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We thank your skies for all their gold, We crave no nights of zero, We like your suns, but when it's cold It's hard to be a hero.

Your misses, soft in speech and eyes, Your genial, pleasant matrons. Your cakes and sweet potato pies And cooks with gleaming aprons.

O hail to thee-- though rains may flow Upon your roads so ruddy--The sun is bound to shine, and oh! Your smile is never muddy!

> By Private Charles Divine - 107th Infantry





CHARLES L. PHILLIPS

Brigadier General Charles L. Phillips, acting in command of the 27th Division, U. S. A., was born in Illinois of New England parentage. His boyhood was spent in Maine, from which State he was selected as a cadet to attend West Point. On graduation, he was assigned to the artillery, in which branch he has since served continuously until his present assignment.

Except for short service in command of the coast defenses of San Francisco and for a three-year tour of duty in the Philippines, he has been stationed at various coast artillery posts on the Atlantic coast. He was adjutant at the Fortress Monroe Coast Artillery School for four years. He has also commanded the coast defenses of Key West, Eastern New York, Portland, Me., San Francisco and Manila Bay.

When assigned to his present duty, he was in command of the Northeastern Coast Artillery District, including all the coast defenses of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with headquarters in Boston. He has been active in the development of coast artillery methods of fire control, and has been associated with other artillery officers who have originated many of the modern devices now in use.

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN FRANCIS O'RYAN

He is forty-three years old, this excellent soldier who commands the Twenty-seventh Division, U. S. A. He was born in New York City, and there studied in the public schools, the College of the City of New York and New York University. From the latter institution he received his degree in law. He became, subsequently, as efficient a lawyer as he is a soldier.

He enlisted, March 12, 1897, in G Company, Seventh New York Infantry, and was transferred to the First Artillery, November 22, 1900, becoming a Second Lieutenant in that organization just two weeks later.

Thus started, his rise was rapid. April 9. 1904, he was commissioned First Lieutenant, and Captain May 10, 1907. The succeeding steps to his present commission were made with the rapidity and certainty that could not be denied so able an officer.

On April 16, 1912, he became Major General of the New York Division. He has become an authority on many military subjects; has written much and lectured much. He is a strong disciplinarian and a recognized authority on the psychology of discipline.

He graduated from the Anny War College in the class of 1914. His records there were enviable. Moreover, he was the first National Guard officer in the country to complete the course.

Last August, the United States Senate immediately confirmed his nomination to the command of the Twenty-seventh Division, U. S. A. He was among the first of the National Guard Division Commanders to be thus accepted.

In September, he was assigned to special duty in France, leaving his troops in Camp Wadsworth. He commanded the New York Division on the Mexical Border in 1916, and there won distinction as an organizer.

Despite the fact he is a rigid disciplinarian, he is never brusque nor discourteous. He is just in his own dealings with his men, and insists upon such fairness prevailing throughout the Division.

His return to this Division is an event to be looked toward eagerly. We are singularly fortunate in having Major General John F. O'Ryan as the man who is to lead us against our enemy.



HON. CHAS. WHITMAN, GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK, REVIEWED THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DIVIS-ION ON FRIDAY, NO-VEMBER 1, 1917.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT

Friday, November 1st, was an old-home celebration at Camp Wadsworth, for a New York Governor, hundreds of New York fathers, mothers, wives, brothers, sisters and sweethearts witnessed New York soldiers on their general review.

The Governor had arrived in Spartanburg the previous day, and had visited various parts of the camp, where due honors were accorded him. On Thursday evening a dinner and reception was given the Governor and Mrs. Whitman at the Hotel Cleveland, where General Charles L. Phillips and staff, Governor Mauning and staff, besides many prominent citizens of Spartanburg, were in attendance.

The review began Friday morning at ten o'clock and lasted for three hours. The Commanding Officer and staff, the Governor of South Carolina and staff and the Governor of New York and staff were upon the reviewing stand, while the parade grounds were surrounded with interested spectators.

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EDITORIAL

(By Charles L. Phillips, Brigadier General, Commanding Twenty-seventh Division.)

It is extremely gratifying to be able to express, through the columns of THE RIO GRANDE RATTLER, to be known hereafter as the CAMP WADSWORTH GAS ATTACK AND RIO GRANDE RATTLER, my keen appreciation of the splendid military spirit that is being shown by the officers and men of the Twenty-seventh Division. I have yet to come in contact with a single officer or enlisted man who is not giving the very best he has in him in an effort to prepare for the work we have before us, and I am ready publicly to announce that I have no apprehension as to how that work will be accomplished when we come in contact with it.

I most heartily approve of the rehabilitation of THE RATTLER as a means of "holding the mirror up to nature" in so far as the daily lives of the soldiers of this command are concerned.

From all that has been said to me on the subject, it is quite evident that the men of the old Sixth Division looked upon THE RATTLER during their Border service as a part and parcel of their daily life along the Rio Grande, and it is only necessary to glance through its files to understand how much real pleasure it All these left their work at the call of their a most indulgent uncle to the new-born sheet.

must have afforded their relatives and friends at home. In this connection, I trust that it will be as successful in carrying out this particular part of its functions here in South Carolina as it was in the "Magic Valley, and I bespeak for it the support of every citizen in this vicinity, and every soldier in this command.

WATCH FOR THE WADSWORTH GAS ATTACK!

THE WADSWORTH GAS ATTACK is an outgrowth of THE RIO GRANDE RATTLER. Every man who saw service on the Border has heard the rattle of that journalistic reptile. Now, in place of THE RATTLER, THE WADSWORTH GAS Аттаск comes sweeping over the Carolina cotton fields. Get out your gas masks!

THE WADSWORTH GAS ATTACK iS YOUR paper. It is the official newspaper and magazine of the Twenty-seventh Division, edited by and for members of this Division. It will come out once a week. It will cost five cents a copy. It will be on sale everywhere-canteens, Y. M. C. A. tents and at new stands in Spartanburg.

It will contain live news, special feature articles, pictures, cartoons, official orders, bulletins and announcements, personals about you and your friends, answers to questions, letters to the editor, editorials, sporting news, a humorous column called The Incinerator,-in fact, all the features that go to make up a modern newspaper, except, possibly, a woman's page.

Get behind the GAS ATTACK. Make it the SUCCESS THE RIO GRANDE RATTLER Was. Read it yourself. Buy a copy to send home. Send in contributions. Remember, it is YOUR paper.

COMMENDATION

This first number of THE WADSWORTH GAS ATTACK AND RIO GRANDE RATTLER makes its appearance after overcoming many difficulties. It springs forth into existence but not into full stature. It expects to grow and to improve with the coming issues.

That Camp Wadsworth should have a medium which will be able to express the weekly history of the camp as well as to spread and preserve good fellowship, is sufficient excuse for this sheet.

No camp periodical has earned a more worthy and more enviable reputation than has THE RIO GRANDE RATTLER, which in a short time on the Mexican border became known and was quoted in every city of our country.

It is the wish of THE GAS ATTACK to carry on the same good work, and it is our hope to maintain the high standard of our predecessor Camp Wadsworth has hundreds of news-

paper men in the various branches of the service from General to Private, who, in civil life, were engaged in the various divisions of labor necessary to produce a great metropolitan periodical. There is the city editor, the reporter, the cartoonist, the funny man, the sporting editor, the compositor, the pressman, the advertising staff, and the circulation manager. the Y. M. C. A., but the Y. M. C. A. has been

country to enter the service. These are the men who have contributed the products of their talents and experience to make this periodical a success. Nor is the list given below complete, for a representative from each military unit is upon our staff, a list of whom we hope to give in a later issue.

