And then the hill is climbed at last, and by the hall they swing.

"Left wheel," the sergeant shouts, "Form up on the left wing."

And soon in double file they stand, all soldiers there's no doubt,

A smart, "Right turn," and a swift salute— IT'S TWELVE O'CLOCK; FALL OUT.

Then down the town they wend their way, for pleasure 's their pursuit,

Some meet their wives and kiddies there, some grab the gay recruit,

The noontide hour has sped at last, the "movie" shows are near,

And many hasten on their way to meet the one so dear.

For, "What's the use of kicking, for they've 'got it on' them all,

For their King and Country needed them, and they answered to the call,

A soldier and a good one, of that there is no doubt,

But he likes to hear the Colonel say— IT'S TWELVE O'CLOCK; FALL OUT!

The brave boys in the fighting line—to them we wish our best;

In the cold, and the wet, of the trenches there, they face the fearful test;

The crash of the shell, and the reek of the gas, the vermin, the long, long night,

And the glare of the "Star Shell" and searchlight reveal what to him is an ordinary sight.