

- BOOK REVIEW -

PHANTOM PATROL

By A. R. Channel

(Reviewed by A. J. McLeod, '42)

"Phantom Patrol" is a story of the recent Russo-Finnish war. The leading character in this novel is a young Briton, who, unable to get out of Finland when the war starts, decides to assist in the defense of the nation. With a small band of young Finns he forms the Phantom Patrol for the purpose of spying on the enemy and impeding their advance in any way possible. By means of a small radio-set in their shack behind the Russian lines, the boys keep the Finnish generals posted on the enemy troop movements, and obtain other valuable information. At other times they ski across the Russian border in their white phantom-like cloaks to wreck trains, blow up bridges and free captives. The young scouts have many narrow escapes from capture and death, but they elude the enemy until the country is finally over-run and they flee to Sweden.

The story contains some interesting information on the conduct of the war, the cowardice and brutality of the Russian soldiers, and the gallant struggle made by the heroic Finns in the weird semi-darkness of the Finnish winter. It is written in a simple language which makes reading easy, and all things considered, is worthy of a place among the war novels of the day.

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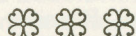
By Humfrey Jordan

(Reviewed by Ronan MacDonald, '43)

To every energetic and industrious man retired from active life there comes a time when his quiet and uneventful existence becomes unbearable. He feels within himself how dull it is "to rust unburnished, not to shine in use", and he craves with all his soul to embark on some exciting enterprise, to feel himself useful and necessary. All men feel this craving; very few have the courage to follow it. This is the story of three men who had.

Humfrey Jordan recounts in his entertaining volume the tale of the three adventurers, a retired sea-captain, a chief engineer, and a salesman of farm machinery. Fast friends, they bought a tramp steamer, and organized a one ship shipping company. Their sudden venture into commerce in spite of opposition from relatives, and their subsequent experiences, pleasant and otherwise, form a vivid and absorbing narrative. The style is leisurely, but with passages of breath taking suspense, and with a freshness and salty tang that lift it far above the level of a romance. Also the author has the delightful faculty of being able to express the commonplace in piquant and picturesque phrases.

The book is not one to be placed on a "must read" list, but for an evening or so of sheer enjoyment, this entertaining story is highly recommended.



He makes no friends who never made a foe.

—Tennyson.

Good manners are made up of petty sacrifices.

—Emerson