

John H. Plumb World War I scrapbook

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A scrapbook created by John H. Plumb containing photographs documenting Plumb's training and service in World War I, taken mostly between November 6, 1917 to July 3, 1919. The scrapbook is entitled "Some Great Events of the Great War." It contains pictures of aviation and flights in Kansas as early as 1911, including Plumb's first plane ride in 1915. It also includes Plumb's medals earned at La Marne, France, and at the Battle of St. Mihiel in 1918. The bulk of the photographs document Plumb's training in the United States, departure from New York, arrival and activities in Sheffield, England, and service in France. Also included are photographs of naval battles and factory scenes manufacturing weapons. The photographs are arranged chronologically by event.

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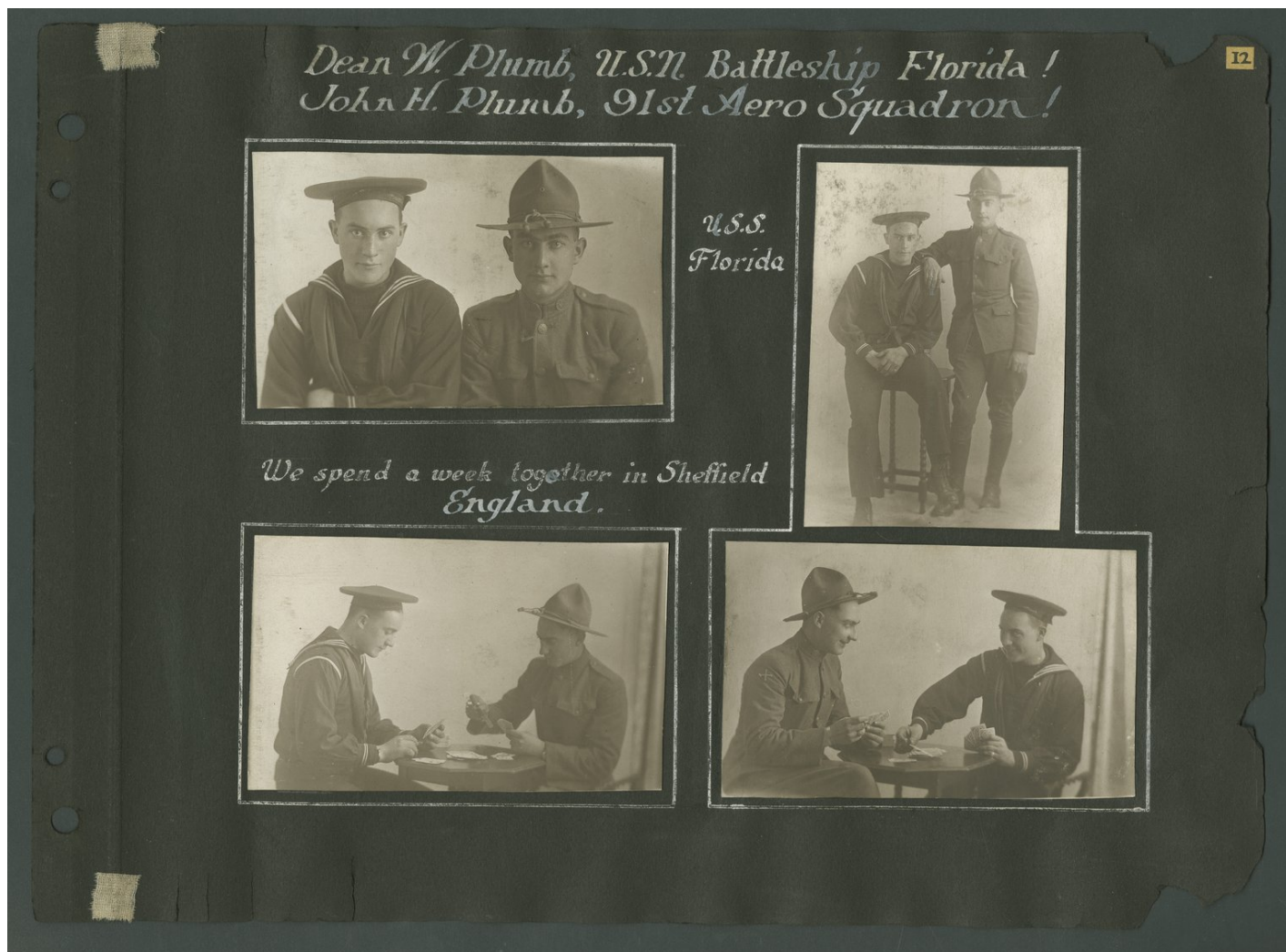