We are indebted to General Phillips for our chief editorial: Lieutenant.-Colonel Ward for much kindly, expert and valuable advice; Captain E. W. Moore, Senior Aide, for giving data and suggestions; Sergeant Gaylord W. Elliott; Percy T. Edrop, Chaplain; Privates Wm. A. Davenport, Edward Streeter, K. Bisbee, Richard Connell, Dick Kennedy, Mark V. Brady, Charles Bogart, Emanuel Silverman, Frank Guenthner, Edward Munch, Fred J. Smith, John Kresga. We cannot repay these men, much less would they accept any remuneration, for their service has been a military service as freely given as any service a soldier can give.

Most sincerely.

J. S. KINGSLEY.

SEND IT IN

The editors of THE WADSWORTH GAS AT-TACK want all sorts of material. Send it in.

The latest mess hall quip (subject to censor), light verse on kitchen police, cold shower baths, burned beans, standing guard in the rain, the reveille bugle, non-coms and other humorous subjects, cartoons, photographs, special articles, serious or comic, any good information about your unit that you think will interest the other members of the Division, what Mulligan said to the top-sergeant, personals-that is the sort of stuff the editors want.

Just write your jest or article plainly, on one side of the paper, in ink. Sign your name and unit. Artists should make their drawings in black ink, twice the size they are to appear. It will be impossible to return rejected contributions.

Bring or send all contributions to The Editor. THE WADSWORTH GAS ATTACK, Y. M. C. A. Headquarters, Camp Wadsworth, Y. M. C. A. Headquarters are opposite Division Headquarters. The GAS ATTACK offices are there. Drop in any time.

N. B.-Don't shoot the editors. They are doing their best.

A WORD OF THANKS

The editors of THE WADSWORTH GAS AT-TACK wish to thank the Y. M. C. A. for its generous co-operation and real aid in launching the GAS ATTACK. When the GAS ATTACK was first being generated, the Y. M. C. A., as usual, was on the job. It has given its buildings, its time and some of its best men to the work of running the GAS ATTACK. It has allowed its splendid reputation to be used as a guarantee of the financial stability of the GAS Аттаск. This has gained the Gas Аттаск advertisers, and has made it possible for Camp Wadsworth to have a paper of its own. THE WADSWORTH GAS ATTACK is not the child of

YOU'VE GO TO KEEP AWAKE

in Camp.)

"Not believe 'em! By Gad, sir, you've heard nothing. I could crinkle your marrow with the things I've seen. I saw the naked body of a beautiful little girl with-but what's the good?"

It was "a certain British officer" speaking to the reporters. He is right here in Camp Wadsworth, but neither THE WADSWORTH GAS ATTACK nor any other newspaper could obtain his permission to use his name.

He is a specialist in trench warfare and close quarter fighting. He's a big fellow, and, like most of the big chaps, of mild manner under ordinary circumstances. But as he talked he changed.

"Take prisoners?" he replied to one of the reporters, "yes, if it's safe to do so; but don't leave a living German behind you, however much he is done, unless there is someone to look after him. Experience has proved that it can't be done. The first man who stuck me had 'surrendered.'

"I hate teaching 'frightfulness,'" he continued. "People think I'm a blackguard. But it has to be done, like a lot of unpleasant licemen have to travel on their patrols make things in this war. We started this war with the idea of playing fair. For instance, it was months before our government allowed us to use poison gas, although our general staff insisted that it was necessary as a measure of self defense. We still play much too fair, but we, at last, teach the idea of 'butchery as a duty.' The Germans coined that phrase, informing their soldiers that as their cause was so 'holy' it was a sacred duty to kill the allies. The converse would seem to apply.

"Close quarter fighting is what we shall win by. It is the fighting spirit that wins any war. All war appliances, guns, etc., are used with one and the same object, and that is to enable the infantry to get on and get in with the bayonet. The German is no close-quarter fighter. He hates cold steel and will use it only when he has to and when his supply of bombs is exhausted. He has no 'innards' and no personal initiative. He is not trained to have this latter, but is treated as a machine -'cannon fodder' as applied to the soldier is their own term-and he's consequently frightened when he's got to think and act for himself and be mighty quick about it.

"The finest descriptive writer or talker' in the world can give no idea of the actual trench-war conditions to a man who hasn't been there. You've got to live in it in order to realize it.

"Discipline is what is wanted. You've got to keep awake, for example, when you'd much rather suffer the death penalty for going to sleep, so long as you could sleep right away. Discipline, physical fitness, and no kindheartedness. There's no room for this latter. The 'Hun'-in England we never say 'German,' just as in France they only say 'Boche' -will only take advantage of kind-heartedness."

THE MILITARY POLICE

Hurrah! for the 27th Division. New Yorker: should be proud of the conduct of the soldiers at Camp Wadsworth. No organization knows the conditions as well as the 102nd Military Police, who do the policing of the camp within its five-mile radius.

The members of the Military Police are jubilant over the fact that it is seldom necessary to place under arrect a brother soldier. for it is the policy of the Military Police, as now organized, to help, and not to prosecute. We are all one great large family of soldiers bent on a serious purpose, and it is the desire of the Military Policeman to have his brother soldier look upon him as a gool pal rather than one who is looking for trouble.

No soldier in this Division need fear a Military Policeman so long as he does not violate orders, the law and Camp Regulations.

The M. P., however, has been instructed to be firm and positive in his duty and to round up with a jerk the soldier who disregards regulations.

The Military Policeman in most instances is mounted. In fact, it is a mounted organization, because the distances the Military Poit necessary. They are organized as mounted infantry. But the M. P. are limited not only to police duty. Every available man in camp is undergoing an intensive training in both cavalry and infantry drill.

The 102nd Military Police, upon arrival at Camp Wadsworth, and after taking over the police affairs, took the situation rigorously in hand, cleaned up the boot-legger in jig-time: made good friends with all of the city authorities and police and with the co-operation of the civil authorities established a morale second to none of any camp in the United States. The M. P.'s are patrolling their posts these days and on account of the clean-up have little to do. The greatest present duty of the Military Police is learning whether the soldier has a pass to leave camp; to watch the man who runs his horse unnecessarily; and to see that all men visiting the city conduct themselves in a soldierly manner and are neat and clean. These are the orders from headquarters and, of course, they must be carried out. The M. P. have a field just north of their camp where they conduct mounted drills in the morning and foot exercises in the afternoon. We have polo, jumping horses, baseball and other games, and we invite the members of the Division to attend our sports. We also have in our organization Private Arthur Donovan, son of Mike Donovan, the famous boxing instructor of the New York Athletic Club. Donovan has participated in a number of famous bouts.

Lieut. Irving Fiery, of the Officers' Reserve Corps, has been assigned as Acting Aide to Col. Bates, Commander of the recently organized Second Provincial Infantry Brigade Lieut. Fiery has been on duty with the 12th N. Y. Infantry.

SAMMIES?

(A Censored Interview with a British officer (By Major T. Harry Shanton, Commanding.) (By Lieutenant W. Francklyn Paris, of the 102nd Train.)

