Germans Pinned Last Hope For Victory On Celebration of French National Holiday Hoping to Smash Lines in Surprise Attack

Captured German Sergeant, Who Knew Secret of Proposed Attack, Told French yards. Intelligence Officer of German General Staff's Plans and a Few Minutes Later the Supreme Command of the Allied Armies Prepared To Meet Hun Onrush -General Gouraud Wins Day.

And again the Fourth French

Rainbow Picked Again.

The Americans were the men of

The two previous installments of this history of the Rainbow Division by Raymond S. Tompkins, which appeared in last Bunday's issue of The Bee told of the division's organization, training and three months' service in the trenshee of Lerraine. These months in the trenshee, on a "quiet sector." were not quiet for the Rainbow, for there was almost continuous raiding and counter raiding, and when the division left was ordered to a rest camp.

This installment of the history takes them away from their well-earned rust to the most critical front at that time on the entire, allied line, for the Garmans had planned a great attack for July if—france's independence Day—and if they broke through, Paris would be at their mercy.

The next installment in The Bee, next Sunday, will tell how they met that attack.

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CHAPTER IV.

He was a dirty, unshaved German sergeant and he stood pale and nerve-shaken before a French intelligence officer in a candle-lighted dugout deep in the chalk-white soil of the Champagne country. It was like shimmering gray silk now, though—that soil—for night had come, the night of July 14, 1918, and the plains were bathed in warm moonlight and the lear sky studded with stars.

A little French raiding party had brought him in-one of those fearless patrols of veteran poilus, wary as deer, cunning as panthers, who stole in and snatched and were away with their quarry in the twitch of a trigger finger.

night-picked from the best because of hand-to-hand fighting. It was the advance on Paris had been stopped its mission must not fail. The Ger- code signal that the night of the man attack was at hand. Gouraud German attack had come. had said it, and Gouraud knew. He but a little after dark—the whole had felt before the first of July that Fourth French army knew it and it was coming; by the 5th he had was ready-Americans and all. known it for a certainty. And the 14th was French independence day, and Gouraud knew the German logic.

"They will all be drunk," so the them; kill them in abundance until

one-armed hero of the Dardanelles they have had enough!" and commander of the Fourth French army guessed the German ·estimate of estimate of France's readiness.
"They will all be drunk with celebrating and we will kill them where

Surprise, complete unreadinessthat was the Germans' desperate hope; their highest card-and their General Gouraud's troops in the Champagne, before Chalons-sur-Marne, could expect to drink deep to Bastile day with perfect safety, for a German attack there, they might well think, would be madness. The opposing lines had been virtually stationary there since 1914. Before Chalons, from the Argonne to Rheims, the allies' trench systems were five miles deep, with great dugouts and vast wire fields. It was, perhaps, the most perfectly or-ganized defensive position on the

whole western front. "Yes," thought Von Hindenburg, "the French will expect to be safe there on the 14th day of July, 1918 --- safe and drunk!"

Reasons for Attack.

They liad failed at Chateau-Thierry. The Marne salient at that point did not afford maneuvering room for another major German of-Wave after wave of smashing attack the Hun had hurled against Verdun, on the right, and Rheims, on the left, and they had all been futile. They had tried to widen on their right in the direction of Compiegne and Montdidier, but there the allied armies were known to have concentrated their reserves. What, then, beside these things, and the probability of surprise, moved the German high command to plan a drive on Chalons through five miles of defenses?

This: That their lines of communication were shorter and superior; that they could operate on a straight line, while the allied re-Paris to Chalons only around the Marne salient via Vitre-le-Francois, and that, Chalons once taken, a jumping-off point for the next drive on Paris could be chosen at will But, above all, surprise.

The candles in the dugout flick-ered with the vital intensity of the moment, it seemed, but probably it was only with the throb of a gun beginning the ordinary night

Got His Information.

The intelligence officer put his question bluntly, almost carelessly. When, he wanted to know, would this attack come. "Tonight," answered the German

sergeant. "Eh bien"-and at what hour

would the barrage begin?
"At 12 o'clock," the German sergeant answered. They took him off toward Chalons to a prison pen to paint "P. G." on his back. And the intelligence officer whispered over the wires a word and a number-"Francois one-four-O." Men in deep holes in the ground throughout miles of the Champagne's chalky desert caught it up and passed it on—"Francois one-four-O"—and it went out farther and farther toward the German lines and stopped where things it heralded would begin—in the dugouts of the French sacrifice companies.

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ing of the German plan against Chalons, again availed himsel of General Persifing's offer, and looked about for one high-spirited, hard-fighting American division. By the first of July the Rainbow, a fivemonths-old American war-baby, was a part-the only American part-of with it were in their places before the pass. Chalons.

It was a novel plan of defense; elastic is the one word that best describes it. It was the greatest and most successful of plans for the de-fense of an old-time trench system; for as this proved to be the last of German Attack Was About Due.

A picked patrol it was on this few hours' sleep and a few minutes most decisive. The most threatening earlier in the summer, but that allied success had not broken the German power of large-scale offensive.

Abandoned First Line. Gouraud had abandoned his first infantry divisions.

ne system and turned it into a The Rainbow artillery was likeline system and turned it into a

they were to delay the German advance with showers of vance and separate the German infantry from the German barrage, until overwhelmed by sheer force

Rack of the front line were shel-

At sunset the evening before the attack they were pitching horse-shoes inside their barbed-wire back-

So all the German bombardment on the first lines by trench artillery and minenwerfer would be time, labor and ammunition wasted.