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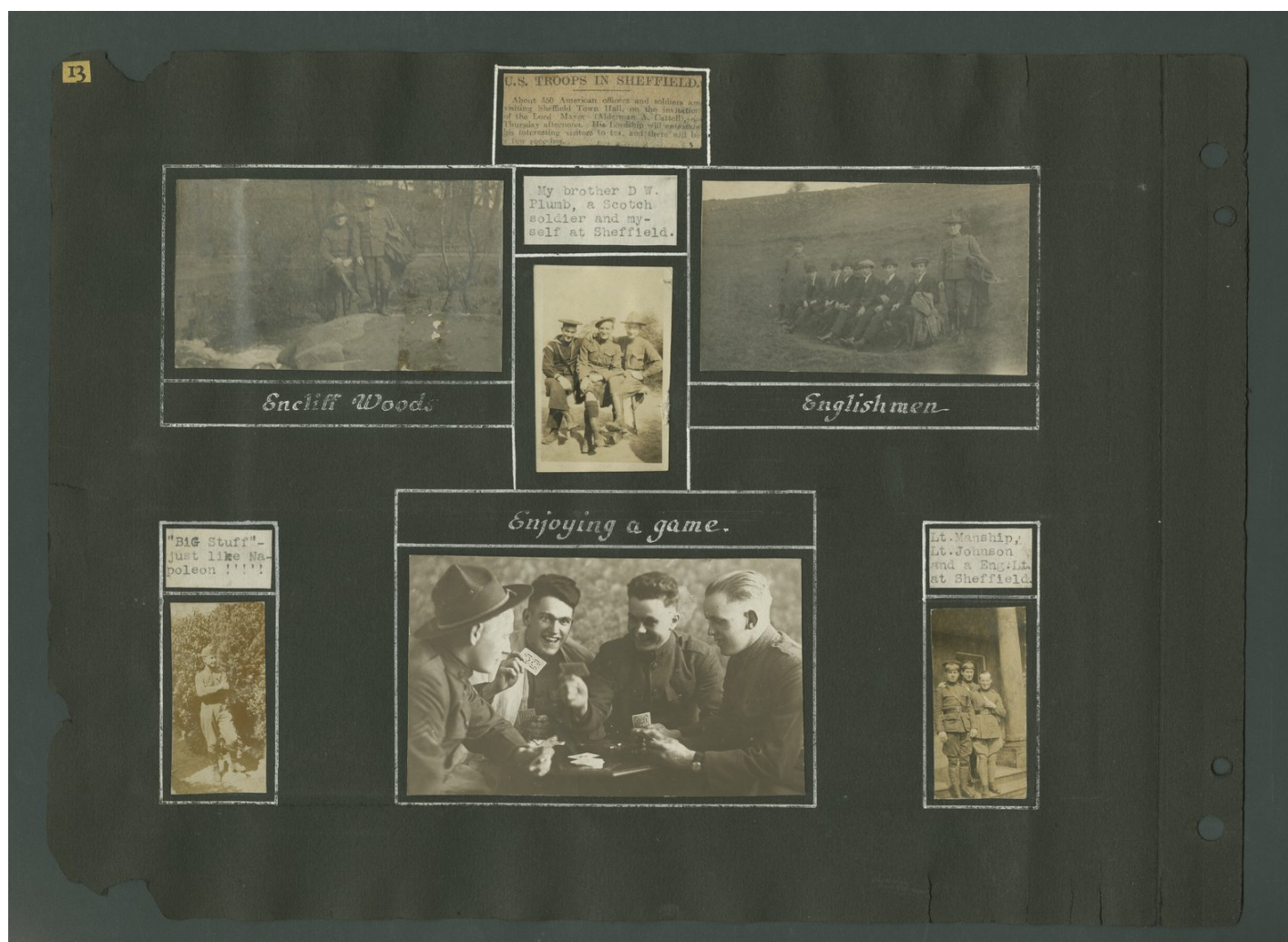
*Greenhill
Camp
Sheffield
England*

During a Flu epidemic I volunteered to help Lt. O.E. Johnson (Sqn. Med. Officer) in the hospital. He accepted and I joined the M. C. temporarily with the rank of Sergeant. On this page are part of the staff. Upper left Jack Crabtree from Denver. Center, Lt. O. E. Johnson from Denver, Kentucky. Upper Right, Elmer Allan from Dallas, Texas. Lower center is Thomas Speed of the British Medical Corps. The other two are myself.

