

- Waiting Man.** The cleanest man at guard mounting. He does not have to walk post; is supposed to wait on the guard.
- Washout.** Tommy's idea of something that is worth nothing.
- Water Bottle.** A metal bottle for carrying water (when not used for rum, beer, or wine).
- Waterproof.** A rubber sheet issued to Tommy to keep him dry. It does when the sun is out.
- Wave.** A line of troops which goes "over the top" in a charge. The waves are numbered according to their turn in going over, viz., "First Wave," "Second Wave," etc. Tommy would sooner go over with the "Tenth Wave."
- Wet Canteen.** A military saloon or pub where Tommy can get a "wet." Most campaigns and battles are planned and fought in these places.
- "Whizz Bang."** A small German shell which whizzes through the air and explodes with a "bang." Their bark is worse than their bite.
- "Wind up."** Term generally applied to the Germans when they send up several star shells at once because they are nervous and expect an attack or night raid on their trenches.
- "Windy."** Tommy's name for a nervous soldier, coward.
- "Wipers."** Tommy's name for Ypres, sometimes he calls it "Yeeps." A place up the line which Tommy likes to duck. It is even "hot" in the winter time at "Wipers."
- Wire.** See barbed wire, but don't go "over the top" to look at it. It isn't safe.
- Wire Cutters.** An instrument for cutting barbed wire, but mostly used for driving nails.
- Wiring Party.** Another social affair for which Tommy receives invitations. It consists of going "over the top" at night and stretching barbed wire between stakes. A German machine gun generally takes the place of an orchestra.
- Woodbine.** A cigarette made of paper and old hay. Tommy swears by a Woodbine.
- Wooden Cross.** Two pieces of wood in the form of a cross placed at the head of a Tommy's grave. Inscribed on it are his rank, name, number, and regiment. Also date of death and last but not least, the letters R. I. P.
- Working Party.** A sort of compulsory invitation affair for which