Iowa Troops Proceed. For its first real infantry defense Gouraud had moved his troops back to the intermediate line, about three miles from the German positions. On the extreme left, just south of Auberive-sur-Suippes were the third and second battalions of the 165th infantry, all New Yorkers, and the Third battalion, 166th, from Ohio, and on the extreme right, northeast of Souain, were Alabamians of the Second battalion 167th infantry, and Iowans of the Second battalion. 168th infantry. Between the Alabamians and the New Yorkers ran the Gouraud's plan of defense. By the ancient Roman road to Chalons-sur-10th it and all the French divisions Marne. They were the guardians of

Maryland in Front. In the second line, from left to

right, five miles from the German positions, were the 117th Engineers, from California and South Carolina, ready to fight as infantry; First bat-talion, 165th infantry; First and sec-ond battalions, 166th infantry; First and Third battalions, 167th infantry and First and Third battalions 168th infantry. Mingled with them were French soldiers of the 170th division on the left and the 13th di-vision on the right. The Rainbow had been brigaded with two French

mass of death traps. No soldiers wise brigaded with the French. Colwere there except the handful of onel Leach, with the 151st Field ar-French men in sacrafice companies, tillery from Minnesota being on the prepared to face certain death for the sake of keeping the Germans tion, and and Colonel Riley, with the fooled into believing that the signal 149th from Illinois on the left. Of the muzzle flashes; over the German 150th Artillery regiment from Inflares and rockets they sent up by 150th Artillery regiment, from In-night and their own visible move-diana, under Colonel Tyndall, one the Rainbow division. Coming out of ments by day meant that the first battalion was on the right and two

thick that they could not get out termediate line on the right, charged and no one else could get in, and with the duty of delaying the Gerthrough cupped hands directly into a comrade's ear.

Back of the front line were shelters filled to bursting with animals and transportation, and around and behind them was artillery of all cali-bers with great heaps of ammunition. The gunners were sleeping by ammunition and supply dumps, hospitals (a big one at Bussey-le-Chateau), and at Vadenay Ferme was headquarters of the Rainbow division, with General Menoher in command and Colonel MacArthur chief of staff. Behind all these, 20 miles away from the German lines, the prize the Huns sought on this clear, warm, moonlight night, of July 14, 1918, stood the city of Chalons-sur-Marne, a black spot on the ghost-gray planes of the Cham-

pagne, lightless and silent.
Silent but for the occasional boom of a gun, and crash of a shell, now behind the German lines, now be-hind the allied lines. Just an ordinary night; harassing fire to keep them stirred up around the batteries and dumps and picket lines so that and then a rocket like the earth before the peace conference. throwing a fiery kiss to the moon.

Gouraud Begins Firing. General Gouraud began his bar-rage at 11 o'clock. Until November

during the Argonne-Meuse offensive that chorus of guns held the allied record for volume of sound Dodocanese islands involved the and devasting effects. It was timed to coincide with the probable massing of the German artillery for the preliminary bombardment. It paled the clear light of the

lines and rear areas the sky flamed with shell explosions. The Rainbow men, with nothing in their war ex-perience except the desultory canthe Baccarat sector on June 21, "for a rest," they had instead, moved by rail to Camy de Chalons with head-quarters at Vadenay Ferme in the bombardment went on, then in Champagne area, for special train-

They stood there feeling a little sorry for the enemy, who had to

endure such punishment; but exul-tant to think in what a terrible mess his plans for the night's work must be—artillery smashed before it could get under way, storm troops demoralized, ammunition dumps going up. And while they thought these things the world went suddenly mad beneath their feet and hideous death ran rampant over every foot of

of them. And some of them recalled it too late. It was five minutes past

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Acute Controversy Before Peace Meet Settled by Italy

Paris, May 17 .- Italy has relinand dumps and picket lines so that they would know you were still there and still living. Here and there an occasional rifle shot. Now one of the most acute controversies Premier Orlando, Count Macchi

soft moonlight, gentle breezes and the United States, and Col. E. M. House of the American peace mission, continued today their conferbis sleep. of the Adriatic question. It was said that the outlook was hopeful but it was stated in official circles that over-optimism at present should be discouraged.

The question of the future of the question of self-determination. Italy has held the islands since the Tripolitan war, but now retires under the terms of the treaty of Lucerne which provided that the islands should be held until the Italian pris-oners in Tripoli were delivered by the Turks.

WILL HELP CHILDREN. Washington, May 17.—American school children, through the Junior 'Frisco Smugglers Follow Mark Twain's Plan Unsuccessfully

Twain's statement in the "Double Barreled Detective" that "the best An examination resulted in the distrack is to go along with him" was concealed among a pile of mattresses put into practice recently by an uni- and a very valuable silk kimono in

boarded the tanker to search for out doubt been inspired by Mark contraband they followed the cus- Twain's advice.

tom of going to a vacant stateroom to change their uniforms for searching clothes. They first searched this room and then started to inspect the

Finding nothing, they returned to the stateroom to change back into San Francisco, May 17 .- Mark their uniforms and were surprised to way to throw a detective off the covery of a heavy roll of pongee silk

ram rampant over every foot of ground.

Midnight had come an hour earlier to the Germans than it had to the allies. They had forgotten that, some of them. And some of them recalled

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