

Third Year of War Will Be Allies' Year Says Sir Douglas Haig

All the British Soldiers Asks Now is to Let Him arm our recruits, and we had to its atmosphere of detachment There war as when the war began. pire's Strength on Land Will Not be Reached Until Next Summer

(By Frederick Palmer) command were little sheets of re-With the British Armies in the ports which come from the firing Field, Aug 1.-At the close of two line through curtains of shell-fire, years of war and of the first month giving the status of the situation at inof the British offensive, Sir Douglas tervals on every sector of the front. Haig, commander-in-chief of the group First Problem Accomplished of British armies in France, speaking "The problem of the first summer's of the situation, laid particular emphasis on the fact that the beginning allies was to hold the Germans from campaign and of the second for the of the third year of war saw the in- forcing a decision with their ready fronts, while England for the first said Sir Douglas. "Whether it was the numbers of men and guns and shells,' time was exerting something like the able generalship and the heroism o power worthy of her numbers and re- the French on the Marne, the dogged retreat of the little British expedition "The tide has turned," he said. ary force from Mons, the stubborn "Time has been with the allies from the first. It is only a question of to German effort for the Channel ports, the Russian retreat last sumtory, which is the one sure way to bring peace in this as in other wars. Italy's stone-walling against Austria's comes a British soldier in France to fence of Verdun; the purpose was al-

volunteers who were raw but had the troops as we had ready against that fusion into which the British infantry war of this kind is its capacity, unit any headquarters, from that of a batspirit that quickeneth,' we undertook prepared foe, whose blows were the charged over a sixteen-mile front. by unit, for bearing heavy losses un talion to that of an enemy, or whereto create an army of millions, which sturdier, in his efforts for a decision. When night came he listened to the flinchingly. Whatever sacrifice of life ever you please." must be officered largely by men of owing to his realization that time was reports of his subordinates, made was necessary to the end these new Then Sir Douglas referred to the no military experience, to fight the against him. plans for the morrow and gave direc- army men have borne it without wav- character of the German army and to German army, with its 40 years of "Now the new army has had its first tions with his customary brevity. ering and in a manner worthy of the that of the British army as revealed preparation. practical experience in an attack on As Fresh as at the Start best traditions of the Anglo-Saxon by the fighting of the last four weeks. "We had to make uniforms before a large scale." With the hardy constitution of the race when it has had to fight for "The British soldier," said he. "is the men who had enlisted could be After his plans were made and the Scot, keeping up his exercise and in- principles associated with its history used to thinking for himself. and taken out of the civilian garb. We order had been given to advance on sistent on a fair allowance of sleep, the world over. had to build plants before we could July 1, he could only await the news he seems as fresh at the end of a "When her navy held England safe him, but the German is docile in his manufacture rifles, before we could of the results in this quiet room with month's battle and of two years of from invasion it was the principle that obedience and takes his ideas from

Keep on the Offensive-Maximum of Em- build guns and ammunition plants be- was no charge in his imperturbability "However well trained an army," on soil which is not their own They was led to believe that the offensive in the half hour of suspense before the he continued. "however able its gen- realized the preparedness and discip- of our new army, which was not "Meanwhile we had to keep on first definite information arrived out erals and however ample its artillery line and the autocratic organization taught their kind of discipline, and stone-walling in France with such of a mantle of shell, smoke and con- and munitions, the supreme test in a of the enemy which stood for militar-, therefore was inefficient, could not be

sm, which is abhorrent to them." formidable.

Turning to the map, he put his fing- "When we followed the breach in r first on Pozieres and then on Del-their first line with a breach in their ville Wood, where the British inces- second line, the shock of our success sant struggle gained precious high was accordingly the greater to their ground minds For the first time German oftion

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Superior Man to Man. ficers who were taken admitted that "Here our men, after they had con-Germany was beaten One of them. quered a maze of trench fortifications who was on his way to England and which the Germans had been a year had glimpses of our reserve camps in and a half in building, have fought France, said that he had been told that under field conditions, digging what the British had only a fringe of troops cover they could, withstanding count- on their first line, and that once our er-attacks with all the stubbornness attack was repulsed the Germans of the regulars at Ypres, continuing could go through to the coast and eu to advance, pitting their skill and the war" Courage and resource against those of "Facts Are Chielfs That Wanna Din." an army of forty years of prepara- Finally, in expressing his views of the situation, Sir Douglas indulged "Their confidence that as man to in a Scotch phrase: "Facts are chiels man, with equally good artillery sup- that winna din," and continued: port, they were the superior of the "The third year of the war will be German has been justified by the the allies' year. No less than France. events. Now they are victorious. If now that we are ready, we shall give we had gained less ground; if we had all the strength there is in us to drive not in conjunction with the French in- the invader from her soil and from flicted heavier losses on the enemy that of Belgium. England will not than our own, our offensive would achieve her full strength on land. have been worth while for its benefit however, until next Summer. All to our morale. those who believe that our cause is "Our men ask only to keep on at- the cause of civilization may rest astacking. They feel that they have sured that this army has no thought taken the measure of the Germans. except to go on delivering blow after In some regions our own losses have blow until we have won that victory been severe in instances of some units, by force of arms which will secure whose steadiness in the face of a most an enduring peace." galling fire has ensured reliance in others under a similar test. One swallow does not make a sum-"I may say that the total for the mer, but there is something about month of July to date, in the midst summer that makes a lot of swallows. of a continuous offensive, has been less than five times the total of June. If Lot's wife had departed on a when we were in our trenches. motor cycle probably she would have "But you have been able to see been too busy to look back. these things for yourself as a correspondent. Your pass will take you in- That German story of a sea victory to the front line of Pozieres and to must have been all wool-how it did hat of Delville Wood, as well as to shrink!



ways to gain time for the prepara-On the Battle Line Those who have had freedom along away from the enemy." tions necessary to take the offensive the battle lines during the last four

He mentioned the days at Ypres in weeks have had glimpses of the youththe Fall of 1914, when the British ful and scholarly features of Sir Doughad not battalions where they have las in passing in his automobile on divisions now, and fought with flesh dusty roads, in the thick of the moving troops and transports, and again and blood against superior gunfire. Since he took command of the army of his athletic figure alighting from his car at the headquarters of one of his favorite word has been "patience", the army commanders for a confer- to his subordinates and callers. ence.

Built from the Bottom

But mostly his time is spent in a "Our unpreparedness at the start of quiet room in the small chateau the war was due to its unexpectedwhich forms his personal headquart- ness; that is no secret," he continued. ers. In the centre of his room, where "While France, which had a great nahe had a talk with the correspond- tional army and universal service; end yesterday, was raised a map of was giving all her strength, we had to the region of the present offensive, begin building from the bottom. The with every detail; roads, woods, vil- majority of our best regular officers lages, trenches, ridges and valleys had been killed or wounded in the and all contours revealed at a glance. early fighting. With the remainder as The only other machinery at his a nucleus to drill and organize the

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