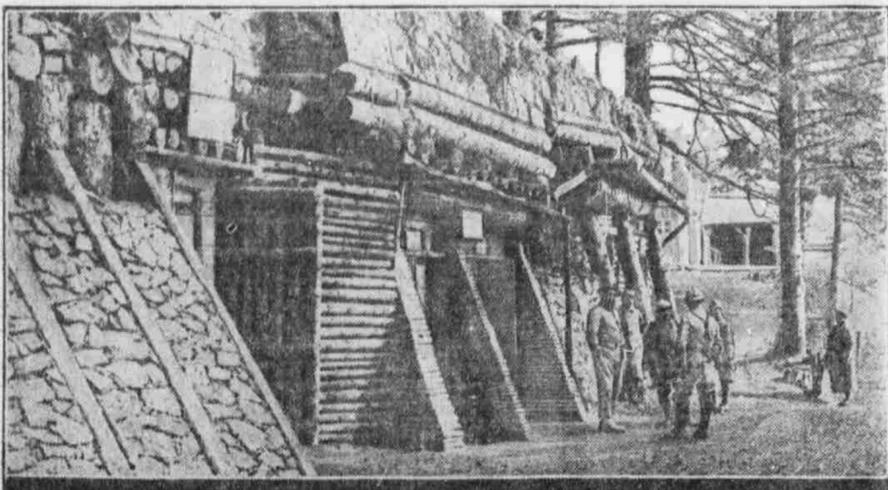


1—French soldiers taking captured German pontoons from a river. 2—Train drawing two large 310-millimeter trench mortars with shells to an advanced position. 3—Anti-aircraft rifle and other guns taken from the Germans by the Canadians.

**BIG FRENCH HOSPITAL IN ALSACE WELL PROTECTED**



This view of part of Hospital 304, Alpine barracks, Alsace, shows that the French recognize the necessity of adequately protecting such places against the shells of the ruthless Huns. In the foreground is the entrance to the operating room.

**BRAVE ITALIANS VISIT AMERICA**



Some Italians may be undersized and squat, but not the Alpini, Italy's crack fighters. These men were picked, one from each company, from the trenches along the Piave a few weeks ago. Not one of them had had less than two wounds, and many of them have survived four. They are shown here on their arrival in Washington to boost the Liberty loan. Besides the Alpini there are squads each of the Grenadier and the Bersaglieri, or Feathered Devils.

**AMERICAN DEFENSE SOCIETY STAMP**



The American Defense society is circulating this painting in the form of a stamp for the benefit of the Fatherless Children of France, of which Marshal Joffre is president. The picture was painted and presented to the cause by the distinguished artist, Edwin Howland Blashfield of New York.

**QUEEN BOOSTS THE BONDS**



The queen of Roumania calls to the American people to buy Liberty bonds to their utmost. She feels that the sooner the enemy is defeated the sooner her people and her country will be liberated from the militaristic oppression of the Hun. The photograph shows the queen, at the left, with Princess Elizabeth.

**Evidently Wanted to "Doil Up."**  
Strange things, considering the surroundings, are asked for by our soldiers in France of the women running the Y. M. C. A. canteens. Eloise Robinson in a description of a typical morning at the "Y" tells the following:  
A South Carolina negro steps up to the counter, asking:  
"Yo'all got some complexion cream this mornin', ma'am?"  
"Two kinds." They are placed before him. He carefully reads the labels and selects the larger jar.  
"Anything else?"  
"Yassum. Some face powder, please, ma'am."

**War Libraries are Popular.**  
The camp libraries maintained by the American Library association at all the big training camps are very popular. At Camp Greene, for instance, there were 320 men in the library at 7 p. m. on a recent evening looking for books, and at one time there were 57 men sitting on the floor reading because there were not enough chairs to go around.

**LUNCH TIME FOR GOVERNMENT CLERKS IN WASHINGTON**



Washington has become both more pleasant and more picturesque since the war camp community service came to the rescue of the government clerk at lunch time. Luncheon on a clear day is eaten on the big lot behind the state, war and navy building to the accompaniment of a band from one of the camps.

**AMERICAN AVIATORS AT BARRACKS IN ITALY**



With the continuous arrival of American troops in Italy, aviation school fields have sprung up for the Yankee flyers. This photograph shows a group of the American aviation students before their barracks awaiting the call to proceed to their training stations.

**EXAMINING HIS WOUND**



In this, a British official photograph, is seen an American doctor of the United States army examining the wound of a British Tommy who is on his way, afoot, to the field dressing station from the front-line trenches.

**LOAD OF CAPTURED MACHINE GUNS**



A Canadian transport driver with a load of captured German machine guns and trench mortars inquiring the way to a captured gun dump near Bulsey.

**YANKS HURRYING TO THE BATTLE LINE**



Troops of the Seventh American infantry climbing aboard trucks of the motor transport service on their way to the firing line.

**Linen of Historic Interest.**

In response to a call from the American Red Cross for old linen, a package containing a sheet and tablecloth was received from Paisley, Fla. They were the gift of a woman who was born in Germany seventy-two years ago. The sheet was her grandmother's and the flax from which it was made was grown by her grandfather, in Bavaria, and was woven by him more than one hundred and twenty-five years ago. Who knows but what they may be used to bind the wounds of some American soldier on the ground where the flax was grown more than a century ago?

**Aiding Red Cross in Honolulu.**

Honolulu has a novel scheme for helping swell its American Red Cross fund. Owing to the large area of the city many persons are a considerable distance from the regular car lines. Automobile owners pick these residents up and permit them to pay for the ride by dropping coins in a small box, bearing a Red Cross sign, attached to the machine. A Honolulu paper is responsible for the plan.