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time As he spoke he unloosened his wa-TUBBY SNOOKS

(By Rifleman Patrick MacGill.) The ruined village was shaking and his lips he drank. Then he opened quivering with the shock of the burst- his eyes again.

ing shells, and the furious anarchy of "Who are you?" he questioned in a war rioted over the broken tiles, the weak voice.

shattered houses, and the cobble "Private Snooks, sir, of the Blankstreets. Tubby Snooks, his rifle in shires," said the boy. "How are you his hand and his trench helmet well feeling now, sir?" to the back of his head, felt that his "I'm all right," said the colonel. last hour had come as he crawled in "And you. Are you hit?"

from the pavement and entered the "Oh, nothing to write home about," rickety cafe, the Cafe Moulin Rouge, said the young man, "but you look a which at one time had been the pre- bit pale, sir. I'll try and bind you mier cafe in the village. Now the up a bit, if you've got a dressin' on roof and the chimneys were gone, a you."

big hole showed in the wall, and the "You'll find it," said the officer. floor of the establishment was littered "It-" with rubble.

He did not conclude the sentence. Tubby Snooks, wounded and weary. But lay back and closed his eyes. crawled into the cafe, a thin stream of "He's off again," said the youngster. blood running over his left temple and and sought for the officer's first field a wound in his leg giving him exquis- dressing. Finding it, he looked for ite pain. He had been hit a few minutes the colonel's wound. He found one, before and swept into unconscious- then another. There were three of ness while his mates stood round him them in all, as far as he could see. struggling valiantly against the at- The officer had been hit on the brow, tacking Germans. The enemy were in the chest and the leg. And Tubby then entering the village, and the dressed them all, using the last ounce British soldiers were endeavoring to of his vitality on the job. hold them, back, fighting grimly He lay down, utterly exhausted, and against overwhelming odds. And closed his eyes. His wounds-how Private Snooks was there, one of the many he had got he did not knowbravest, daring as a hero only dares, were paining him with a fiendish and fighting with all the grit of a agony which was continualy rising to veteran seasoned in a hundred fights. an excruciating pitch, dying away and But Tubby Snooks had just passed his rising again. After awhile the pain nineteenth birthday, and had only re- ceased, and a heavy torpor settled on cently come out to France and the the youth. He felt resigned now. All that he wanted to do was to rest, He was using his bayonet in a hand- rest and not be disturbel. The bulto-hasd combat with a mighty Ger- lets were rattling along the street outman, a bearded and wrinkled man, side, sounding as if they had come who was twice the size of the Cock- from an infinite distance. He opened ney. At least it seemed so to Snooks, his eyes, took in with a steady glance for the man who holds a bayonet op- the opposite wall, the up-ended chairs, posite you has the faculty of increas- the billard table. He himself, was a ing in proportion as you try to get good billard player. When he repast his point. This may not be so turned to England again he was going in reality, but in a fight following to devote all his spare time to the many a sleepless night, the mind is game. When he returned. . . But apt to see things not altogether nor- he was much too weary to think about such things at the present moment. It was a moment when he was on All he wanted to do was to sleep. the point of getting the steel home It was two hours afterwards that that Snooks fell to the street and the British troops retook the village passed out of the world of conscious which they had lost just after Snooks things. After a while he came to, was wounded. The Germans were and found the place deserted. He chased out, and a party of men made rose to his knees and looked down the a search of the houses, exploring the long perspective of street where the cellars. Germans might be in hidmachine gun bullets were rattling on ing there. One party discovered the the cobbies, and the dead were lying colonel lying on the floor of the Cafe in all sorts of queer attitudes. Not Moulin Rouge, and the entrance of a living soul in sight. They had all these men wakened him. He sat up disappeared as if the very ground had and looked at them. swallowed them. Tubby looked round "Chasing them out of the place?" he him, noticed the cafe and crawled into enquired.

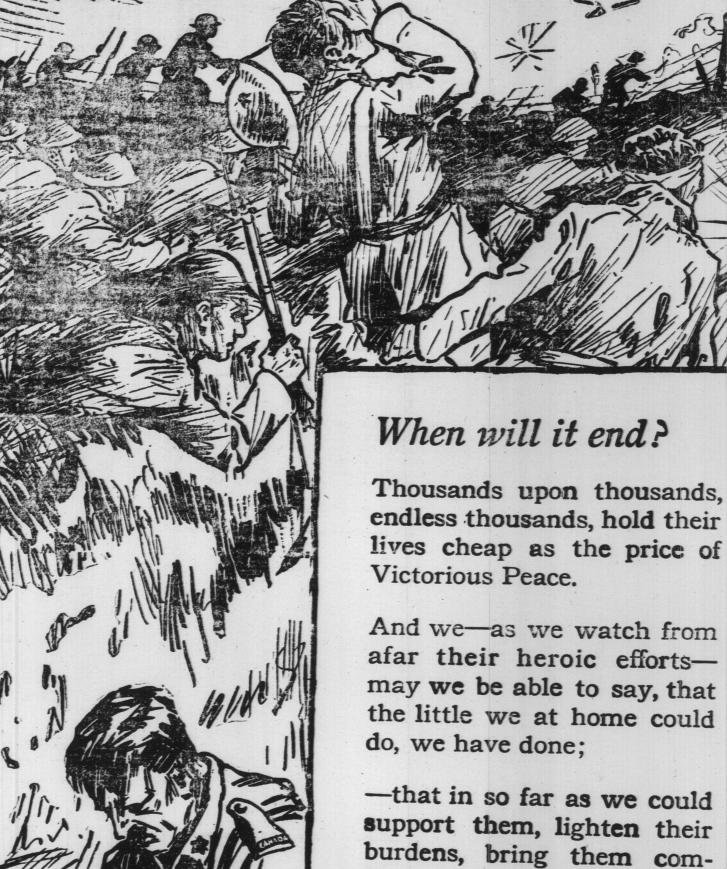
not shirk it. The digging out of the helpless man became an obsession, and the soldier labored frantically, pulling the bricks and tiles apart. As he worked he could hear the clatter of machine guns on the cobbles and the thunder of the shells flinging the masonry sky-high. At each explosion the little cafe shuddered as if in agony, and the timber of near buildings creaked as if in protest against the demolition of war. It was evident that either British or Germans were in the village, not both. If Germans and British were both there, no shelling would take place, for the gunners of either side would not shell a place which contained their own men. Who was in possession now? Snooks wondered, but he had no time to find an answer to the query. Besides, it did not particularly matter to the boy. War and its phases were very remote from him . at that moment. His job was a simple one. It was to liberate the colon-

