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(THOUGHTS—AT RANDOM)

“Les Boches sont formidables.”

1. NOT a bit of it. Their opponents were so feeble, so disunited. The Boches knew what they wanted and set out to get it. They put their backs into what they did.

Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and France knew that they did not want the Germans to occupy their countries, but what did they DO about it?

2. What did you do with that time? Did you use it as efficiently and thoroughly as did the Boche?

3. We've got time now, time to train to win.

4. Don't waste time in discussing what we'll do when we've won the war. First catch your hare then eat it. Concentrate on winning, rely on the survivors having the sense to work 100 years ahead for NEVER AGAIN, but concentrate on winning, winning, winning.

5. The British Navy and Allied Merchantmen feed us. The R.A.F. and Allied Air Forces guard the air for us and they attack the Boche at the same time.

TIME TO TRAIN, TO THINK CLEARLY

6. The Duke of Wellington an able commander who did, after all, help to beat Napoleon, said:

“There are no bad soldiers, only bad officers.”

Each Allied soldier has got to be well enough trained to sell his life for three Germans. This is about what the R.A.F. and Allied Air Forces are doing at the moment.

EVERY Allied officer should ask himself:

What am I doing with my time?

Am I making myself more efficient, using my full energy ALL the time?

Am I good leaven, a good example, or am I jogging along taking things as they come?

Note.—“EVERY”—Departmental and Technical included.

Nothing dramatic is needed. Far easier if it were.

Morale is our main job.

The task is difficult. We've got to beat the Boche in everything, especially in his characteristics of

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DISCIPLINE—THOROUGHNESS—ENERGY

To those educated in a democracy, discipline and thoroughness come slowly. Tackled properly no Allied soldier fails to respond. We can get a discipline and thoroughness which, in its cold determination and gaiety, will whack the hysterical, emotional HEIL HITLER stuff hollow—a stronger morale.

Only the Allied officer can ensure this. The more junior his command the more valuable his work.

RANDOM THOUGHTS, yes, but, we hope, clear to our readers—clear that, like boxers, we need to keep in all-round training all the time.

NO SLACKING OFF

Fascinating to discuss “new” tactical theories, useless to ignore the main lesson of France, that without morale all else is lost.

“Les Boches sont formidables.” Not a bit of it.

They knew what they wanted.

SO DO WE.—Our cause is a BETTER one.

See to it that we win it.