

VERDUN

FRANCE'S FINEST HOUR

They shall not pass! said the men of Verdun 35 years ago and with their blood they made good their promise to France. Against the might of Germany they stood firm or died where they fell. Von Falkenhayn planned to bleed France white and freely her blood flowed, but Verdun stood. And here France remembers them, those who knew only how "to fight, to suffer and, if need be, to die." Here, and at the Trench of the Bayonets at Douaumont, where they fought on, when only steel remained with which to fight.

And on this night of anniversary the Veterans of Verdun rejoin in memory those who fell by their side. In the long years of that war so many years ago, two million homes suffered lest Verdun fall. But Verdun stood and France and Freedom lived to remember.