the officer was his duty and he must

Presently the officer moved, groaned and sat up. He fixed a look on Tubby Snooks and lay down again. "It's all right now, sir," said the boy. "Just have a drop of this and you'll be as right as ninepence in no

terbottle from his belt, drew out the cork, and held it to the officer's mouth. The officer's eyes were closed, but when he felt the water trickling round





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"Yes, sir," one of the men replied. The room in which he found him- "We'll get the stretcher-bearers and self, was a large apartment, crowded thy'll carry you out sir," he added. with stools, chairs, benches, and an The colonel recollected the man who old rickety billard table. All around, had given him the drink of water two the articles of furniture, bricks and hours earlier. tiles were scattered and amidst the "There's another man," he said.

rubble was an officer of the Britisn "He must be in here. He has been

Snooks crawled up close to the of- about me."

or chap!" said Snooks, in a com- him now, sir. He's dead."

mate voice, and he began to pull the broken tiles and bricks off the LEMON JUICE IS colonel's body. The officer was not dead. He breathed deeply, stirring Girls! Make This Cheap Beauty Lo-

The boy worked dilligently, lifting one brick and then another and unearthing the officer. The Cockney's

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strength was at a low ebb and his a bottle containing three ounces of hurts were paining him. The effort have a quarter pint of the best freckle

had to rest at frequent intervals. Now drug store or toilet counter will supply and again his weariness almost over- three ounces of orchard while for a **But** if his vigor was dead his energy and hands each day and see how ireck-les and blemishes disappear and how we alive, and again he turned to his clear, soft and white the skin becomes. no in front of him. To give help to Yes! It is harmless.

October Retrospect and a half bushels will give just as large or a larger yield than oats sown (Experimental Farms Note) at the rate of three or three and a Threshing throughout Canada is in half bushels per acre.

full swing and the final estimates of If a field has yielded only fifteen hit. Attend to him before troubling the crop will soon be available. The bushels of wheat or twenty bushels of ficer and looked at him, at the tunic "Maybe it's the man that's lying on different provinces according as the for such a low yield should be ascersaturated with blood, at the crown the ground by your side, sir?" one of weather conditions have been favor- tained. The past season's work and stars on the sleeve, and at the the party hazarded, as he came over able or otherwise. In contrast, if the should be reviewed while it is still pale and drawn face with the blood and looked at Tubby Snooks. "If it returns from a series of farms in any fresh in the mind. The factors that is it's not much good troubling about locality were compared, the yields per enter into the successful growing of a

acre of these farms would be found to crop are many and varied and each vary much more than the average should receive attention such as, the yield per acre of the various prov- previous crop, the tillage operations, inces. The reason for this wider di- the treatment of the seed for disease, versity is not weather conditions so the rainfall, the variety sown, the much as the methods employed in quality of the seed, the date of seedgrowing the crop and the difference ing, etc. in varieties and seed.

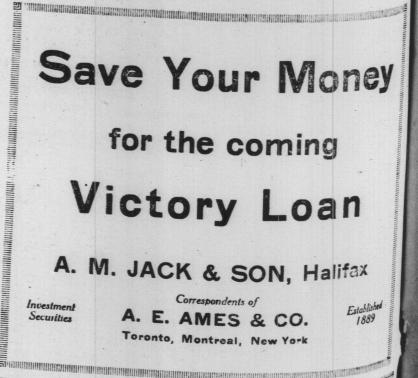
Each of these should be considered It is absolutely essential if one is until you establish in your mind just desirous of improving their crop yields what factors are responsible for the to help the officer was exhausting him and tan lotion, and complexion beau- hels per acre that their fields return. telligently unless one knows exactly Gussing will not do. There has been what his land has returned in bushels too much guessing about this import- per acre. Just as each man is able came him, and he believed that he few cents. Massage this sweetly frag- themselves to their own detriment. in his methods during the last season Many estimate their grain on the so will his fields respond in bushels basis of the bushels sown. This me- of grain the next. Critical retrospect thod is without practical value. For is invaluable in planning the next instance, oats sown at the rate of two year's operations.

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