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Lyrics By
Oliver J. Franko.

"HOW I WON MY CROIX DE GUERRE."

Melody By
Ernie Creech.

INTRO:

(MARCIA)

Handwritten musical score for the piano introduction. It consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in 2/4 time. The tempo is marked 'MARCIA'. The first measure is marked 'f.' (forte). The melody in the treble clef features a series of chords and eighth notes, while the bass clef provides a steady accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

Vamp (Tempo Di Marcia)

-Voice-

Handwritten musical score for the 'Vamp' section. It features a piano accompaniment on two staves and a vocal line on a single staff. The piano part is marked 'p.' (piano). The vocal line is marked '1. - A -' and '2. - Now -'. The tempo is 'Tempo Di Marcia'. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

(NOT FAST.)

Handwritten musical score for the main song. It includes a vocal line and piano accompaniment on two staves. The tempo is '(NOT FAST.)'. The piano part is marked 'p.' (piano). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

CROIX DE GUERRE; is what you wear, when you're A he-ro, BRAVE, IT MAKES THE PEOPLE
TALK ABOUT YOUR WASHINGTON, YOUR LINCOLN AND YOUR LEE; - They're heroes, Don't You

RAVE, - They simply CAN'T Be- HAVE; - The girls, ALL WANT TO KISS YOU, AS YOU
see, - BUT THEN, JUST THINK OF ME; - I TOOK A CHANCE, AND SAILED TO FRANCE, TO

MARCH ALONG THE STREET, JUST JOLLY YOU, AND FOLLOW YOU, THEY THINK YOU'RE HARD TO FIGHT FOR LIB-ER-TY, — WHAT SHERMAN SAID, TO THAT'S HAVE LED, A HERO, — I MUST

-RIT.-

BEAT; THEY'LL ASK YOU MANY QUESTIONS YOU CAN BEAT, — AND HOW THAT LITTLE BE; — I'LL TELL YOU FOLKS, I'VE HAD A LOT OF FUN, — AND I WILL TELL YOU

WAR CROSS, YOU DID GET, — 1-I
HOW THIS CROSS, I WON. — 2-I

Chorus - (MARCH) -

HAD TO CAPTURE FOURTEEN HUNGRY GER - MANS, — AND BRING THEM ONE BY ONE, BACK INTO SLEPT IN TRENCHES THAT WERE FULL OF "COO - TIES," — AND CARRIED THEM A-ROUND, SOMETIMES A

CAMP; _____ After That, I captured Three or Four Ma-chine _____ Guns, AND
 Month; _____ They each Night AS I would Do MY SENTRY DU _____ Ties, ON

CARRIED THEM UN-till I GOT A CRAMP; _____ with AN Aeroplane, I almost killed the
 "No Man's Land, the enemy, I b hunt; _____ Them, with hand Grenades, I chased them from their

- RITARD. -

Kai _____ ser, AS STAR-shells burst AROUND me, with A glare! _____ with My
 "Dug _____ outs," AS Shrapnell burst AROUND me, ev'ry where! _____ when They'd

- PP -

- A tempo -

AUTO-ma-t-ic GUN, I, ONCE, MADE The Crown Prince RUN, - Now, THAT is how I
 SEND A Big BARRAGE, 'ROUND A Tree, To CAMOU-flage, - AND, THAT is how I

- f -

Handwritten musical score for the song "Non My Croix de Guerre". The score is written in 2/4 time and consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The piano accompaniment is written in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one sharp. Dynamics include *ff* (fortissimo) and *f* (forte). The piece concludes with a double bar line and the word "Fin." written above the final notes.

Non My Croix de Guerre. I - Guerre.
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ff *f* *ff* > =Fin.=

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1.

A Croix de guerre, is what you wear, when you're a hero brave;
It makes the people rave, they simply can't behave;
The girls all want to kiss you, as you march along the street,
Just jolly you, and follow you, they think you're hard to beat;
They'll ask you many questions, you can bet,
And how this little war cross, you did get.

Chorus.

I had to capture fourteen hungry Germans,
And bring them one by one, back into camp;
After that I captured three or four Machine guns,
And carried them until I got a cramp;
With an Aeroplane, I almost killed the Kaiser,
As Star shells burst around me, with a glare,
With my Automatic gun, I once made the Crown Prince run,
Now, that is how I won my Croix de guerre.

2.

Now, talk about your Washington, your Lincoln, and your Lee,
They're heroes, don't you see, But then, just think of me;
I took a chance, and sailed to France, to fight for Liberty,
What Sherman said, to tho'ts have led, a hero I must be;
I'll tell you folks, I've had a lot of fun,
And I will tell you how this cross I won.

2nd Chorus.

I slept in Trenches that were full of "Cooties",
And carried them around, sometimes a month;
Then each night as I would do my sentry duties,
On No Mans Land, the enemy I'd hunt;
Then, with hand grenades, I chased them from their dugouts,
As Shrapnel burst around me, everywhere,
When they'd send a big Barrage,
'Round a tree I'd Camouflage,
And that is how I won my Croix de guerre.

3rd Chorus.

At Verdun I fought in the greatest battle,
As cannons roared around me, everywhere;
While the very ground around me, shook and rattled,
But, like a hero brave, I didn't care;
With my Bayonet, I charged the front line trenches,
While fumes of mustard gases filled the air,
With my little Springfield gun,
Hindenburg, I then made run,
For, that is how I won my Croix de guerre.

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EXTRA CHORUSES.

4th Chorus.

I carried sick and wounded, on my shoulder,
Behind the lines to dugouts, every day;
Gave the water from my Canteen, to a soldier,
As there upon the battlefield he lay;
With my little knife, I carry in my Mess Kit,
A lot of German Goose steps I did scare,
Then the river Rhine I'd swim,
To a place they call Berlin,
And that is how I won my Croix de guerre.

5th Chorus.

When they showed me how to use the Liquid fire,
I tried to burn up all of Germany;
To get the Kaiser, was my one desire,
Just for the cause of love and Liberty;
When a bunch of dirty germans yelled, Oh, comrade,
I got so mad I almost had to swear,
So I punched them in the nose,
Then set fire to their clothes,
And, that is how I won my Croix de guerre.

6th Chorus.

In a Submarine, one day I sailed the Ocean,
And sank a graet big german battle ship;
After that whenever I would take a notion,
A pill, to Kaiser Bill, I'd try to slip;
Then I busted up the gun they call Big Bertha,
The gun that fires shells, most anywhere,
I flew over Paris town, Where I brought a Zeppelin down,
Now, that is how I won my Croix de guerre.

7th Chorus.

Then I drove a Tank, and made the germans scatter,
And chased them many miles, upon their way;
I'd turn around, and their lines I would batter,
Then upon them, my Machine gun, I would play;
A pill box is a deadly thing to tackle,
But, there is nothing that I would not dare,
Single handed, I took four,
But, I could have captured more,
And, that is how I won my Croix de guerre.