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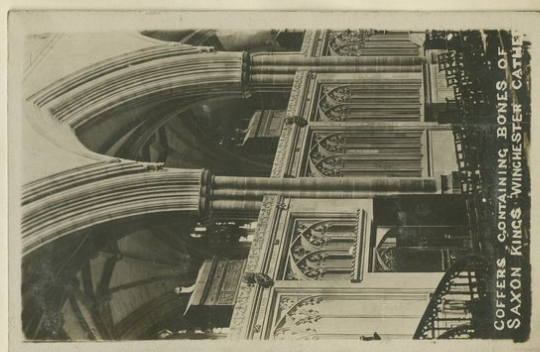
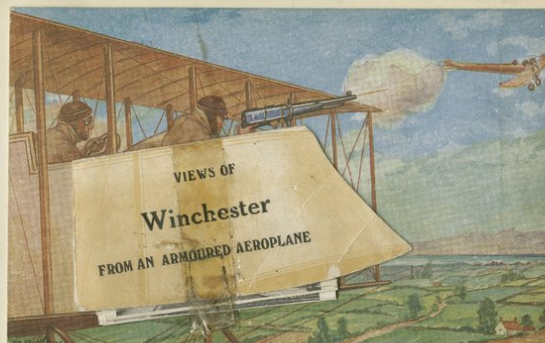


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WINDSOR CASTLE.

Soldiers of the United States, the
people of the British Isles welcome
you on your way to take your
stand beside the armies of
many Nations now fighting in
the Old World the great battle
for human freedom.
The Allies will gain new heart
& spirit in your company.
I wish that I could shake
the hand of each one of you
& bid you God speed on your
mission.

George R. I.

April 1918.

A MESSAGE TO YOU FROM
HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE Vth.



WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL



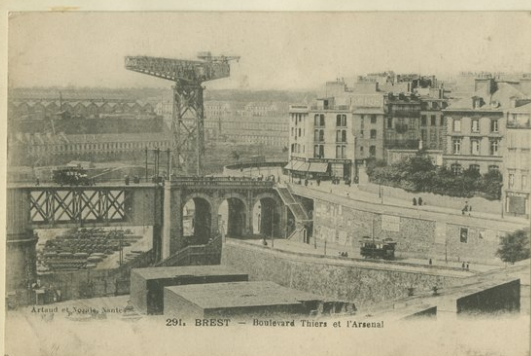
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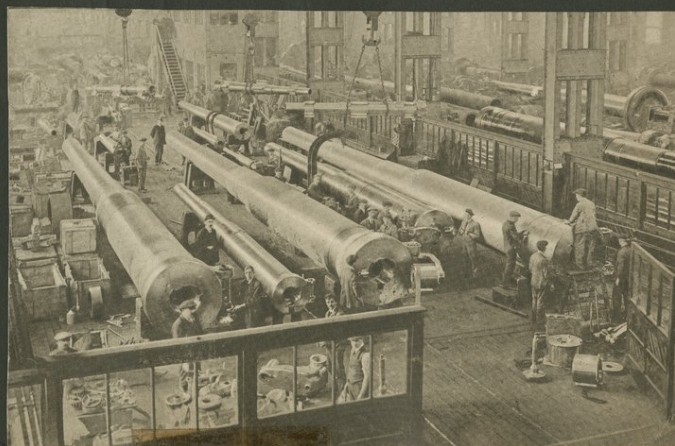
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Shell Factory in Sheffield

King George 5th ↑

Making Guns in Sheffield



Through the courtesy of Lt. O. E. Johnson and Capt. Manship (C.O. of the Sqdn.) I was permitted 3 day leaves to visit London, (where I saw the entire 42nd Div. parade) Liverpool, Nottingham and many other places if interest.

