near it, still impregnable, served to shelter German officers during the American onslaught. In those caves the boys look with greatest interest at what the guides say were among the first cannon invented—little mortars six or eight inches long, which were used by the great Martel himself. It is a strange intermingling of ancient and very modern history which the American boys are given in less than two hours, but each story seems, by contrast, to make the other more vivid. Eager as the boys are to see everything they don't forget to eat. The Y. M. C. A. has prepared box lunches which are handed them as they climb aboard the army trucks. Then or after are swept to Vaux and Belleau Wood, where they may still find many evidences of the great battle among the rocks and ravines. There are remains of a beautiful cemetery in which every day additional hundreds of American dead are being placed, an American shrine in France. As they tramp over the hills the guides tell the story of the battle.

Till nearly 8 o'clock they "sight-see," then are rushed back to Chateau-Thierry to catch the night train to Paris. So many wish to stay over, however, for another day on the battlefield, that the "Y" has erected two big barracks, while some of the boys even bivouac under the trees, with cots and blankets, rather than go back so soon to Paris and comfort. When they do go back they are tired and dusty, but prouder and better Americans than ever.

HAD NO KLAXON

A stout baggage-laden old Englishman was trying to make a hurried dash for a railway carriage. At the door he stumbled on the foot of a brawny Scot.

"Hoots, toots, mon!" groaned the Highlander. "Canna ye look whaur y're going? Hoot, mon, hoot!"

The burdened traveler slammed the door behind him and shouted through the window: "Hoot yourself! I am a traveler, not an automobile!"—Argonaut.

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Short-Sighted Policy Forces Good Men Out Washington, July 22.—Representative LaGuardia, of New York, who served during the war as an aviator in the Army, places squarely at the door of the War Department all responsibility for its inability to keep intact a sufficient force of capable aviators for the national defense. Referring to a statement made by officials of the Department that an alarming number of aviators were demanding their release, Mr. LaGuardia said that the entire difficulty could be traced to the Department's failure to accord proper promotion to qualified flyers.

"I recently inquired of the War Department as to the number of officers it had promoted above the rank of Captain," said Mr. LaGuardia to-day. "Only nine officers have been so promoted, and in looking over the list I find that not a single one of them is an actual flyer. Naturally, this has been discouraging to those who put America in the air."

They are unable to remain in the service with the pay of lieutenants, and are resigning as rapidly as possible.

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