

## "THEY ARE BUDDIES OF MINE."

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Late in the afternoon of November 9, 1918, a heavy touring car, bearing the insignia of the General Staff on its wind shield, was ploughing along through the mud on the highway between Toul and First Army Headquarters up at Souilly. It was raining—as it almost always was over there—and the fine mud fairly sprayed from the wheels of the car as the party pushed ahead through the slow moving convoys in an effort to reach Ligny before dark.

Suddenly the machine swung around a curve in the road and overtook a detachment of doughboys plodding along with full packs on their shoulders. The rain dripped from the brims of the steel helmets they were wearing and poured in tiny streams from the down-turned muzzles of their rifles. As the car approached them the officer in charge of it leaned over toward the chauffeur and said, "Drive slowly going by these boys and don't splash any mud on them; *they are buddies of mine.*"

That officer had important business at headquarters and if the car had gone roaring by like an express train, showering the men with mud, there would have been no complaint from them. *C'est le guerre.* It is all a part of war. But he knew that he could reach his destination in time even if he lost a few minutes along the way and he was not willing to add any to the hardships of those buddies of his.

The fine spirit that made "buddies" of us over there—and over here—during the war should hold us together now. As pharmacists, we have much in common aside from our memories of "gold fish," "monkey meat," "K. P." and *beaucoup boue*. There is much we can do if we choose to work together. The American Pharmaceutical Association has organized a War Veterans' Section and every pharmacist who served in any capacity in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps or who did his, or her, bit in welfare work, is eligible, this year, to join the new section *and the association* without the payment of dues.

Among other things the section is compiling a record of the work done by pharmacists during the war with the view to proving that the duties many of them performed were of sufficient importance to warrant the creation of a commissioned pharmaceutical corps in the Army. Facts are required and the men best qualified to furnish those facts are the men who did pharmaceutical service during the war. Other work will be taken up later and every pharmacist who is eligible to join the new section should indicate his desire to do so now by communicating with the secretary, W. D. Walters, Fifth and Pike Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio. There is no red tape connected with it—a postal card will do. Let's Go!

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