> There has been a great deal of perfectly good white paper spoiled in the press and out by writers who have taken seriously the attempt of several over-imaginative war correspondents "somewhere in France" to fasten on our boys in khaki the very feeble and absolutely inadequate nickname of "Sammies."

> Obviously, Sammie does not fit as a nickname, and for that very simple but very sufficient reason it is in no danger whatever of "sticking." It is interesting, however, to speculate as to how the name ever came to be applied, and as I have a theory of my own which I have seen nowhere expressed, I venture to offer it for consideration.

I have an idea that when our boys landed at St. Nazaire they were met with the cry, "Voila les amis," or "Vivent les amis," or perhaps "nos amis." Now, in French, when the word following a final consonant begins with a vowel, you run the two words together. Thus, les amis or nos amis would be pronounced lesamis or nosamis, and the American newspaper men hearing it might quite naturally and quite innocently twisted Lesamis into Les Sammees and think they had discovered a new name.

As a matter of fact, the French have found a nickname for us. I find it in an account of the review of the American troops in Paris on July 4th, printed in La Vie Parisienne. It is put into the mouth of a workingman, who, in addition to giving our boys a sobriquet, coined a happy phrase which has since been taken up by the French as a profound truth.

When the American troops debouched into the Place de la Concorde from the Rue Royale, this new Gavroche yelled out: "V'la les Aminches. Ca c'est l'armee du salut!" or in plain United States: "Here come the Americans. These boys are the salvation army!"

Aminche is a new word, coined on the spur of the moment and under the stress of a strong emotion. It may or may not stick with us, but it probably will survive with the French. It has a virile sound, and is ab olutely without any flavor of patronage or condescension. It is not a pet name like Sammy, but rather onomatopeious, in which the sound corresponds with the thing spoken of. It is pronounced like our word Comanche (changing the first syllable, of course), and even when used in the plural form (Aminches) has only two syllables.

Strike up the band, the Aminches are coming !

"Dress up," roared the Topper, "y' grinnin' baboon";

"Dress up," bawled the Topper, "y' half-witted loon.'

"How can I?" asked Riley, adjusting his spur, "How can I dress up on thirty beans per?"

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Some men only have a platonic love for their country.

WHAT DOES YOUR BAYONET MEAN TO YOU?

You've noticed the pace growing faster. If your eyes are right and your mind is meshing properly, you've noticed that you are sinking deeper and deeper into the army machine; that you are becoming less and less the fellow you were back in New York.

If you haven't gotten this viewpoint, you're in wrong. You volunteered. You weren't kidnapped. You volunteered to fight and fight you must.

Shirk and you're lost. Get this straight. Learn to use your rifle. Learn to use that bayonet. And LEARN IT ALL. Slow down and, when the New York Division gets to France or to whatever other part of war-torn Europe we are assigned, your life is going to be just as safe as a church in Belgium.

Some of you are going to condemn this as rot. You are going to continue shirking and you are going to continue in your firm belief that your officers are slave drivers and that they insist upon drilling you because they like to boss somebody around. You are not going to take advice. But, by the million lights on Broadway, you're going to wish you had.

The British and the French armies have detailed to Camp Wadsworth officers and noncoms to teach our officers and our non-coms the business of trench warfare. There happens to be amongst them a Sergeant-Major who has done his bit and is "carrying on." He has been thrice cited for conspicuous bravery. He wears the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Through both shoulders and through the stomach he has felt the puncturing ability of the German bullet and bayonet. And now that he is about through as a trench fighter, he is teaching our officers and mon-coms physical training and the bayonet.

His name is (deleted by the censor.) His regiment is a spleudid Irish outfit. So much for (-----), and his three years in the trenches. Hear him.

"It's not hard to understand why some of you chaps are not fully appreciative of the conditions you're going up against. It was hard for England to realize the situation for a long time; and England is decidedly nearer the fight than you are, geographically.

'But if I am able to do nothing else, I pray that I might be able to drive home to you fellows the demand that you learn your bayonet and your rifle. If you get by half-baked; if you don't know how to kill with your rifle and with your bayonet, you're a nuisance to your company, to your regiment, and to yourself.

"This is no tea affair. You'll kill or be killed, and unless you know how to kill you have less than one chance in a hundred to survive your first engagement. You've got to know how to thrust and where to thrust. I'll take a boy weighing less than 100 pounds, teach him how to use the bayonet, and he'll tear the life out of a big brute of 180 pounds who has nothing but size and strength and no knowledge of how it should be applied.

of the bayonet-catch a big German on No 47th Infantry, many happy times were recalled MAN'S LAND. The kid lunged, caught the Hun through the pelvis and tried to withdraw. The bayonet had pierced one lobe of the heavy bone structure and there it stuck. The German got away-got away dragging the bayonet and rifle after him like a tail. Another Boche landed the kid.

"You fellows are, as a whole, the most intelligent outfit I have ever seen. I've done service with the British Army in India, China, Africa, South America and in France and Belgium. I'm a soldier by trade. I know whereof I speak. I've never seen a more willing nor more capable lot in my life and I rather think it is the common opinion of us a11.

"But you're here at home. To all intents and purposes you are in your own homes. You are certain of three meals a day. And they are good meals. You'll realize that in time. You find it rare sport to thrust into the dummies and high fun to go chasing across the fields and through the thickets after imaginary enemies.

But you've got to get into your mind the fact that you are going in to fight men who want to kill you; who would rather kill you than feed you as a prisoner, because food is an asset not to be squandered. You've got to realize that you are not fighting human beings. There may have been sporting blood in other wars, but you'll get no benefit of such sportsmanship in this fight.

"I've seen them throw petrol on the clothes of wounded men and then touch a match to the poor devils. I've seen them disembowel an enemy doctor who sought to aid them as they lay wounded. I have no desire nor have I the stomach to recite the horrors I have seen. It might not be altogether fair to you.

"But that smile must come off your faces. Your faces must reflect the realization that must possess your mind that you've got to kill or be killed; that you've got to learn that rifle; that you must know how to use that bayonet."

"You want to get back to New York. Well, give yourself a fair show."

> W. A. D., 107th Infantry.

FORTY-SEVENTH NEW YORK IN-FANTRY

Private Dalton, Company I, was on guard during a recent explosion in the Frankford Arsenal. By breaking through a window, he managed to rescue two fainting damsels. After placing them out of harm's way, he returned for another. Meantime, the first two recovered and ran away. Returning with the third, he found the other two-had disappeared. "Gee!" he yelled to a comrade, "I can never marry the girls I am rescuing, they are all beating it away on me!"

The String Orchestra of Company K was entertained by Sergeant Harry Murphy, of Division Headquarters, last Monday evening. "Back in 1014 I saw a husky lad-earnest A delightful time was spent by all present. enough but wholly ignorant of the proper use As Sergeant Murphy is an ex-member of the Legion.

by those present.

Mess Sergeant Shelkin, of Company I, had two recruits detailed for Kitchen Police. One of them "demanded what his duties were. The Sergeant replied: "Your first job is to go out in front of the mess shack and dig the knots out of the cord wood."

Two members of Company M were speaking about the coming physical examination. Said one: "I may be rejected on account of my eye-sight." "Well, let's try you out," the other replied. "You see that big yellow house over there?" "Yes," was the quick response. "Well, I can't," replied the wit, walking away.

F. Frye, of the Supply Company, tried to ride a mule one day last week. The only compensation received for trying to "make good" was "two-bucks."

