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British Bulldog on Top as Third War Year Closes.

With the British Armies in the Field, July 30—To-day Britain is on top. At the close of the third year of the war the British bulldog is no longer on the bottom. The "contemptible little army" which the Kaiser sneered at in 1914 has taken its medicine and, despite the hammering it has received, now has Crown Prince Rupprecht's men rather more than matched.

The first year of the fight the small new army recruited by Lord Kitchener to take the place of the first hundred thousand of the Regular Army, simply caught Hail Columbia. But though their heads were bloodied, they held their own. The second year saw more troops, more guns, more ammunition, but even as late as Loos the Prussian was too strong for the new British army, still lacking as it was in all the machinery of war.

But at the beginning of the third year, England had caught up. For the first time since Armageddon began the British army faced the enemy on fairly equal footing. There were plenty of men and plenty of machinery and with these in hand Sir Douglas Haig, in July, 1916, began the Battle of the Somme.

For two years the Prussians had been preparing the Somme positions and, at the time Sir Douglas began the great adventure, Field Marshal Hindenburg considered the line impregnable. History had never seen anything approaching it. Behind first line trenches, deep and reinforced with concrete and steel, were reserve lines just as deep and just as strong. Machine guns, in betoned emplacements fairly bristled along the first trenches and many more were in hidden pits further back, while every wood and thicket had been turned into impassable entanglements made of special barbed wire as thick as a child's finger with wicked barbs every inch. Concealed turrets of armored plate steel had been sunk in the ground at strategic points, leaving only their revolving tops and gun-muzzles above the level of the earth and in between were redoubts and strong points, labyrinths, tunnels, quadrilaterals and every other device cunning Hindenburg could put into play.

The French and British struck together, the French below the Somme River, the British north of it towards Bapaume, Comblès and Peronne. The British artillery for the first time in the war showed superiority over the German and its continual roll rumbled day and night. Prussian artmen tried to give Prussian gunners the

range as they had always done in the past, but now British airmen swooped upon them like enraged hawks and drove them down, or back beyond the lines completely dominating the air. German observation balloons were sent blazing to the earth by British planes, out in sufficient numbers at last. So the enemy's guns were blind.

But the fight was anything but a walk-over for the British and French. The Germans, accustomed to winning, always with every advantage on their side, could not realize that the tide had turned in this, the third year of the war, and from their miraculously strong and well-chosen positions, fought like tigers.

All through August the British drove him back inch by inch up the slopes towards Thiepval, from "Monquet Farm to Pozieres, Devil's Wood, as the South Africans called Delville Wood, was taken literally a foot at a time, and held despite infernal shell-fire. The British would not let go.

In September they got their reward. They had gained to the crest of the deadly ridge and then, with one swoop almost, they captured village after village—Guilleumont, Ginchy, Fiers, Martinpuich, Courcellette,

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February and March, unable to stick it out under the everlasting hammering, the Kaiser's men fell back, abandoning Bapaume, Peronne and the surrounding country. The German High Command had previously prepared what is known as the Hindenburg Line, Arras to Craonne, via St. Quentin, and counted upon that to hold.

But on April 9th, by a marvellously rapid manoeuvre, Sir Douglas, now Field Marshal Haig, struck at the Arras pivot and broke it, driving in the German line to the "switch" position between Lens and Queant. So was the Spring offensive launched, the first few days netting the British 19,343 prisoners, 257 guns and howitzers, 27 trench mortars and 470 machine guns in addition to many which were destroyed.

Thus the third year of the war has seen the British get the upper hand. They do not claim that Prussia's power is broken, but they do claim to have taken the enemy's measure, won the initiative and made a telling punch for victory.

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