

SOLDIERS' LOT BETTER TO-DAY THAN OF OLD

Fighters of To-day Have Far More Comforts and Much Better Conveniences Than Those Who Went Through Former Campaigns

WHEN you measure what the soldiers of the past suffered as they marched to death, wounds, agony, hardship, hunger, and exposure the endurance and experiences of present day warfare are flowery beds of ease by comparison, writes an American veteran from Southern soldier's home. Campaign rigors have been scientifically minimized as operations have been modernized. Although war still means death in the ultimate, those who are its most callous advocates would hold up their hands in horror if men had to be manipulated prior to their killing in the old-fashioned way now denounced as barbarous.

Facing Things. Robinson Crusoe had the habit of writing in one column of his diary the naked truth about his unfortunate position and condition. Then he placed in a parallel column the more unfortunate thing that might have happened to him and the worse places he



might have been, in. And from this he deduced a system of gratitude. In the midst of wholesale death and lingering slaughter there is sure cause for the thankfulness that sickness, suffering, exposure and hunger have been lessened from twenty-five to fifty per cent, measured by the awful records of the past. Terrific as the conflict is in total, there are positive comforts enjoyed by the soldier of 1914 as compared with his brother's experiences of previous wars.

Better Roads. Chief of these comparative comforts is the revolution in roads. The automobile has done it, but it makes no difference what the cause was, the good road is a fact. Read the marching feats of armies in the past and you will wonder that human beings could perform them, but fell dead on the line of march.

And in the equipment measure the modern comfort of warfare with the soldier's accoutrements and furnishings in the past. No report comes that the armies are insufficiently clothed or booted or armed. Compare this fact with the statement of a soldier attached to the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, during the winter of 1863-64, on the eve of the campaign of the Wilderness:

"The gray jackets of the men hung

in shreds. In fact, there were thousands without jackets, an extra ragged shirt over one just as ragged next the skin being the only distinctive mark of uniform. The rest of the attire of these undaunted soldiers was made up of patches and fluttering strings. Thousands were absolutely without covering for head or foot. They slept in straw and made covering with a blanket that probably bore the U.S.A. stamp—the captured trophy of their valor on some hard fought field.

"They were, without a bit of exaggeration, half starved. A quarter of a pound of fat pork, with a little meal or flour, was the portion assigned daily to each man, and most of the time only one of these two articles of the slim menu was doled out. Very frequently it was only a bundle of crackers, as palatable as sawdust and perhaps little more nutritious.

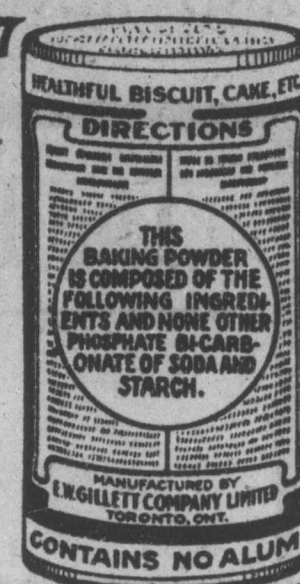
"When we marched into the Wilderness that May of '64 I heard brave fellows joke as they walked along bare-footed, saying they were in luck because the soles of their feet had become so callous they would be under no expense for shoe repairing.

"The nights of those awful spring days were far from warm, and soldiers whose bare breasts and arms and legs could be seen through their tattered clothes grimly gave thanks that the Wilderness was on fire in places, as it made it a trifle warm. I've seen soldiers shivering through lack of foot and body covering cheer 'Marse Bob' as General Lee rode by, and asked him to 'please hurry up the trouble, so we can get agoin' and git warm.'"



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(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir,—As you have asked me to write a short letter to **The Mail and Advocate** now and again, I think I might as well follow my Christmas letter with a short one wishing your readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Well, friends, we have a lot to be thankful for and I think we should do our best to make people happy and comfortable during the coming winter months, as it will be hard for some families to rub along until the Spring; but bad and all as it is, I'm sure things might be a lot worse than they are. The boys were talking about things last night and they agree that the Union has worked wonders since the war began. When the war broke out the shopkeepers thought that was the end of Coaker and judging other people by themselves, they said, "Now we'll see the Union go under," but instead of that it's "full steam ahead." Mr. Coaker says, and when he says a thing he means it.

Tight Rein on Everything. Jim says it would do your heart good to see Mr. Coaker in the Fall, for he was like the man in the picture of Ben Hur Chariot Race, which we cut out of one of last year's Christmas numbers, he kept a tight rein on everything, and like anybody that knows his business, he brought the good old Union out on top. While others were groaning over bad times he was working hard trying to keep up the price of fish and oil.

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