Social Notes-Last Monday Company K visited the trenches.

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS TROOP

One of the busiest points in camp just now is that occupied by the troopers attached to Division Headquarters. Not content with calling their location Times Square and setting up sign posts at Broadway and Forty-second Street, they are at present finishing work on a new building where the Division dandies will be able to have their manly forms measured for suits that will actually fit them. The new shop boasts a real Fifth Avenue tailor, who is working in connection with the troop canteen. The embryo dispatch riders have also built a first-class restaurant. At the suggestion of Captain Davis Dunbar and First Lieutenant Douglass Cameron, a chef was brought down all the way from Gotham to cater to the tastes of the Division, and he has been handing out such tender delicacies that the Mess Sergeant has returned home on furlough to gather enough new ideas to hold his office.

The show place of the troop street is Blighty Villa, the home of the British noncoms attached to the Division. The Tommies, who are expert instructors in the art of trench knife and bayonet, have all seen active service in the trenches for the last few years. Among them are Sergeants-Major Tector, of the British Army Gymnastic Staff, and Mc-Farland, of the West Yorkshires; Sergeant Grey, of the Royal Berkshires, and Privates Thornhill and Gitts, of The Artists Rifles. Another familiar figure is Sergeant Alfred Parent, of the 109th French Infantry. The Sergeant has already served three years in the trenches and has been rewarded twice with the Croix de Guerre. Before the present war, he served four years in our own navy.

In addition to their regular work, the men are now taking a special course in French. Attendance is compulsory and rapid progress is being made. The classes are being given by Private Rauol Vlober, formerly a French professor in New York City. He is being assisted by Corporal Chanut and Private Croskey, the latter a veteran of the French Foreign PRIVATE F. J. ASHLEY.

THE INCINERATOR

When the drifting sands of McAllen smothered the fires of The Incinerator last December, and the RIO GRANDE RATTLER coiled itself up in the embers for a long bunk fatigue, it didn't expect to hear drill call blown again so quickly. Times have changed since the Cactus Campaign of 1916. The transition from chaparal to shrapnel has been sudden. The Incinerator burns again, but it burns green wood. The lines of our mouths are straighter. Our eyes are more fixed. Our ideals are grimmer and more definite. Nevertheless, in spite of the earnestness of our purpose, there is always time for a smile, even with the eight-hour drill schedule. The same old mistakes are made. The same wags wag, and will as long as a camp is a camp. The old RATTLER is dead. Its infant progeny, THE WADSWORTH GAS AT-TACK, takes its place with a toothless smile of greeting to the 27th Division, U. S. A.

The nearest thing to a Rio Grande Rattler we see hereabout is one of those taxis which run between the camp and Spartanburg. ---0----

Sweaters without sleeves. Fingerless gloves. Why not socks without feet or pants without legs? As you were, kind friends. We still have all the members charged to us on our property accountability slip at birth ready to show at inspection.

And suppose the thrifty quartermasters at Washington get wind of this idea? We will be issued the blouseless sleeve and the soleless shoe.

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company. They walked as if their shoes were filled with the cook's biscuits. They just wouldn't drill. Finally, he lined them up before him. "Any man too tired to drill step one pace to the front." As one man, they executed the first proper movement that afternoon, all except a little fellow in the rear rank. The captain looked at him affectionately. "At least, there is one man in the outfit!" he cried triumphantly. "Why didn't you step out with the others?" "Captain, I was just too tired to move," replied the Buck. ---0---

It is rumored that the man who invented the Sibley stove is the same one who invented the brown derby, creases in trousers and the non-commissioned officer. The police are working on the case.

Speaking of Sibley stoves-do your Christmas shopping early.

-0-A Hero's Letter to His Sweetheart Dear Mabel:

I haven't wrote you for some time now I've had such sore feet lately. When they broke our regiment up and transferred me to artillery I thought I was going to quit using my feet, but that was just another rumor.

Thanks for that box of stuff you sent me.

I guess the brakeman must have sat on it all the way down. It was pretty well baled when it got here, but that don't matter. Thanks for the fudge. That was fudge, wasn't it, Mabel? Thanks for the socks, too. They don't fit me, but that don't matter. I can use them for something. A good soldier never throws anything away, no matter what it is. Thank your mother for the half pair of gloves she sent me. I am going to put them away. If I ever get all my fingers shot off, they will come in mighty handy.

The artillery is different from the infantry in lots of ways. They make us work harder. At least, there's more work on the schedule. I know what the papers mean now when they say that "the artillery's very active on the western front."

We do a drill called a Standing Gun Drill. The name's misleading. I believe it was first invented by a troupe of Jap acrobats. They make you get up and sit all over the gun, and no sooner do you get comfortably settled than they make you dismount again. Seems like they didn't know just what they did want us to do.

I don't like the sergeant. First day out he kept saying, "Prepare to mount!" and then, "Mount!" Finally, I went up and told him that as far as I was concerned he could cut that preparedness stuff, 'cause I was always ready to do what I was told, even though it might be the middle of the night. That's me all over. He said all right, then, of course, I was prepared to scrub pans Sunday.

I don't care much for the horses. I think they feel the same towards me. Most of them are so big that the only thing they are good for is the view you get when you climb up on The captain struggled in vain to drill his them. I took my first riding lesson the other day. It didn't last long, 'cause as soon as he started I fell off on my head. The sergeant said that if I hadn't used my head the way I did I would have been hurt sure.

> A fellow can get a hot shower down at the Spartanburg Y. M. C. A. now for a nickle. I go in every other week or so regular. I believe in this sanity stuff at any cost. That's me all over. After you've paid your nickle, they give you a little towel and a hunk of soap like a watermelon seed free. As soon as you begin to use the soap, it acts just like it looks and shoots across the room. Then you have to stand there and wait till some other fellow starts using his while he is facing in your direction. They build the showers so close together that if a fellow is a big strapper like me he is standing in three at the same time. One on one side scalding hot, the one on the other side cold as Greenland, and the one in the middle kind of undecided. But what do I care, I say, when I am doing it for old Glory? That's me all over.

> Well, I got to quit now and write a lot of other girls. Thanks again for the box of stuff, although it was so busted that it wasn't much good, but that don't matter.

> > Yours till the war ends,

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The Volunteer

Why didn't I wait to be drafted And led to the train by a band And put in my claim for exemptio ? Oh, why didn't I hold my hand? Why didn't I wait for the banquet? Why didn't I wait to be cheered? For the drafted men got all the credit, While I only volunteered. And nobody gave me a banquet,

Nobody said a kind word.

The puff of the engine, the grind of the wheels Was the only good-bye I heard.

Then off to the training camp hustled, To be trained for the next half year,

And in the shuffle forgotten,

I was only a volunteer.

And perhaps some day in the future, When my little boy sits on my knee And asks what I did in the great war, And his little eyes look up at me, I will have to look back in those eyes That at me so trustingly peer And tell him that I wasn't drafted,

I was only a volunteer.

--o-After we have token out half a dozen Lib-

erty Bonds, enough insurance to keep us comfortably during our declining years in the Old Soldiers' Home, made an allotment to our tailor and dentist, we are advised by the higher authorities not to throw the remainder of our money round foolishly. No; save your money, so that after the war you can buy the Singer Building or a Ford or something like that.

------Overheard on Guard

"Who's there?"

"Officer of the day."

"Hell! I thought it was the relief."

