

From a Chaplain at The Front
Absorbing Series of Letters From Rev. Owen S. Watkins, On The Firing Line With The Allies, is Continued

In the Methodist Recorder, Rev. Owen S. Watkins continues his absorbing letters from the front in northern France. He writes:—
In my last letter, written on the banks of the River Aisne, I indicated that the conditions were beginning to resemble siege fighting, and that in the part of the line which the 6th Division was holding it had become impossible for either side to take the offensive. In the following days this was increasingly so, and gradually it became evident that the Germans had abandoned their attempt to break through the Allies' centre, and were about to make a determined effort to turn our left flank.
In consequence, it became necessary to strengthen the extreme left of the line, which appears to have been composed chiefly of French cavalry, and if possible, by a vigorous turning movement, to forestall the German in their plan of attack. In pursuit of the plan, quietly and unostentatiously, British troops were withdrawn, their places first of all being taken by the reserve and eventually by the French.
On Thursday, October 1st, the force with which I am serving fell back on Nampneuville-Muret, marching during the night, with instructions that at dawn they must hide transport and guns amongst trees, etc., so that the enemy's aeroplane scouts should not see them, whilst for the same reason British troops were ordered to remain in the shelter of their billets throughout the day. Having now cleared the fighting line, our real advance began, and all through the following night we marched almost due west, passing through the forest of Droisy, Harnennes and Tigny, to the quiet old town and chateau of Longpont, where the 14th Field Ambulance made its bivouac in an avenue of trees in the grounds of the chateau.
The day at Longpont passed very pleasantly; resting after our night's march, viewing the ruins of the grand old Abbey, exploring the old town with its picturesque gables and quaint cottages, and visiting the magnificent chateau, with its fine staircase, its lofty galleries, and beautiful entrance. One almost forgot for a few brief hours that we were on active service, and taking our share in the biggest war the world has ever seen.
Riding by Moonlight.
At sunset we again resumed our march, still due west, at first by narrow roads and tracks through the Forest Domaniale de Hets. It was a glorious night, the moonlight brilliant, and the forest scenery viewed in that light seemed like fairyland. I would be loath for me to linger over these marches, for I have rarely enjoyed anything so much, and I should like to convey to you something of the glamour and beauty of the superb country through which we passed—the steep wooded hills, the lovely valleys, here a river shining silver in the moonlight, there a stately chateau encompassed by its double moat, and constantly the picturesque villages with houses of grey stone and in the midst the church dating from Norman times. It was even then that a boy I had pictured the land where King Arthur and his knights lived, and loved and fought.
As our horses clattered down the silent streets I almost felt as if one of those boy's dreams had come true, and I also was riding forth on my knightly quest. This illusion was perhaps intensified by the fact that during these marches I did not ride with the column. In company with the Rev. D. P. Winnifrid (Church of England) and Lieutenant Grenfell, I was sent ahead to carry suitable billets for our men, and for the reception of such sick or wounded as were gathered by the Ambulance during the march. The consequence was we were always a small party, sometimes only our three selves, at other times we would be joined by other mounted officers who were riding forward in the same duty, but always the party was small, we could suit our own convenience—trot, walk, or gallop, to the great advantage of both man and beast—whilst the night silence was not disturbed by the roar of traffic which rises when an army corps is on the march, or the night air poisoned by the dust from motors, horses, guns and men. By contrast with other marches that lived in our memories, these rides through the silent moonlight seemed the most enjoyable we had ever taken in our lives.
A Hospitable Homestead.
Out of the forest, on through the villages of Corcy and Fleury we rode until we were stopped by a barricade across the road, and the sharp, sudden challenge of a French sentry. We were received with courtesy, but told we could go no further without first interviewing the French General, who was quartered with his staff in a chateau near by. He was interviewed and then, armed with the countersign for the night, we continued on our way, through the town crowded with French soldiery, past the barricade on the further side, and again were on the moonlit country roads, passing through serene villages, until at the end of a twenty miles ride we reached Fresnoy-le-Rivier, where we found a staff officer waiting to allot billets to the various units.
Ours was in a hamlet a mile or so further on, called Rocquigny, a grand old farmhouse hundreds of years old, the farmer told us, and as we looked at its massive stone walls and beautiful oak panelling we did not doubt his word. In our best French we explained our errand and apologised for rousing him in the middle of the night. But with a beautiful courtesy he expressed his pleasure at our coming, placed his all at our disposal, and was not abashed even when we broke as gently as we might the alarming fact that we intended to crowd into his farmyard and buildings 250 men, 70 horses, twenty wagons and perhaps fifty or sixty sick men.
Madame seemed positively to rejoice at the prospect of having a dozen officers as her guests, and wanted to prepare beds for them all. When we explained that beds were not required, all we needed was a couple of extra rooms and some straw, and on this, with our own blankets, we should do well, she sat down and wept with disappointment, and was only comforted by the suggestion that as we had ridden far, we should be glad to have something to eat and drink, and soon had in front of us a basin of fragrant coffee, and fresh bread and butter, such as we had not seen since we said good-bye to our own homes.
It was nearly dawn when the ambulance arrived—twenty miles over ally-