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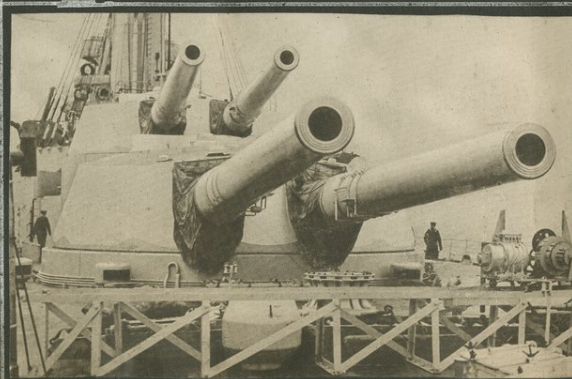


*A Ship's
propeller
Sheffield
Steel ~
Works*



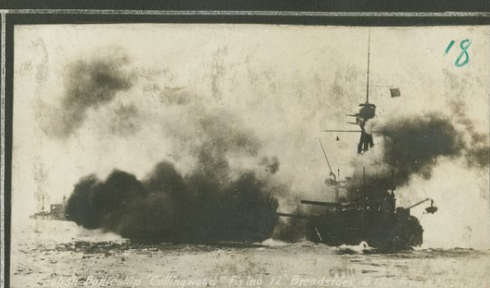
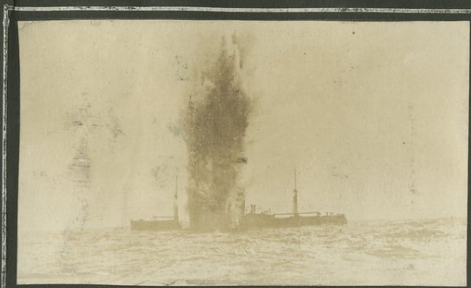
Dean Plumb,

*Captured
"U" Boat*



- British Big Ones -

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The "Deutschland"

After spending weeks learning all about
Spade, Sopwiths, Avros and also to say "thra
p'nce ha' penny", along about March 1st, 2
more Squadrons, the 830th and 839th joined
us at Sheffield. We got a new C. O. (cont'd)



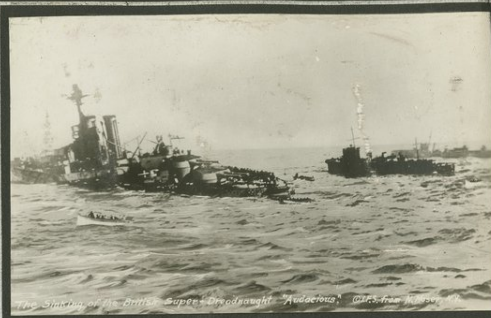
...ing For The Enemy Submarine
...ner, Supplied By International, from ...

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German Submarine Base
Zeeburg Belgium

Photo
from
An Aeroplane

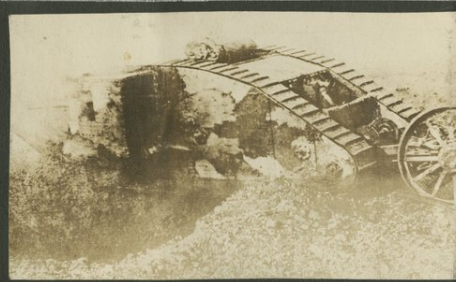


South Hampton Eng-

Liquid Fire



British Tank in action



(cont'd from preceding page) The Squadron was changed from the 244th to 805.
Rumors spread (and later proved true) that we would go to southern France to
establish an Aviation base of supply. I applied for a transfer and to my ---

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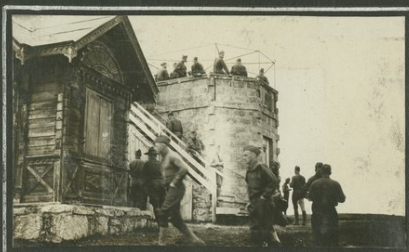
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*In
France*



*Views of
Southern France*



*In the Alps
near Aix-les-Bains*



→ great surprise I got it and was ordered to France. I bid the boys good-bye and left the 24th and the English girls at Sheffield. From South Hampton I crossed the English Channel on the "Southwestern Millet," a horse boat (cont)