---0---Officer of the Day (to him of the 15th)-Sentry, what are your general orders?

Him of the 15th-Yas, suh, boss. Ah walks mah post and takes everything in sight.

---0----"Halt! Who's there?"

"Colonel Nutt and wife."

"Advance, Colonel Nutt, to be recognized. Wife, mark time."

Dear General:-I take my pen in hand to write and inform you that in private life I am a parachute artist. I therefore claim exemption on grounds of dependency.

Yours truly.

Percy Cheeze.

---0-Motto for a camp shower bath: Cleanliness is next to-impossible. E. S.

Wasted Wind

Got a one-cent stamp?

How do the Germans manage to stick out?

When are we going away?

Any drill this afternoo?

Sergeant, I haven't any trousers for guard. What'll I do?

Can I be excused from drill to wash my clothes?

Who used all the hot water in the showers?

ATHLETICS

Instructors Appointed for the 27th

Interest in the athletic possibilities of the Division was given a big boost last week, when the War Department announced the appointment of a special physical instructor to each cantonment.

Camp Wadsworth was extremely fortunate in securing Harvey Cohn, former Irish Athletic Club representative, as its mentor, and there is no reason why the teams turned out by the local organizations should not rival those of any army divisions in the country. In addition to Cohn, the men of Camp Wadsworth will also have an opportunity to train under William J. Davison, one of the most efficient physical coaches on the Y. M. C. A. staff, and Norman Selby, whose interest will be devoted entirely to making the individual soldier more effective in personal combat.

Cohn will be remembered for his work as a member of three American Olympic teams. He competed at St. Louis in 1904, at Athens four years later, and at London during the last world meet. In addition to holding several local records on New York tracks, the former Winged-fist representative surpassed all former performances for the 1,500 meter race in Sweden in 1908, and during the following winter set up a new world's record for the half mile while competing as a member of the 13th Regiment. The new camp director is no beginner at the coaching game, having for the past three years supervised the athletic destinies of Colby College.

Mr. Davison has been training athletes for half a generation, and his metlods have been universally accepted as the standard for indoor activities. He is author of several universally accepted texts in dancing and in gymnastics. Mr. Davison has been physical director in several of the largest Y. M. C. A.'s in the country. He is now secretary of the Albany, N. Y. Y. M. C. A. Since coming to Camp Wadsworth, he has been instrumental in forming teams in several of the organizations, and at the present time he is busy upon an athletic program that will bring the entire Division into closer competition. It is due mainly to his efforts that a Division football team has been organized.

To most of us, Selby needs no introduction. As "Kid McCoy," he has made a record in pugilistic circles which will stand for generations. It is hoped that he will be as successful in teaching the art of self-defense as he was in displaying it.

New York Division Wins at Sevier

Displaying the form of a team that had been playing together for several seasons, the allstar football team of Camp Wadsworth journeyed to Union last week and took the pigskin chasers of the 105th Ammunition Train of Camp Sevier, Greenville, into camp to the tune of 52 to 0. The Sevier contingent was completely outclassed from the start, crumbling under the heavy attack of the 27th Division | Both games will be played in Spartanburg.



representatives like a building struck by a centimeter shell. The Ammunition Train lads were unable to stand off the onslaught of their heavier opponents, and were fortunate that a much larger score was not compiled. The victors worked the forward pass freely, and in all but one or two instances netted big gains. A substitute team was tried out in the third quarter, and it showed up well. The regulars resumed activities in the final chapter.

The particular shining lights of the encounter were Purdy, formerly all-American star of Brown University; Wyght, formerly of Princeton; Foley, formerly of Georgetown; Smith, formerly of Phillips-Exeter; Coxe, formerly of Yale; Haucke, formerly of Cornell; Peuchen, Schwartz and Brigham for Camp Wadsworth, and Prauser, of the 105th Ammunition Train. The line-up:

	Camp Wadsworth.	105th A. T.
	Haucke L. E.	Barrineau
	Coxe L. T.	Moore
	Mowrey L.G.	Edwards
	Schwartz C	Smart
Ì	Smith R.G.	McCoy
	Shelden R. T.	Garland
	Wyght R. E.	LeGat
	Foley Q.B.	League
	Purdy (Capt.) L. H.	J. Moore
	Lehres F. B.	(Capt.) Prauser
	Peuchen R. H.	Prester

Substitutes-For Camp Wadsworth, Swartwood, Zuimmer, Brigham, McFadden, Challis, Chapler, Cassidy, Fitzpatrick, W. Peuchen and Tohnson.

Referee-Jenney (Springfield).

Umpire-Lieutenant Cogswell (Albon).

Head Linesman-Going (South Carolina). Timekeeper-Harvey Cohn (Irish-American A. C., New York).

-0-Two More Big Games

The Camp Wadsworth eleven will be busy again next Saturday. They are scheduled to meet the representatives of Camp Hancock, of Augusta. The Georgians are being groomed for the contest by Walter Camp, Jr. On Thanksgiving morning, the locals will make an effort to wipe out the defeat administered to them by the officers' team of Camp Jackson.

Baseball

Among the units which appear to be taking the lead in the diamond sport are the 107th Infanry, the 102nd Engineers, the 4th Field Hospital and Division Headquarters Troop. All these organizations have fully equipped nines, and it is trusted that the other regiments will follow and get out representative outfits. The troopers at headquarters have been showing the best work so far, and had no trouble in defeating the Pill Makers of the Fourth Field Hospital, but a different result is looked for when they face the Engineers on the Parade Grounds. It is expected that a full schedule of inter-regimental games will be announced in the near future.

-0 Division Headquarters Troop Wins

Last Saturday the baseball team of Division Headquarters Troop opened its season with an easy victory over the Fourth Field Hospital. The score was 27 to 10. The troopers, under the management of Sergeant Major Flannery, the former Crescent Athletic Club star. clinched the game right at the start with an eleven run lead. For the victors Kamna, Edmonds, Hahn and Temple starred, while Heisler and Maher worked well for the Hospital.

The score:

Div. Hdq. Troop... .. II I 0 0 0 5 2 8 x-27 4th Field Hosp. 0 0 3 0 2 2 0 3 0-10

Easy for Company I of the Tenth

Company I of the Tenth had little trouble in defeating an all-star nine, drawn from the balance of the regiment, last week. The up-State soldiers intend to pick their regimental nine from the men who showed up best in the game. The score:

Company	I				•	• •			.3	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	9
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Private Rook-Sergeant, my shoe has a hole in the toe that lets the water run in.

Sergeant Grump-Well, bore a hole in the heel-that will let it run out.

The turning point in Private Smith's career-when he saw the enemy approaching.



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THE NECESSITY FOR PHYSICAL FIT-NESS IN THE SOLDIER

(By Lieutenant-Colonel E. R. Maloney, M. C. Division Surgeon.)

The purpose of an army is to fight, and its strength is measured by the number of men. effective for duty in battle.

In order to obtain men capable of enduring the stress and strain of training and the hardships of campaign it is necessary in the first place that the men composing an army should be as nearly as possible physically perfect. To insure that only physically fit men are taken into the service a physical examination of all applicants is made at the time of enlistment and the unfit rejected. In spite of this examination many men who do not show any particular signs of unfitness but who have some disease in its incipient or early stages are passed and enlisted. If these men were allowed to continue in the service their condition would sooner or later become serious and the life they are required to lead would be attended with great risks to their very existence and in many instances they would be a source of danger to their comrades. It is obviously unfair to these men to subject them to such danger and unfair also to the government to have to go to the expense of training them for a greater or lesser time and then find them unable to give the service for which they were enlisted.

