

BATTLE OF VIN ROUGE

By "Scott"

Of the many hard-fought battles of the S. O. S., preceding the signing of the armistice, the "Battle of Vin Rouge" predominates. This battle was a continuous struggle on the whole front, from Brest to Menton and from Bordeaux to Nancy. Strangely enough, at the intersection of these lines was the officers' paradise—Paris. The "Battle of Paris", though on a comparatively shorter front, continued to rage ceaselessly day and night. Many a w. o. l.'s and s. o. l.'s, as well as those backing up the S. O. S., were caught between the never-ending barrage of mademoiselles and vin rouge. Compared to this most stubborn of battles, the "Battle of Tours", the "Battle of Bordeaux", the "aBattle of Cognac" and the "Battle of Vin Blanc" were mere skirmishes, though many have said that from their position in the lines the cognac and vin rouge battles appeared to be much more destructive than the "Battle of Vin Rouge". The bitter Dubonnet skirmish was also worthy of mention.

None of these battles were mentioned in the official communiques that were issued daily before the armistice; nevertheless, they were among the most important engagements of the war.

Most of the experiences with which I came in contact are now but a hazy sea of memories, but the following is appropriate here. To show that cognac and vin blanc (vin blanc) does not mix and that they give a fellow queer ideas: Corporal Jones was endeavoring to reach his billet late one night when he was encountered by the "top soak". The said "top kick" asked him how he managed to get past the M. P.'s without a pass and in that condition. Corporal Jones replied that he just met an M. P. and explained to him that he lost his pass. He said that the M. P. patred him on the back, saying, "It's all right this time, buddy but don't let it happen again." Such a story would never have been told by anyone with an alert mind. Strange to say, however, the "top" believed it; he, too, was endeavoring to find his billet, but all ladders looked alike to him.

Vin rouge makes a man attempt to do foolhardy things, such as wishing K. P.'s a Merry Xmas, or neglecting to salute second lieutenants, etc.

"Beaucoup" vin rouge, with now and then a shot of cognac, will do more than anything else to cause fraternizing between officers and enlisted men. When our adjutant received orders to go to an outfit at the front, he had a sort of "hail, hail, the gang's all here" entertainment that evening for the officers who were left in the battalion. But after the evening had progressed considerably, he decided he wanted to show the men in the headquarters and supply companies that he was the enlisted man's friend. Half of the men were finally rounded up out of their billets and the cafes; but the

"sipper" then decided he wanted the "top kicks" of the different companies, and when informed that they had gone to the front, he commanded, "Well, go and get them". He soon renigged, however, saying, "Never mind, I'm the enlisted man's friend; I'm going there myself tomorrow and I'll get them."

There were a great many men who didn't drink the French "light" wines. I think they are called "light" wines because it isn't safe to strike a match near them. They might light. Either that, or because they make you light-headed. At any rate, the "frogs" were very strict about closing the cafes on time and otherwise obeying the laws, especially after a number of places had been marked "off limits".

There are no farm houses in France to speak of but occasionally there are houses lying out a ways from the villages. It is with the French people at these houses that the American soldier gets his biggest feed. As a rule, a group of soldiers, from two or three to a dozen, go in together on a feed, and for eight or twelve francs can get a fairly good meal of several courses (all French meals are in courses, they never eat any other way) consisting of poulet, fromazh, salads, etc., etc. Usually between the courses comes vin blanc, and as a grande finale, coffee with a "touch" of cognac.

The hardest work of the evening was always getting those home who had celebrated as though an armistice had been signed, or something. However, everybody was usually in bed and sound asleep in time for Reveille.

After all, the regrettable "Battle of Vin Rouge" was not participated in by the entire A. E. F. by any means. For some it meant dissipation and, consequently, annulling of themselves for real service in the lines. For others, it meant merely an observation of conditions and things which are rarely seen and experienced in America. As a matter of fact, I think a dry America appeals to those who made too good a use of the French "light" wines, as well as to those who always looked

with disgust upon some conditions as observed by them as on-lookers only. HAROLD S. THOMAS.

Author of Immortal Song. "Home, Sweet Home," was written in 1823 by John Howard Payne. In but a very few of the sixty years of his life Payne was sufficiently long at any one place to call it his home. He died in Tunis, Africa, April 1, 1852, and it was thirty-one years afterwards before his body was brought to his native country, the place he no doubt had in mind when he penned these appealing words.

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