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were so thick that it looked like fog and I were supprice to find. that the old tank that moreing still stud. I knew that when the Germens, wontlo Hit a place they did it. But they did not touch the tank. it never were Hit. that shoes that they did not cear to Hit it. so when they were Dun shelleing it we got oir water, and I must say, that night, were one of the wi [[strikethrough]] r [[/strikethrough]] st nights I ever seen in that trench. we were in Reserve, at the time, the French , had the front line trenches, all that Day the Germens were shelleing the reserve trenches. we knew what that ment. it ment a attack. I cant say what Day it were for that I did not no. from one Day to the other, But I no what time it were 7. o clock. we were all in

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the Dugout. when orders came to Be out in full with shovels. at that time, the shells were Dropeing all a round our trench. soon as we came out of our Dugout I could smell gas. the carten at the Dugout Door. were Down, and we allways keeped it wet that would not let any gas in the Dogout as I said Befor. I smelt gas. I looked a round me, and I seen that all had thir gasmass on. then we stired down the trench. every step we took, a shell would land some where near the = trench. we came to some places where a shell droped in and caved in some of the trench. we went on, we came to a slope that were on a side hill and that side were faceing the Germen= line. when we got there. we hatto= lay Down in the Botom of the trench (17) were as thick that it looked like for and I were supplied to find, that there of the that supplied to find the other thest due the Germann, wonthe Tot a place they did it. But they did not too when they did it. But they did not too when they did not cone to the shore the they did not cone to the the front they are give allowed to a place they did not cone to the the the they did not cone to the shore the they did not cone to the the front like mere over of the what as the front like the the French on a the front like the the free the the front like the there the reserve the front like the there the reserve the dense over able the second the dense over able to the reserve the the mere the there the reserve the dense of the the the second of the the dense over able to the reserve one to the other the to the second one Day to the other, put a not what one is not the other the second of the dense of the other second and the one to the other the second and the second

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