To obviate all of this, every officer and man is now examined as soon as possible after entry into the service by boards of medical examiners specially qualified to detect early symptoms of tuberculosis, heart and mental diseases. In this way only able-bodied men are continued in the service, as they alone can stand the exposure and hardships to which troops are exposed and acquire the endurance to fatigue and resistance to disease which go to make up the reliable and effective soldier. The weakling, the undeveloped and those who suffer from chronic ailments are very soon rendered unfit for service by the effects of hard work, privation, inclement weather, and are an easy prey to infectious diseases. They thus, instead of being an asset to the army, weaken the ranks they are intended to make strong and when most needed fall out on the march or in action and crowd the ambulances and hospitals when they are most required for the care of the wounded. These men are not only non-effective but often require the attention of medical officers and hospital corps' men who should be employed in caring for men injured in battle and who might by proper attention be returned to the fighting line.

Once accepted as a soldier, it is the duty of each individual man to so care for his health by following the sanitary and other regulations laid down for his observance as to keep himself in the good physical condition in which he was when enlisted.

Military efficiency is indissolubly bound up with discipline, and this is particularly so as regards the physical condition of an army. Laxity of discipline in any military force is the cause of many evils, not the least of which is its effect on the spread of disease, and the

non-effective rate of a unit is usually proportionate to its discipline.

This was particularly demonstrated in the Japanese Army in the Russo-Japanese war, when they reduced their ratio of sickness to a minimum never before reached by a large army in active service, and was due only to the fact that they excelled in discipline and prompt obedience to orders.

So with this division, whether or not it brings to the fighting front a force of strong, able-bodied men, ready and fitted to do the work required of them and thus to reflect credit on their country, state and themselves, depends on the way in which they care for themselves here in this camp, on the conscientious obeying of orders and the proper following of the very effective physical training being given.

The man who deliberately exposes himself to acquiring some disease which decreases his military efficiency or who through the lack of observance of some sanitary regulation endangers the health of himself or his comrades is not only derelict in his duty but is practically a traitor to his country, as in this way he is reducing the fighting strength of some part of the army and is aiding the enemy as much as the man who poisons water or food.

For a man with the proper stamina, the life of a soldier, subjected as he is to regulations governing his mode of living, vastly improves his physical condition rather than otherwise. In the training the soldier is now receiving, properly regulated exercise plays an important part. He should not regard exercise merely as an amusement or recreation, but also as an obligation, since it is very necessary for the keeping of the body in a healthy condition, thus making it possible for it to properly perform all its functions. Exercise when properly used serves to maintain health, strengthens and develops muscles and organs, rendering them capable of greater and more persistent effort, all of which is particularly needed by the soldiers' of today, who will probably be called upon to show marked strength, agility and endurance.

By exercise the brain also is kept in a healthy condition and the desire, for stimulating influences of various sorts is diminished or destroyed. Nothing in the world tends more to create a healthy developing and functioning of both mind and body than the regular open-air life of the soldier, accompanied as it is today by the absence of the use of alcohol (than which no one agent tends more to destroy physical condition) and by the many means of healthful recreation and amusement afforded in all camps. If he will try to realize that all of the regulations, many of which he considers hardships because they deprive him of some things he thinks he wants, are made for his own protection and that of his comrades he will cease to chafe at the restraint imposed and will be happy and contented.

To the man with strong predisposition to mental unbalance, with many weaknesses which at home had been supported, with peculiarities 15 cents. This playhouse is under the Fosdick which had been overlooked and with defi- Commission.

ciencies which had been supplied, the life of a soldier, with its change of environment, lack of sympathy with his peculiarities and fun made of his deficiencies may result in much unhappiness if not in serious mental disturbance.

As a rule this type of man does not last very long in the service and is soon gotten rid of by discharge. On the other hand, to the man of normal mind, military discipline has a steadying and regulating influence. In his comrades he finds a brotherly friendship and interest and learns to look upon his officers, not as task masters but as men looking out for his every interest. Routine to him comes to mean method and regularity, his duties become inspirations and ideals which serve to help him in time of action, and, combined with his physical fitness, the result of conscientious training, enables him to acquit himself with honor when the supreme test comes.

-0-THE K. OF C. HALL

(By Chaplain Hoey, 12th N. Y. Infantry.)

The Knights of Columbus Hall is now open for the convenience of the soldiers at Camp Wadsworth. It was the intention of the Knights of Columbus to have their building completed and equipped before the arrival of the troops, but building facilities were so meagre and constructional delays so numerous that it is but now that the building is nearing completion.

It is located opposite the White Church and adjacent to the Red Triangle Tent, so that the soldiers of any unit may reach it by a few minutes' walk. The Hall will provide recreational, educational or instructive facilities for the men. The Knights of Columbus have secured the services of some of the best lecturers, teachers and entertainers in the country and have obtained production rights to the best motion-pictures.

The building will be equipped with a library, reading rooms, writing rooms and an entertainment hall. Although the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic organization, every man in camp will receive a hearty welcome and no questions will be asked relative to his belief or creed. On Sunday morning religious services will be provided for those Catholics who wish to attend. No religious controversies will be tolerated.

The Knights of Columbus are here for the sole purpose of assisting the loyal Sons of Uncle Sam who have given their all for God and this dear land of ours, and if they can in any way make them happier and better men then their purpose has been amply fulfilled.

-0-**REDPATH THEATRE TENT**

The Redpath Tent has opened to give to the soldiers popular entertainment at low prices. If is midway between Headquarters and the church.

On Thursday night this entertainment place will produce "The Broadway Revue." Prices,

THE ASHEVILLE LAUNDRIES

10ETOT

Offer Four Days Service And First Class Work Leave Your Package At The Following Places **Ambulance and Field Hospital Post IO8th Infantry Post Exchange Austin Nichols and Company Store** (At Camp Wadsworth Station, P. and N. R. R.)



SHOW FOR M. P.'S

The 102nd Military Police will give an allstar show at Converse College on December 1st. The best talent not only in the Military Police, but in the entire division will appear. The receipts will be used to fix up the town barracks in the Magnolia street school house.

------OUR ALLIES COME TO TEACH US

Four French and four British officers are in camp teaching our own officers the sort of warfare that the allied armies have found most effective against the Hun.

With them have come four French and three British non-coms. Each is a specialist in some one branch of modern battle. Each has seen very active service within the past two months and most of them bear with them wounds that prove that their knowledge of trench fighting was not acquired in training camps and textbooks.

The French officers are Captain Charles Veyssiere, an automatic rifle expert; First Lieutenant P. Forestier, an expert in the use of the hand grenade; First Lieutenant Bordes, artillery, and Second Lieutenant Veyret, an engineer.

The British officers are Major J. B. Sharp, of the famous "The Buffs" and an authority on physical training and the use of the bayonet; Captain A. N. Braitwaith, a trench mortar expert and Captain H. H. Johnson, whose ability at sniping has become a standard of rifle efficiency.

GET YOUR NAME IN THE PAPER

In this, the first issue of THE WADSWORTH GAS ATTACK, there are no PERSONALS-no intimate news of YOUR outfit.

