FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION IS MADE UP OF VOLUNTEERS OF ALL NATIONALITIES

Reporter-Volunteer Calls We are wearing the French military Ever Herded Together Un- the place! der One Roof

FRENCH REGIMENT

One Volunteer Came From at home Greenland; Others From of Life

By Phil Rader, reporter-artist-avia- entire regiment, from the colonel lowest class. tor-soldier, a former Chicagoan. down, is made up of volunteers. He has served as a French military aviator on special occasions since

I hear very little English spoken, ex- of Poles, some Swiss and many from chap, who, because of his ability to cept a broken shred here and there. Alsace-Lorraine.

Them the Oddest Collec- under French command, and yet outfit, eating French food, drilling tion of Human Beings there is not a genuine Frenchman in

Headquarters of the foreign legion in Paris is at Rueilly, near the gates of the city. The regiment consists I should judge, of about 1,500 men. WITHOUT FRENCHMEN drilling, be made into fighting men. About 500 of these could, with steady The rest would be much more useful

The officers are mostly reservists, gray and aged, having fought in the Tropical Regions - And war of 1870. The "sous-officers," or lected here, rubbing elbows and eat-They Come From all walks petty officers, are only "legion sol- ing soup from tin buckets. Here diers" recently promoted, and need a we have a learned Swiss doctor and little training themselves. However, surgeon, now a corporal. Next to we are not to be criticized, as the him is a Russian peasant of the

Volunteer From Greenland. the start of the war. He is now en- come hundreds of miles to fight for author, in peace times. Next is a rolled in the French Foreign Legion. France. Their hearts are with the Polish Jew, tailor by profession. T is a great life this-in fact, it great cause involved and, whether His little business has been closed is about the strangest and most they be weak or strong physically, by the war, so he has come to fight unconventional life that a man the spirit burns in all alike. We to help reopen it. could possibly live. Here I find my- have one man who came down from Now we come to a flat-faced Belself, living in Paris, in French bar- Northern Greenland. We have Dutch gian peasant, who is more like a racks (built in the time of Napoleon I) from the tropical colonies, Dutch dumb driven animal than anything with the oddest collection of human from Amsterdam, two Turks, a few else. Following along we come to being ever herded under one roof. Moravians, plenty of Russians, a lct the French Canadian, a dapper little

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ently, has a position in the enrollment bureau. We have also a silent Greek and an Italian boy with a violent temper, because of which he languishes at present in the barracks prison.

Lastly we come to the Alsatians who speak always to one another in German, and are fretting and fuming like dogs in leash to reach the front and get into some action. Oh! It's a great family!

Day's Grind Starts at 6 a.m. The rules are rather stringent

here in regard to some things and very lax in regards to others. We must arise promptly at 6 a.m. Our then comes the plunge under the ice cold faucet. No time to shave or primp; just time enough to your bayonet and belt buckled on, take a sip of the very weak and lukewarm coffee that has been toted up, grab your gun and run.

Regiments assemble at 6.30 a.m. in the court, in pale-faced unshaven groups. Some of the men are yawn- mure, douce young Highlander, "Do ing, others hurriedly buttoning tunics, ye think the Germans are coming?" some snatching a puff at a black And he replied "I'fe been hearing, Ma cigarette and others just rubbing the tam, that the Chermans will hafe sleep from their tired eyes. The roll been hafing a pit of a setpack." It is then called and the companies are was in this modest manner that I Mattresses put under a gruelling drill for two heard of the victory on the Marne. hours. However, it certainly makes one "fit" for the day and gives one a ravenous appetite.

An Important Event.

At 9.30 we disband, the kitchen police take their places in the line before the kitchen door and one gets a chance to "clean up" before "dejeuner." Promptly at 10 the "police boys" come in with huge steaming speak both French and English flu- trays of food, which always consists of soup, mashed potatoes and bolied lies about, and it is fairly palatable

We then have an hour's rest and ment is again assembled in the court at noon, and the long march to the Bois de Vincennes for manoeuvres begins. This lasts until 4 p.m., when we return to the barracks.

To Prison if out Late.

At five it is supper time. The supper is virtually the same as the dinner, with very little variation. It is eaten from tin pails about six inches in diameter. After dinner one may get permission to go to Paris (provided one is not slated for "service garde"), but must return at 8.30. son, and it's some prison! As I mentioned before, these barracks were built in the reign of Napoleon I.; so was the prison. It is the best imitation of a dungeon I've ever seen, and I hope never to be locked in there.

At 9 o'clock taps is sounded and all that a violent argument arises the ownership of certain blankets. The man who can do the most gesticulating and has the loudest voice wins. Finally when this subsides (usually about midnight), one drops off to sleep, and the morrow is a repetition of to-day.

And I might add, the pay is one

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Set to your partners, William, We'll play the tune!

> See, make a bow to Paris. Here's Antwerp-toon; Off to the Gulf of Riga. Back to Verdun-Ay, but I'm thinking, laddie.

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Ye'll use your shoon!

We'll play the tune! What! Wad ye stop the pipers? Nay, 'tis ower-soon! Dance, since you're dancing,

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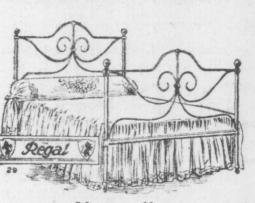
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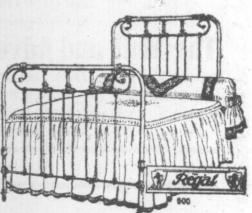
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