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*French
Wash - house*



*City waterworks
in Davincourt*

*Views of
villages in
France.*



*Market
Day*



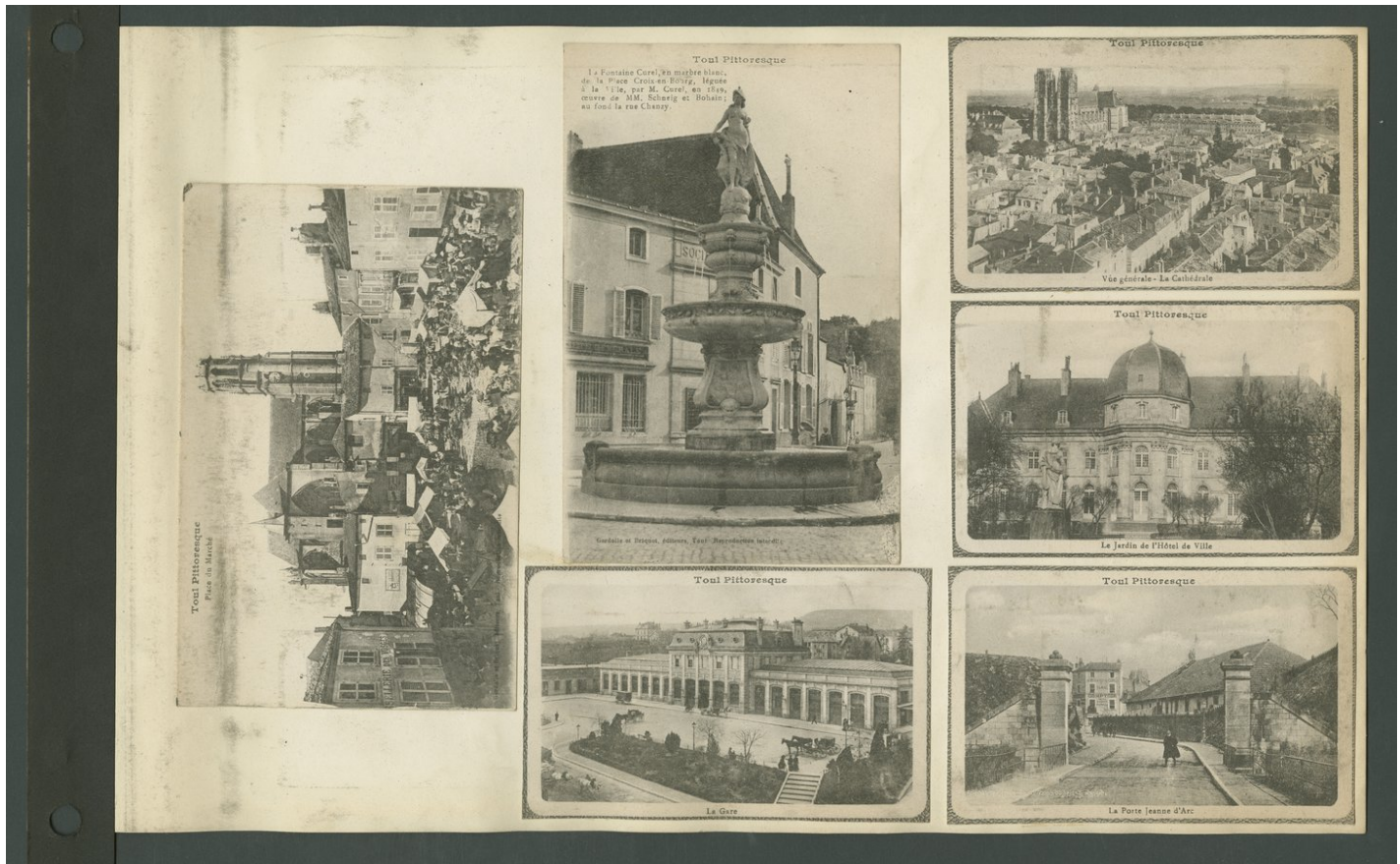
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and rode all the way across on a couple bales of hay on the deck. A "Blimp" a Submarine and a Destroyer escorted us to Le Havre. Here we entrained for Romorantin from where I was assigned with a group of 25 other chauffeurs to drive automobiles and trucks from Brest to Toul, Nancy, Dijon and other points at the Front and return by train for more. About three weeks of this