You did not know to whom to send the items and THE WADSWORTH GAS ATTACK, because there was not time, could not come to you severally, personally.

But, in the second issue, due to appear a week hence, each command in the Twenty-Seventh Division must be represented, else the objectiv of this magazine is lost.

It's up to you-very much up to you.

THE WADSWORTH GAS ATTACK asks that you select from amongst you-one or maybe two men from each unit-some man or men who will, each week and not later than FRIDAY AT NOON, gather, write and be responsible for the news items and personal notes of the outfits of which you are members.

Make your notes brief. Send in the humorous things. Write on one side of the paper and write distinctly-the names especially.

Start now. You want to read them. We want to print them.

Seal them in an envelope. Address them to J. S. Kingsley, Editor of The WADSWORTH GAS ATTACK.

Then leave them at any Y. M. C. A. tent or shack.

admiration of the Twenty-seventh Division your name and address to Mr. L. W. Perrin, while he has been acting commander.

Service of Y. M. C. A. for an average week
at Camp Wadsworth:
Number of men in reading and writing
rooms 16,280
Attendance at entertainments, profes-
sional talent
Attendance at entertainments, soldier
talent 1,500
Attendance at entertainments 800
Attendance at stunts, soldier talent 3,200
Attendance at band concerts 1,000
Attendance at movies 3,000
Attendance at war pictures 18,000
Attendance at lectures 1,500
Number of periodicals distributed 4,250
Circulation of library books 4,180
Attendance at French classes 2,162
Attendance at other classes
New classes formed II
Attendance at Camp Sings 1,875
Attendance Sings at Music Headquar-
ters
Attendance at religious song service 1,250
Attendance at religious services 1,670
War rolls signed 196
Number of pieces of outgoing mail 105,528
Stamps sold in a week 215,000
Sheets of writing paper distributed 250,000
Number of Victrola auditors 4,620
Number of postcards sold 16,940
Amount of money deposited at Y. M.
С. А\$148,000
Amount of money sent home\$ 76,000
Number of informal games played un-
der Y. M. C. A
Number pieces of athletic equipment
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Y. M. C. A. NOTES

RED TRIANGLE ACTIVITIES

The Red Triangle Tent is for the benefit of the members of Camp Wadsworth. Many do not understand that its object has been to furnish excellent talent from New York and vicinity at a price ridiculously low. It also furnishes movies of high character during several nights each week. In this great auditorium are held "sings," concerts and stunts. In the near future there will be four splendid minstrel shows by the soldiers. Look out for big programs for Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks.

For Christmas, there will be a three-day production entitled "Follies of 27th Division," given by talent in camp.

Manager Wickes desires your suggestion as to entertainment. He also wishes to know the talent in the camp. This playhouse is for you. It is open every night, and interesting all the time.

Next week, November 29th-30th-December I, Burton Mank's noted travelogues will be given. The subject will be travelogue sightseeing in New York.

The Rotary Club of Spartanburg desires to include on its mailing list all Rotarians at General Phillips has won the respect and Camp Wadsworth. Rotarians, please send Chapman Building, Spartanburg.

CHURCHES OF SPARTANBURG

BAPTIST

- First Baptist, Main and Dean, Rev. E. S. Alderman, Pastor.—Sunday Service: Preaching, 11:30 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.
- Green Street Baptist, Corner Brawley and Green, Rev. J. L. Hodges, Pastor.— Preaching, 11:00 a. m.; night service, 7:45 p. m.
- Northside Baptist, Corner Fremont Avenue and Magnolia, A. W. Pink, Pastor. Southside Baptist, Corner Carlisle and
- Church, Rev. M. D. Jeffries, Pastor.

CATHOLIC

St. Paul, 145 North Dean, Rev. A. K. Gwynn, Pastor.—Sunday masses, 8 o'clock and 10:30 o'clock; Sunday night services, 8 o'clock; daily mass, 7:30 o'clock; Confessions, Saturday, 4:00 to 6:00 p. m., 7:30 to 10:00.

EPISCOPAL

Church of the Advent, Advent, near Main, Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, Rector.—Sunday service, 11:15 a. m., Holy Communion, first Sunday, 11:15 a. m.; night service, 8:00 p. m.

GREEK

St, Nicholas, Greek Orthodox, Pierpoint Avenue.

HEBREW

B' Nai Israel, Doctor Finklestein, Rabbi.— Congregation meets 104 Union Street.

HOLINESS

Holy Church of Christ, 316 Howard Street.

LUTHERAN

Women's Memorial Evangelical, Rev. S. T. Hallman, Pastor.—Sunday service every second, third and fourth Sunday each month at 11:15 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

METHODIST

- Bethel M. E., South, Corner Lee and South Church.—Preaching at 11:30 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
- Central M. E., South, Corner Walnut and North Church, Rev. J. W. Frazer, Pastor.—Preaching at 11:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.; prayer meeting, 8 p. m. Wednesday.
- Duncan, 180 Farley St., Rev. H. B. Covington, Pastor.
- El-Bethel, Corner Crescent Ave. and South Church, Rev. M. B. Patrick, Pastor.

Wesleyan M. E., South, 512 Magnolia St.

PRESBYTERIAN

- First Presbyterian, Main, near Converse, Rev. A. D. P. Gilmour, Pastor.—Sunday services at 11:30 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.; prayer meeting, Wednesday at 8:00 p. m.
- Second Presbyterian, Corner College and Magnolia, Rev. A. D. Watkins, Pastor.

UN-DENOMINATIONAL

Salvation Army Headquarters, 198 Elm St.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A change in time of service is made. All services commence at 8:00 P. M. Christian Endeavor is held at 7:00 P. M.

On Wednesday evening at 7:30 there is a military reception. You are most cordially invited.

On Thanksgiving Day there will be service at 11:30 A. M. On the following Sunday evening at 8:00 there will be a military communion. All are invited.

TO RECLAIM UNFIT MEN

Congressman Kahn, of California, has a plan which he intends to draft into a bill and present to Congress in the coming session. This bill will provide for universal military training for young men far below 21 years of age and considerably above 31 years of age. The object of this bill will be to make physically fit a large majority of the young who, otherwise, would be unfit for service. This training will not only be of a great value to the government by providing more efficient men but it will also make the men more efficient for all civil life.

The entertainment to be given at Converse College auditorium Saturday evening by a children's chorus of 500 voices singing the operetta from "Hiawatha's Childhood," the Community Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Chas. G. Woolsey, and solos by Mrs. Blotcky, Mr. House, Mr. White, Mr. Schwartz, a large part of the proceeds of this entertainment are to go to provide comforts for sick soldiers at the base hospital.

If you want to find a room or a house for your family, your mother, wife or sister, apply at the Information Bureau Headquarters, at the Central National Bank, Chapman Building, telephones 1811 and 1812.

DID YOU DO THIS?

The Adjutant General of the army has sent the following letter to all National Guard and Division Commanders:

"It has been brought to the attention of the War Department that a not inconsiderable waste of ammunition occurs through men on trains weighting their billet doux with cartridges and throwing them from trains at passing stations. It is possible that cartridges are also handed out as souvenirs of the occasion where trains stop."

"Soldiers will therefore consider that they have been got after in regard to the waste of ammunition."







diate commanding officer before December 1. From these applications the company or other unit commander will carefully select those of the most deserving men not to exceed in number 10 per cent. of the enlisted strength of the organization, the age limits to be 21 to 40 years. These applications will be forwarded through the usual channels to the division commander, who will call a board of three regular army or national guard officers to consider all applications and select and designate the men to attend.