ers were conveyed by fleets of motor-trucks, the mounted troops, guns and transport, reaching almost without a halt until Dieval was reached. There we found Major Fawcett and our bearers waiting for us, and were told that at dawn we should in all probability be engaged in battle.
This withdrawing of troops from our centre, conveying them across France, intersecting constantly our Allies' lines of communication, will, doubtless, when the story comes to be fully told, be regarded as one of the most brilliant achievements of the campaign. Probably never in the history of war has so large a body of troops been moved so swiftly and secretly, and there is much evidence to show that, in spite of the Germans' very efficient intelligence department, it took them completely by surprise, and entirely upset their plans.
Sunday Preparation for Battle.
The day following our arrival at Dieval was Sunday, but we held no services. From dawn until dusk we marched through country the direct opposite of that we had just left—flat, square, uninteresting—part dirty colliery villages and unkempt manufacturing towns, such places as Colonne-Auxwart, Maréville-Mines, and finally halted at Choques. Here we had an unusually comfortable billet in a beautiful chateau, and would have been content to stay there many days. But it was not to be; the enemy, we were informed, had been travelling all day and had refused to give up, was probably falling back on the line of the canal, Bethune—Locon—Estaires—Bassac and tomorrow a great battle would begin, in which we must play our part.
It was a most impressive sight as regiment after regiment of the very division of the French cavalry swept by, their steel cuirasses shining in the sunlight, and the gleaming red and blue and gold of the uniforms—our khaki, if more serviceable, looked very drab and dull by the side of it, and we realized how indeed, how disreputable. As we proceeded, the sound of battle became louder—the heavy pounding of artillery, the deep under-growth of incessant rifle fire, and the ominous sound of the machine guns. In our division, we learned the 12th and 16th brigades were heavily engaged, and the 14th was just coming into action.
Leaving the ambulance at Les Facons, I accompanied Colonel Crawford, who was riding on ahead, to select a suitable place in which to establish a dressing station. Artillery passed us at the gallop, an ammunition column hurried by its way to the guns, and ahead the noise of battle had become simply terrific. Then we had to pull our horses into the side of the road to avoid a fast company of Royal Engineers, who were returning to billet, their day's work being done. As they galloped down the road, the engineer's guns paid them attention—they lashed their horses to a gallop, which almost amounted to a stampede, and mixed up with horses and wagons were screaming women, children, and old men—the villagers shelled from their homes.
It made one's heart stand still—I felt as if I were in a very bad way, and I expected to see them trampled under the horses' feet. Colonel Crawford now decided that for the present this was no place for a dressing station, so we turned our horses towards Bethune, and about a mile further down the road, at a village called Hamel, we found a very suitable billet, and at once opened a dressing station. Slowly the wounded, I included, in our losses, were taken, and their own ambulances were caring for them—and by dawn we had not received more than thirty cases.
But, though its loss was comparatively slight, this 14th brigade had done good work, and was spending the night in the enemy's trenches, which had been won at the point of the bayonet. The appearance of the British on the scene was apparently quite unexpected by the Germans, so much so, that two regiments of the 14th brigade (Manchester and East Surrey) actually met a German regiment marching along the road in solid column, caught them at from three to four hundred yards, and literally wiped out the whole regiment.
The Value of Motor Ambulances.
It was at this point that the 14th Field Ambulance began to reap the benefit of the motor ambulances, of which we had a full complement of new papers, but of which we had seen nothing in our part of the line. From this time forward, whenever we were well served, and have been entirely relieved of the task of "evacuating" our sick and wounded, which is ever one of the most difficult problems for a field ambulance. Now daily a fleet of motor ambulances, with their own drivers, attend upon us, and, almost as soon as the patients are dressed, they are whisked off to rail-head and are on their way to the base. The service that is thus rendered by the motor ambulances has been so effective, or which has done more to lessen the inevitable suffering of the wounded.
Of the subsequent terrible fighting I must write in my next letter. For the present both time and space are exhausted. Of my work as a chaplain I have nothing to report—work under such conditions does not take much describing, and what I have written in previous letters will hold good. We do what we can, we frequently grieve that it is so little that we can do, and we thank God in that He has snared us in permitting us to do even that little.
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