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member well enough reading how these tanks advanced upon buildings, nosed into them, and through showers of bricks, mortar and timber, made their way onwards; how trees, obstructing their path were broken off and crawled over, how wide trenches were spanned and their progress unimpeded.

Many amusing incidents can be recalled, but it must not be imagined that the proceedings of the tanks were quite so amusing to those inside, as they appeared to the British infantry and the war correspondent.

Conditions Inside.

The cramped quarters, the head-splitting noise and the difficulty of ascertaining what was going on outside made the lives of the tank crew anything but a picnic. The periscope was perhaps shot away, the steering gear, never easy, became maybe almost unmanageable. The mere manual labour of moving the levers governing the mechanism was an enormous task.

The crew had difficulty in communicating with the outside world and had to rely chiefly on two carrier pigeons—communication from the outside was even harder.

If a tank was put out of action the crew generally managed to escape and reports say the casualties were small compared with the number of tanks put out of action.

Improvements.

Once having proved their value, the tanks came to stay. Later in the year tanks were sent to Egypt and were in action at Gaza. In November they were used again in France. Meanwhile new tanks on improved lines were being constructed, new crews trained, and the organisation changed its title to that of the Tank Corps under the command of a Director General.

The new tanks are larger than those at first used and the trailer wheels attached to those of early design have been done away with. The success of the tanks in the Cambrai drive has proved the tremendous value of the tanks, and it is no surprise to us to learn that the Hun has instituted countermeasures against them.

Enemy's Countermeasures.

The Germans have established special observers and airplanes to watch for tanks and signal their appearance, and guns, both in the rear and in the trenches are directed against them. Armour-piercing bullets are served out to the riflemen and machine gunners for use at close quarters, and elaborately concealed tank traps are prepared to engulf the monsters.

Great credit is due to the pioneers of this Corps and to the inventive genius of the creators of the tank. It is not often the British lead in matters of this kind but this war has shown that the Britisher has 'the goods' and moreover it can be said of the tanks, that they do not in any way transgress any of the hitherto accepted conventions of war.

Clarice's Fear.

Clarice—Sniff, sniff! Ch—Ch—Charlie has gone to France.

Florence—Don't worry, dear. You know, a soldier has but one chance in five hundred of losing his life in the trenches.

Clarice—Yes, I know that, boo, hoo! But it's those French girls. They say they are pretty, the minxes!—Judge.

EMBLEME OF DAT KITCH.

The field kitchen we have in the Depot was presented by the ladies of Ottawa and a suitable metal plate bearing a legend to that effect was attached. This plate however became detached as will be seen in the following correspondence:—

Valecartier 21 octobre 1916

Gentelmans:

i by the serap on the campe all the old dish i fine, i fine the ting you call the embleme of one presentt an my wife hesay that shes no blong to me, an sure i send theting to do coronel melville shes gif to me something for that maybe money perhaps a nice cote for the littel boi shes fiv yere ole. ise now shes work for de cap mBane the brudder of de coronel mBane hees giff me yure rewarrd for the embleme ofMrs O Connor you send dat to him for me an ise get it sure.

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at cap m cBane vale artier.

St Johns, P. Que.

25 Octobre 1916.

Gentellman's

Ise only one freshmens whose pas himself on Ingineers an is axed by de curnel melville for tank for sure dat bull trust ouse pass on valecartier for be so kind sir as pas de embleme misses o connor what was spose be fix on dat kitch with what be draw buy fire team all same fire horse de curnal she say she ave six meby seve hor ate leatel boy an small girl on top his house an need all rewar dfor by cote an boot herself

An he say shedoan want dat da membleme for put on her kitch " She bAKE dE been all right just de same ting dat embleme knot on top de kiteH shes honest men dat sansfacoan what pie hup dat embleme butt is bet ter misses o connor now ting drop on his dam fool hed.—an save french men inkwires for how rite for curnel melville.

buy,

P.Q. Saint Jean

you knot like dis y mak de cap bain rite herself.

Nectar Salad.

Take one pair of cow's horns, chop same into fine powder and mix with 4 oz of best dubbin. To this add one pint of red ink and indent for 6 lbs of ice (if this cannot be obtained, you will have to do without your salad) and serve in powdered ice garnished with horse-radish and the breast of two water melons.

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