

BIG FLOODS HANDICAP OUR ARMIES.

These pictures tell their own story; when you know that this is the River Maas flooding where the British Second Army is working and fighting --- you are speechless with admiration for men who can overcome such appalling conditions --- and even smile at them

Now a somewhat brighter story from the Western Front --- this is the port of Antwerp; a striking picture which shows clearly what a prize was gained by the Allies when the British Second Army made its swift advance through Belgium. But even after the Germans had been cleared out from the shores of the estuary which commands its use, the waters had to be swept for mines. Seldom do we have an opportunity to praise the men of the minesweepers; but here it is. ~~There~~ Theirs is a grim job --- monotonous, uncomfortable and deadly dangerous.

At last the Chief of Minesweepers was able to report to the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief that the way was clear; and the great port of Antwerp could be used at last for Allied supplies. The first ships came in, with reinforcements of men and war material. And the victory these men achieved for Antwerp has gained for them facilities for coming home on leave; leave which they so greatly need --- and so completely deserve.

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