

First War Dogs Used by Germans

French And Belgians Soon Followed

Some Astonishing Feats of Animals Trained by System Which Remains a Military Secret

Those who love dogs, that is to say, the civilized world, will be pleased to hear that they continue to share the honors of the war with their masters. It is not often that they find their way into the despatches; but the despatches fail to mention some of the great realities of the war. When did General Haig make any reference to those creatures that inspired his countryman to write his most immortal lines, namely, those which the words, "O, was some power the giffle gie us" occur? There are no War Office bulletins about the trench rats, nor about the mud nor about the cold, nor the drearily monotony. Yet to the common soldier these things are war; the race over the parapet is the mere interlude. Therefore, if the dog has been neglected, it is not because he is not playing a great part. In various newspapers we find stories of what particular dogs have done and are doing, and occasionally a comprehensive survey of the military possibilities of man's best friend. For instance, the editor of L'Espeur, of Paris, happens to be a dog fancier. He is M. Megnin, and was interested in dogs long before the war.

Surprised at British. In fact, he had the first French war-dog. She was an Alredale bitch, and was trained to war purposes under the direction of M. Megnin after he had seen how the Germans were developing their police dogs for the work. It was several years ago since he trained her, and he sought, with small encouragement, to interest the French government in his work and point out its great possibilities. Since the war began, however, M. Megnin has been successful. He has been chief of the war dog's service of the Seventh Army, and has had under his supervision hundreds of dogs of many breeds. Writing on the subject, he expressed surprise that the English, who know dogs better and breed them better than any other people on the face of the earth, should have, as a nation, failed to realize what dogs can be taught to do of military service to their country. The truth is that the English breeder rather despises trick dogs. British dogs are, as a rule, specialists. Probably in not one kennel out of five is a single dog taught to retrieve a stick. The French, as a matter of fact, are better trainers, for they do not hold, as the English have, that it is rather degrading a pure-bred dog to teach him any fancy stunts.

Quick to Copy Germany. The Germans entered the war with hundreds of dogs trained to perform various services. They had the dogs that did what the St. Bernards used to do, namely, hunt out perishing men, and bring their friends to them. They had also scouting dogs, and dogs that would growl or bristle at the approach of a stranger. They had dogs that would recognize an enemy, by what means we do not know, but maybe by his uniform, and seize him if the opportunity arose. In the matter of training their dogs for war the Germans, as usual, led. France, however, copied very quickly. The Belgians, always animal-lovers, had made use for years of the dogs that dragged their rapid-fire guns in time of war. It was not long before both Belgians and French had established a dog service in the army quite equal to that of the Germans.

Training a Secret. In reference to this subject before, it was noted that no information was given as to the methods of training employed, and M. Megnin remains silent on this point because, he says, it might prove valuable to the enemy. This will be a point about which dog lovers will be curious until the end of the war, for some of the things the dogs have been taught to do remain almost miraculous even to those who are not altogether ignorant of the brain-power that may be developed in a dog. For instance, a dog at a listening post, whose business it is to give warning of the approach of an enemy, has been taught to do so not by barking or even by growling, but merely by pricking his ears or scratching on the ground.

Some Remarkable Feats. He has been taught to cross ground that is being swept by shell and bullet carrying despatches, to continue even after he has been wounded. He has been taught, in some cases, to distinguish between an offensive and a defensive, to know when to hurl himself upon an enemy.

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The Stars and Stripes were flung to the breeze from the Eiffel Tower at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon and saluted by twenty-one guns. This marked the opening of the ceremonies, "United States Day" in Paris. The French tri-color and the Star Spangled Banner were at the same hour unfurled together from the residence of William G. Sharp, the American ambassador in the Avenue D'Eylau from the American embassy, from the city hall and from other municipal government buildings.

It was a great day for the red, white and blue. All over the capital street vendors having a big trade in selling American flags, while 40,000 American flags handed out gratis by the committee, were waved by the people who thronged the vicinity of the manifestations. Jules Cambon, general secretary of the minister of foreign affairs, General Dubail, military governor of Paris, the members of the committee and other officers were greeted at one o'clock by Ambassador Sharp at his residence, whence they proceeded to the Place d'Enna, where a bronze palm was deposited at the foot of the equestrian statue of Washington.

