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those high waves, her stem came out of the water and one of the propellers flew off her. She was a twin-screw--that is, two propellers on her--and she could only make two knots, just speed enough to keep her bow in wave. If she would go into the trough, she would turn over. So they sent out an S O S--Save Our Souls--and a large Jap battleship steamed up close to us and stayed with us till noon the next day. When we turned in the trough, she sure started to roll real bad. We were allowed on deck at noon. The crew had rope strung in different directions for us to hang on? to. Three of the boys were standing by the rail when the ship took a bad lurch. A large boat broke loose, skidded across the deck, and crushed the three of them a- gainst the rail and killed the three of them. We buried them at sea the next day. We got into Vladivostok the "next day--26 days on the ocean. After we disembarked that day, we went into a shed, and they gave us a big tot of black rum. We had a drink, and we went aboard troop trains. And we went out to a place where we were stationed. Oh, it was great parade grounds there, where the Russians trained during the Russo-Japanese War. We had to guard the railroad all along there for quite a few miles. There were an awful lot of refugees coming down there. The city of Vladivostok is a big city; I think there were about 600,000 people in there. And there were an awful lot of refu? gees coming down there, the old men and wo? men and children, such as that. We had to protect the railroad there, because those Bolsheviks were blowing up the railroad track in places, and putting cars off the road and killing a lot of those old people that were trying to get out of there. (There are some people who say that Siber? ia wasn't the real war.) Well, I'd say it was real war. You were there, you were do? ing killing, and they were killing us fel- lows--I'd call it war, wouldn't you? We were up there. We were going up by train. And our train was put off the track--some of the track torn up or something. And we were in boxcars. Well, they opened the door of the boxcar--the Reds opened fire onto the car and the whole train. There must have been a couple of hundred of them there. That's the first fighting we did-- it was lying down fighting out of the box? car, out of the door of the boxcars. We got control there, and they got the rail? road fixed up again. Instead of going fur? ther, they shipped us back down again. That's as far as I got. That was about the worst I saw of it. It was bad enough. It was ticklish enough at times. We were stationed at Vladivostok, doing guard duty around the docks and such--the British ships would come in. The British had a warehouse there in Vladivos- tok--oh, it was a tremendous long build? ing- -it must have been over a hundred feet long. And our company had all their sup? plies in it, too. And one night the Bol? sheviks blew it up, set fire to it. All our trucks and gasoline and everything that was in there at the time, we lost the whole works. There was some fighting. We lost 35 men while we were there, that was all; that is, the Canadians. The Americans lost quite a few men. We got into quite a few skir? mishes there. In the woods, mostly, be? cause there were an awful lot of woods all around there, for miles and miles, you know. The Canadians were just holding a certain part of territory there--we were in that practically till we headed for home, in April, 1919.



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