

DEVIL'S WORK IN BELGIUM

we were to attempt to force the passage of the first river.

"Here the Belgians had erected semi-permanent field works. Before the attack we were liberally drugged, and then we marched out into the darkness. We could see the dangerous arms of the searchlights from the fortifications looking for us, but we fought right up to the river.

"We fought for years it seemed, and then we got across and into the fort. Before Antwerp, as before Liège, no quarter was given and no prisoners were taken, and the Belgians—most of them young boys that I could break in my hands—were every whit as bad. But we won, and then, while the long-distance guns began to drop their shells on us we fought each other. We were marched back under escort like a squad of prisoners, all that were left of us, and we fought again only in the last assault on the other works of Antwerp."