

## DEVIL'S WORK IN BELGIUM

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them; it was only after we had shot twelve of them that we had any peace in the regiment. Nobody minded stealing from the Belgians, for that was licensed, but the Austrian 'rabbits' used to steal from us. We had some very heavy fighting after Liège, and from the orders that were being issued from time to time, it seemed that things were worse at the rear.

"The frontier smugglers had ambushed themselves farther down in the Wallony, and they were being helped by the populace.

"We first noticed that the field post office broke down badly. For some reason or other this branch of the service had been left in the hands of the civilian administration, and the Berliners were afraid to risk their skins in running the gauntlet.

"Our next trouble came when old von Haeseler outdistanced his commissariat, and we received orders that each man had to fend for himself in the matter of provisions. As it was left to us, we lived like fighting cocks, until we found that the 'verdamnte' Belgians began to burn all the surplus provisions.

"It was when we fought our way through the Belgian and French armies before Louvain that the 1914 bayonet with the saw edge was issued.