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Chatenay-sur-Seine; and here nothing was too good for us, as we were the first Annex troops to be billeted there. But our stay there was not long, as we moved again on the 21st—going to Vaux-Sous Aubigny, a small village in Haute Marne. Numerous hikes were taken during our stay here of several weeks. Then came an order to roll packs to travel. We were entrained again (second class this time.) And it was Sunday afternoon, August 8, when we started for parts unknown. To our surprise we were unloaded the next morning at Revigny-Lousle (Saurier province.) Thence a hike of 25 kilos to Lisle-Rigault, where we stayed until September 12—when we left for the front in trucks. After an all-night ride, the next morning found us on the Argonne front, about 15 miles northwest of Verdun.

Here we did nothing except hold the lines until the night of September 25. About 11 p. m., that day the big guns started belching, and about 2 o'clock the next morning the smaller ones opened up barking. It was a strange sensation to the uninitiated. A look out revealed the sky for miles around lighted as if by a huge bonfire—it was nearly as bright as day. There was a regiment of French 75's around the dugout we were in, and when they started action I felt like I supposed the Germans must have felt—that hell had broken loose. The concussion was so great that the drops on the switchboard 30 feet under ground kept constantly falling down. (He was a signal corpsman.) One battery was only 150 feet from the entrance to our trench dugout.

Well, at daybreak, the boys went "over the top;" and pretty soon German prisoners came back in large numbers. bAyf hdon.cmfwysphrdlumfwyp In the next 4 or 5 days we advanced between 15 and 20 kilos. In fact, the doughboys went so fast that it took a couple of days to catch them. Our

advance carried us through Montfaucon, and dozens of other villages.

On Sunday, the 29th., I had my most thrilling experience. Early that morning I started out to mend a broken wire between regimental and brigade headquarters. I had only gotten about a kilo when Fritz opened up "some barrage" along the road, on which there were all kinds of supply trains, ammunition trains, and rolling kitchens. Just what I saw on this occasion will have to be told later. But I will say here that I saw a Red Cross hospital shelled and about fifty wounded men killed.

While this shelling continued, I took shelter under a French tank, where I lay for 3 hours; and as about 50 per cent of the shells were gas, I had to wear my gas mask for 2 1/2 hours.

After five days and nights of this real action, with hardly any sleep, and very little to eat, we were relieved by the 3rd division.

For our rest, we hiked back 50 miles to Troyon, Meuse province. A little later I was sent out on special duty again, this time to Thillobois, 8 kilos distant.

From here, on October 21, I was transferred to the 6th A. C., where I am now in the map and litho department. And it sure is a great change to be on the inside instead of out. I work in a good warm room, and have the finest officer I have served under since I became a soldier.

I have been in Bar-be-Duc, Nancy, Toul, and scores of other places. Siagerias is about 10 miles northwest of Nancy.

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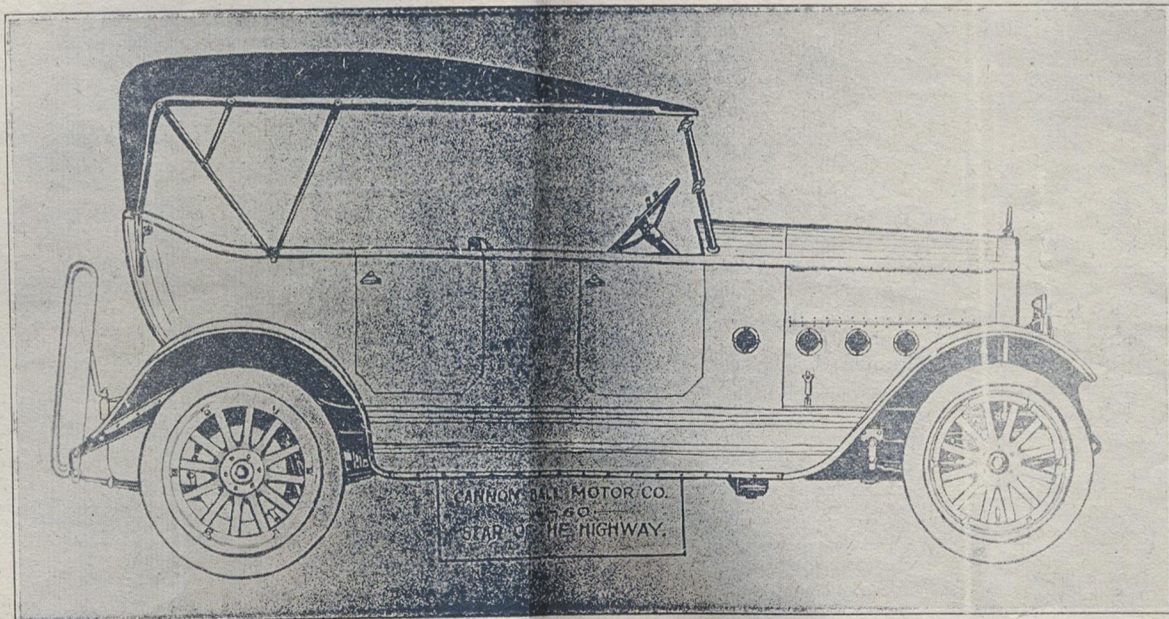
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