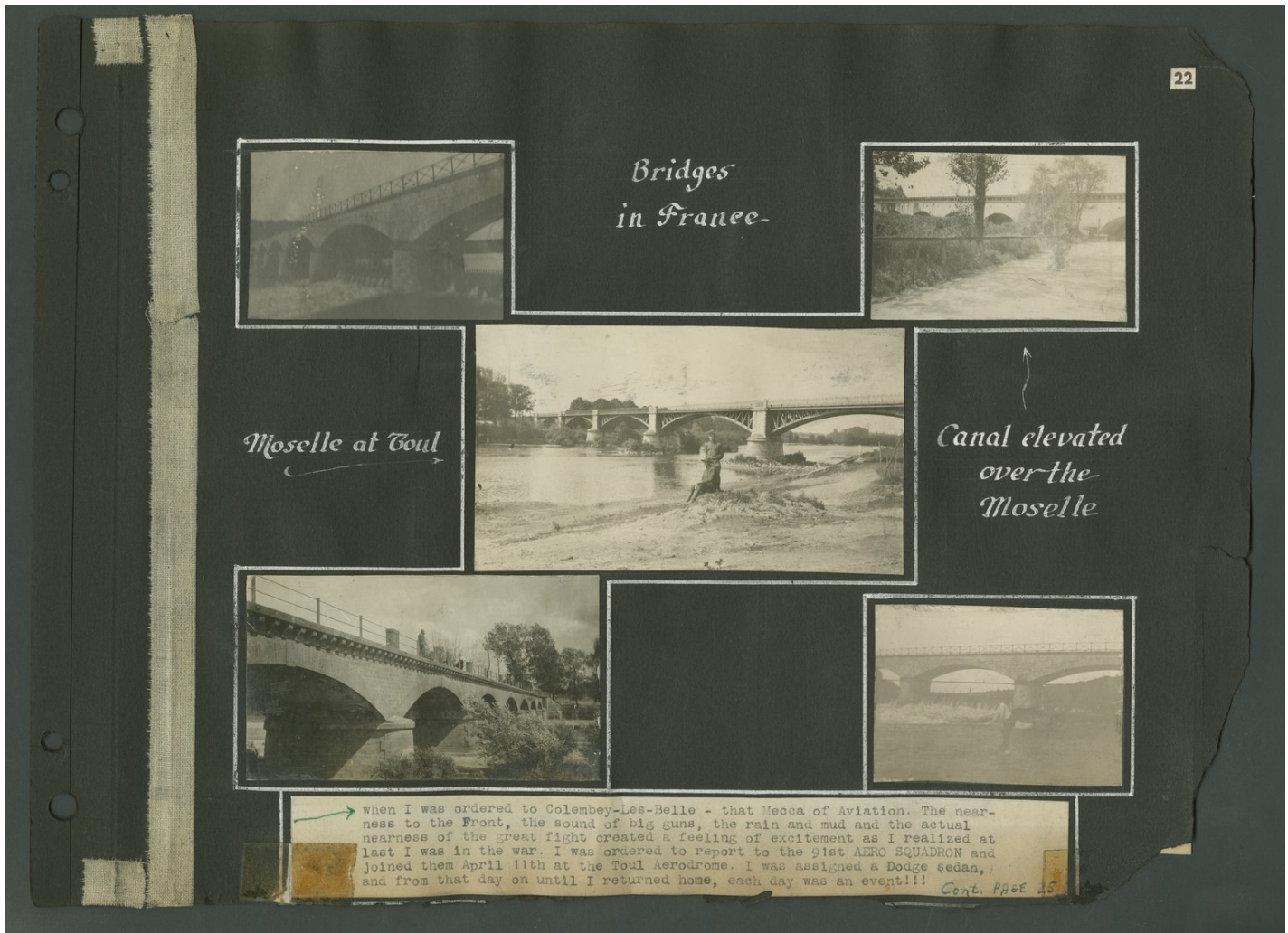
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Toul hill-



Along the splendid roads



*Dutch
windmill!*



The gruesome figure of Christ nailed on the cross,
so often seen, speaks of war, travail and resurrection.
A soldier wonders if it symbolizes the spirit of
Christian Nations?

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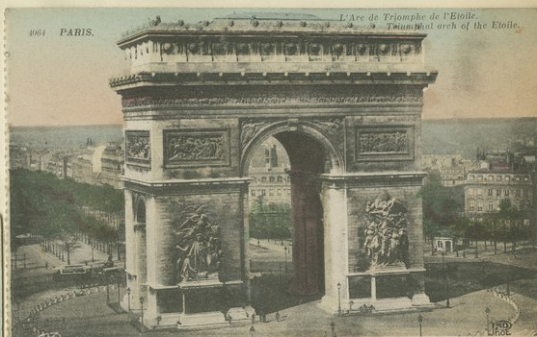
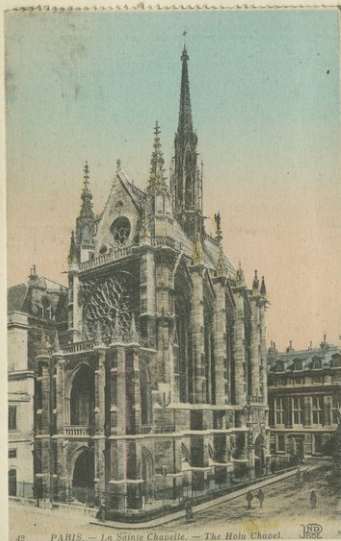


