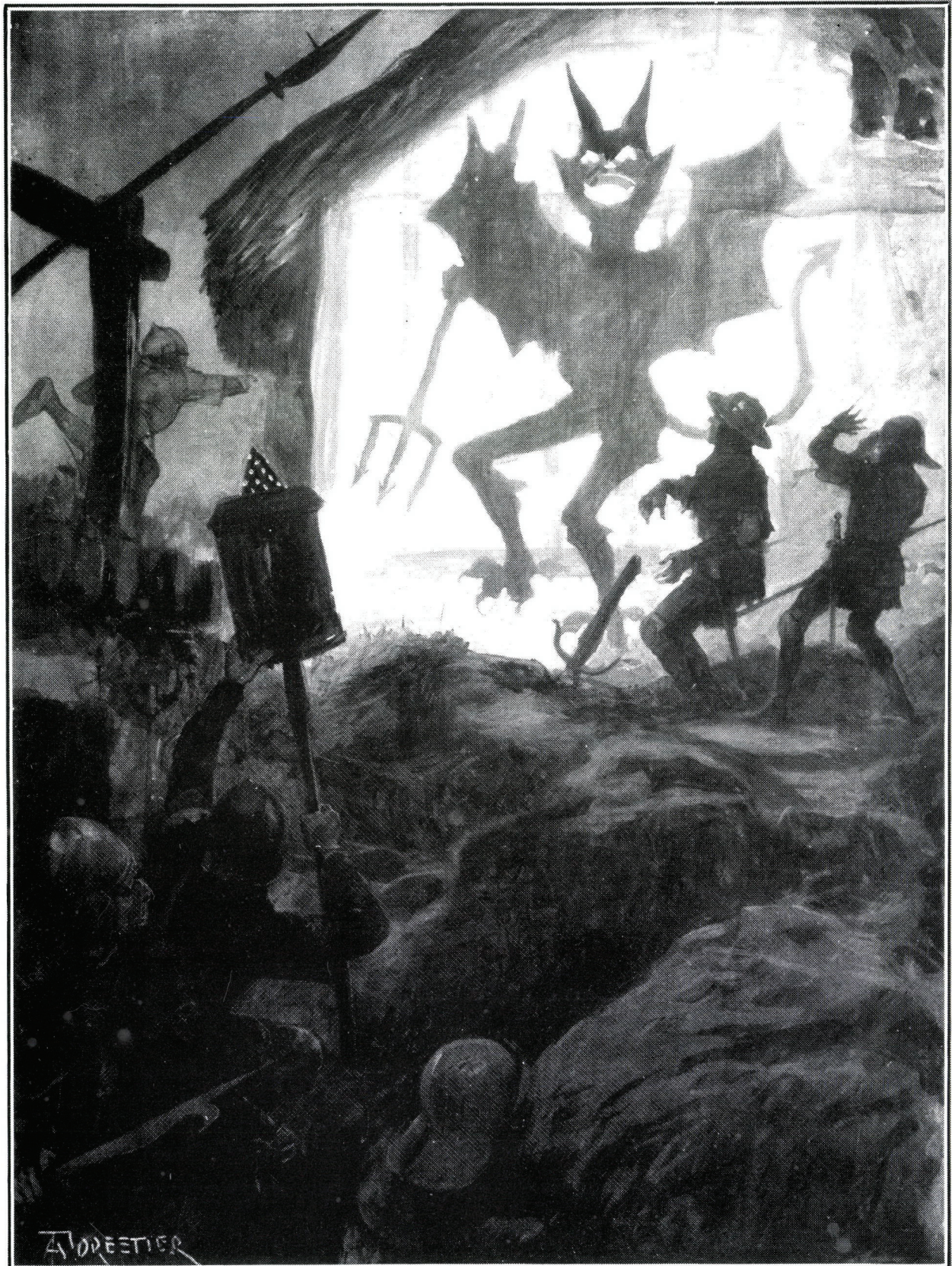


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#### SCARING SENTINELS WITH A DIABOLIC APPARITION

*Necromancers in the Middle Ages used to terrify their dupes with an instrument which was the forerunner of the magic lantern, and the same device was sometimes used in warfare to terrify sentinels. In the more elaborate lanterns used by the necromancers there was a focussing appliance by which the picture was suddenly enlarged so that the spectators behind the screen fancied the demons were rushing towards them. There is some evidence of the instrument having been used by the Egyptians.*

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