While cannon boomed in honor of the American colors floating from the top of Eiffel Tower, and aviators flying over the spot, waved both French and American flags, the Star Spangled Banner was sung by Mlle Nina May, of the Opera Comique, and the Marseillaise by Jean Note, of the opera.

Members of the American Lafayette flying corps, a delegation from the American ambulance at Neuilly and the American field ambulances, with a large representation from the Association of Veterans of the Marne were the guard of honor before the Lafayette statue at the Tuilleries gardens as the official procession halted to deposit a bronze palm. Ambassador Sharp and his escort was received at three o'clock at the city hall by the members of the municipal council and other distinguished persons. The ambassador's speech was greeted with great applause, particularly when, addressing the people of Paris, he said: "May I say to you, on this holy day which you love with such fine sentiment set apart to honor my country, that America remains no longer content to express to France merely her sympathy. In a cause which she believes, as verily as you believe to be a sacred one, she will concentrate all her power and the blood of her patriotic sons, if necessary to achieve victory over wrong, freedom over oppression, and the blessing of peace over the brutality of war." "Liberty enlightening the world," after the Bartholdi, protected by the American eagle was presented to Ambassador Sharp as a memento of the occasion.

IMPORTANCE OF ROAD MAINTENANCE

Constant Attention Essential and Cheapest in End for Maine, Says Massachusetts Highway Expert

(Special Correspondence of Commercial) Augusta, Me., April 24.—"In my opinion, constant maintenance is essential, and especially so when so many miles of dirt and gravel roads must be used until you can secure the money to build improved roads," states William D. Schier, chairman of the Massachusetts Highway commission in a communication received by Paul D. Sargent, chief engineer of the Maine Highway commission, Wednesday.

"Chairman Schier's letter is as follows: 'There seems to have been some comment in your state about the maintenance that you are keeping up on your country roads. I am astounded that anyone should question the desirability or, in fact, the absolute necessity of constant maintenance. Look at the thousands and even millions of dollars that have been spent in our states and cities building roads which have been practically destroyed in two or three years, and sometimes in less time if they were of gravel or macadam, just because they were not maintained. Every dollar spent on the road surface was practically lost. When one thinks of the French roads, the envy of the world, every mile of them always under constant and expert repair men on each six or eight mile section before the war, one realizes how those roads have saved the country. I am informed that now on the main lines back of the army they have piles of stone and a repair man every twenty-five to 100 feet ready to repair damage at any time. In England they have found the constant maintenance to be absolutely necessary. In this state we have found the same to be true. We have found that it was the only way to preserve what we had built; the cheapest way also. To mention our neighbors, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York have done the same. In Rhode Island they built all their main lines six or eight years ago, mostly of tar macadam. Then for two or three years they provided no money for maintenance, and see what happened in three years. The new roads went to pieces, many of them were full of holes two and three inches deep and from six inches to two feet or more across. The roads were nearly impassable, and they have had to be rebuilt. They estimate 60 per cent. must be reconstructed because they were not maintained. The maintenance would have cost only a small fraction of what is necessary now. I went over some of your roads last year that were kept shaped and maintained, and in my opinion they are the best asset that Maine has. They will attract the motorists who have been avoiding Maine because of her bad roads. This will improve property rapidly, will increase the value of the farms and farm products. In my opinion, constant maintenance is essential and especially so when so many miles of dirt and gravel roads must be used until you can secure the money to build improved roads. Thousands of tourists will come to Maine if they can get around in comfort, but they certainly will stay away if the old conditions return, especially now that all your neighbors are furnishing good roads for them to go over. Even Canada has become a competitor, with \$12,000,000 spent in the province of Ontario in the last few years, and \$18,000,000 appropriated; in the Province of Quebec a good macadam road having been already constructed connecting Montreal with New York state and so on to Quebec, 800 miles in all. I certainly trust that Maine will not fall back now that every one else is going forward.'

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