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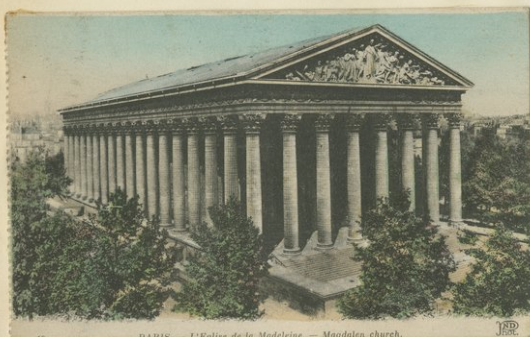
I arrived in France at the time the great German assault was on. Its fury broke and destroyed the British Fifth Army. The Germans began dropping shells every fifteen minutes in Paris. The fate of the Allies trembled in the balance. No one knew where the German's would direct their next blow. The suspense was reflected in all of us and the roads everywhere were filled with transport,

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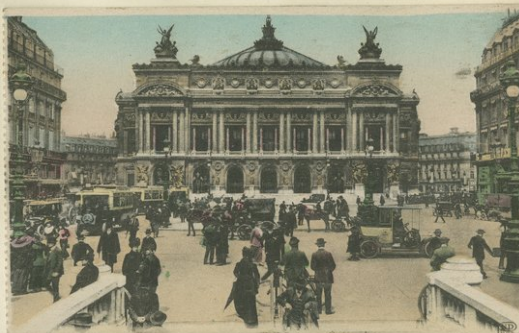
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10. PARIS. — L'Église de la Madeleine. — Madeleine church.



13. PARIS. — Le nouveau Louvre. — The new Theatre.



21. PARIS. — Vue des Sept Ponts, prise de Saint-Germain.
View of the Seven bridges taken from St. Germain church.

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A Monk



Entrance to Dugout



artillery and troops moving to the fray. The German long range gun in shelling Paris caused a far greater exodus than was published. Driving day and night I could observe the anxiety that prevailed in the French civilians and soldiers everywhere. Among the pilots at the Toul Aerodrome that I remember were, Major John Huffer, Major Roul Lufberry, Capt. Peterson, Lt. Eddie Rickenbecker, Lt.

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British



Americans



Algerians

On their way to the trenches

French



ALGERIANS-- Black giants from Africa, passing our Airdrome. They carried shiny "Bolo" knives and when they'd go over the top it was not uncommon for them to throw away their rifles and leap into a trench with only their gleaming

knives. It was nothing unusual for the survivors to have from one to twenty left ears in their pockets, which they had sliced off their victims. Souvenirs to take back to flash in the eyes of their African princesses!

→ Chambers, Lt Douglas Campbell, Lt. Alan Winslow, Lt. Meisner, Lt. Brereton and General Mitchell. The Pursuit Group was composed of the 94th, 27th and 194th Squadrons under command of Major Atkinson. The 91st was the only American Observation Squadron on the front and was operating with two French Squadrons. CON 10
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An old trench for a bunk



*Views arround camp
at Gonderville*



Vin-Rouge —



open-air Mess-Hall



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Unloading Supplies Gonderville.

Our two Fiats--



Most of the towns up here had been evacuated almost completely by the civil population because of the air-raids, which occurred almost every clear night. I saw an Amunition Factory and several other buildings completely destroyed at Nancy by German Aeroplanes. It wasn't long before I thought nothing of their nightly visits only to take what precaution possible. I was driving daily - carrying officers over nearly all of the Front and the pilots were

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Selling up
a
Hangar.

Finished



106th, 94th and 91st Aero's
quarters, at Colombey-les-
Belle



Set on fire by Bosch incendiary Bullets



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flying over the lines daily. Toul was becoming the advance Capital of Militant America, with the Toul Sector receiving division after division of new troops seeking experience in the front lines. By June the expected German attack came - the advance toward the Marne was so fast that the French Army units were entirely destroyed, and even the French Aerodromes were taken with-

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