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Before their houses on the Menin road.

There are no houses now; the rain In pools where they have been Lies deep; or out upon the plain A few frail walls may lean; And oh! the little children must not play

With what they find beside the Menin way. And I remember gallant men

And lads who fought and died, And think of all their laughter when They said Good-bye-and died; For "Oh! it's not too bad," they used to say,

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"Punch."

#### MUD.

We'll stand 'is flamin' shrapnel, what he lobs all round about,

We're used ter pickled fruit and H.E. shells; Machine guns makes yer anxious, and the

suiper puts you out, But one thing worse upon yer patience tells.

Its the mud, the blindin' mud,

Clingin', draggin,' downing mud, With lakes, an' pools and puddles far and wide;

Grave of debris, dead, and dud, Black and brown, and tinged with blood; The soil where heroes struggled, fought, and died.

When stretcher-bearers stagger under loads that hurt their backs, Sore wounded comrades, silent in their

pain, And six men take an hour to do a mile

without a track Through depths of liquid clay in pourin'

But sometimes when you've cowered down and prayed you might evade The shell that came right at you with a

Some stinging scraps have hit you, but you

move on undismayed; Thank God, it lobbed in mud; you're still alive.

Its the mud, the blindin' mud. Clingin,' draggin', downing mud, With lakes an' pools and puddles far and wide:

Grave of debris, dead, and dud, Black and brown, and tinged with blood; The soil where heroes struggled, fought and died.

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