Department commanders will at once inform the commanding officers of such troops in their departments of the scheme of training schools authorized and direct them to submit the names of enlisted men between the ages of 21 and 40 recommended for attendance, the number they recommend not to exceed 1.7 per cent. of the enlisted strength of the organization; any fraction to be regarded as I. Recruiting officers will send to the department commander the names of members of their recruiting parties who are recommended by them to attend, and the department commander will select not to exceed 1.7 per cent. of the total number of men on recruiting duty in the department from those recommended.

At Camp Wadsworth, the camp commander will exercise the functions' prescribed herein for the department commander.

The normal strength of the training school will be about 440 students organized into one infantry company and one light artillery battery.

The school will be under the supervision of the division commanders, who will detail the commanding officer and the instructor personnel.

Enlisted men of the regular army, national guard and national army will be carried on detached service while students at training schools. They will receive pay and allowances of their grade.

All men who successfully complete the three months' course and are so recommended will be carried on a list as eligible for appointment as Second Lieutenant and will be commissioned as vacancies occur, in the order of merit determined by performance while at the training school, provided that their service between date of graduating and date of occurrence of their vacancy has been satisfactory.

The training camps described in this memorandum are primarily for men to be commissioned in the line. The Quartermaster General, Chief of Ordnance, Chief of Coast Artillery, Chief of Engineers, and Chief Signal Officer have been authorized to organize such schools as they may deem necessary for the training of men to be officers in their corps. Application blanks will be supplied from these headquarters as soon as received.

Some soldiers manage to "beat a retreat," but it's hard to duck reveille.

Man is made of dust-some rise when their country calls, and others settle in cafes to be

CAMP CHORUS BEING ORGANIZED

Robert E. Clark, the Camp Music Director, is at present working on a plan to train a chorus of two hundred or more singers for special camp entertainments.

He also plans to organize an orchestra of fifty pieces. All men wishing to try for either the chorus or the orchestra should hand in their names to Mr. Clarke immediately at the camp music building, which is the White Church behind the Red Triangle tent and opposite to the reviewing field.

When the names are handed in they should be accompanied by a statement of what the As thin, I guess, as a chorus girl's dressapplicant's voice is or what instrument he is able to play.

The camp music building will be loaned to any organized quartette for rehearsals upon application to Mr. Clark for regular hours. Mr. Clarke will be present at these rehearsals and will give his assistance. Many companies have already taken advantage of this opportunity to whip into shape their quartettes, orchestras or minstrel shows. Appointments for the use of the building must be made at least Me, and my two thin blankets, two days ahead of time.

THE GREAT RED TRIANGLE CAMPAIGN

The Young Men's Christian Association has undertaken a gigantic task, the raising of \$35,-000,000 in one week, November 11 to 19, as the result of seven weeks' preparation. This is a larger amount of money than is raised each year by all of the foreign and home missionary societies of all of the religious denominations in America. It represents fifty per cent. more money than was invested in buildings owned by the Young Men's Chrisian Association in America in 1900. Indications point to a successful campaign. On November II it is expected that over 10,000 cities and towns, will be organized for canvass with a line-up of 25,000 canvassing teams, enrolling 250,000 workers. This army of solicitors will lead a drive that should produce \$35,000,000 from 250,000 contributors.

---0--THE 105TH M. G. BATTALION CANTEEN

With a variety ranging from left-handed safety-pins to baby grand pianos, Company A, of the 105th Machine Gun Battalion, opened a canteen in the rear of the mess shack last week.

Forty cents a day being scarcely enough to feed a former trooper, you are invited to drop in and give the place the once over and also any spare change that needs a home. It's all for the "Chow" boys. J. Collins.

OMITTED CONTRIBUTIONS

Owingsto the delay in the publication of the GAS ATTACK, some of the best contributions were omitted, being out of date; other splendid material was omitted, due to the limited space and to the abundance of contributions for this first issue. Elimination was necessary to fit material to space. Several good articles are held over for future numbers.

THE FIRST NIGHT AT YAPHANK

(By Damon Runyan, in The N. Y. American.)

- I'm there with two thin blankets, As thin as a slice of ham.
- A German spy was likely the guy
- Who made 'em for Uncle Sam. How did I sleep? Don't kid me!
- My bedtick is filled with straw,
- And lumps, and humps, and big fat bumps That punched me 'til I'm all raw.
- Me, and my two thin blankets,
- As thin as the last thin dime-
- Well, I had one hell of a time!
- I'd pull 'em up from the bottom-(My nightie's my B. V. D.'s)
- A couple o' yanks to cover my shanks , And then my dog'sd freeze!
- You could use 'em for porous plasters, Or maybe to strain the soup.
- (My pillow's my shoes when I try to snooze-And I've chilblains, cough and the croup.)
- Bundled up under my chin-
- Yes, a German spy was likely the guy, And, gosh, but he made 'em thin!

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Bella-"Yes, but he makes love like a regular."

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SPARTANBURG COMMISSION ON TRAINING CAMP ACTIVITIES

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The War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities was created to provide wholesome recreational and inspirational environment for the leisure hours of the men in khaki.

It was found that there was great need for organizing the communities adjacent to the camp sites, so that the greatest possible amount of hospitality, clean entertainment, comforts and square dealing might be available to the men when they leave camp for town to find amusement and renew the social relationships of civilian life.

The Commission's representative for Camp Wadsworth is T. W. Garvin, formerly a member of the executive staff of the New York Tribune, who is profoundly interested 'n every feature of entertainment for the soldiers and is untiring in his thought and labor for them.

In the Central National Bank the Commission has its headquarters, in the lobby of the bank, in the Chapman Building, Spartanburg's skyscraper. Here is located the executive office, telephone 1812, and the Information Bureau, telephone 1811. Here a list of all the available rooms, houses and boarding places is on file, under the direction of Mrs. E. R. Milan.

Many of the churches have converted their church buildings into auxiliary club rooms for

diers, and extending a cordial welcome to all the men from camp and their friends in the city to attend all the services.

A plan is under way to organize a "Take-a-Soldier-Home-to-Dinner" army, composed of the good women of Spartanburg and surrounding towns, who pledge themselves to take two soldiers home to dinner every Sunday, men who have not been entertained before.

Through the efforts of the Fraternal and Club Committee, lodges have kept open house for soldiers and, with the financial assistance of the Rotary Club and the co-operation of the Woodman Lodge, have opened an Enlisted Men's Club in the Woodman Hall. The club is open every afternoon and evening from 4 to 10:30, excepting Thursday evenings. There are no dues.

This Committee has also promoted the Spartanburg Community Chorus, which is progressing so successfully under the leadership of Dr. Chas. G. Woolsey, director of camp singing. The chorus meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church from 8 to 9 o'clock. Every singer in Camp Wadsworth is given a most cordial invitation to join with the civilian singers in Spartanburg.

This Committee is also now conducting Saturday night entertainments at the great auditorium in Converse College. The program is made up of stars from the camp, local talent, and celebrities will be sent to Spartanburg reading, writing, resting, conference and mu- by the National Commission on Training sic, with weekly parties and receptions to sol- Camp Activities. Popular prices will prevail,

and the proceeds will go to a benefit fund for the comfort and happiness of the soldiers at Camp Wadsworh.

Saturday night, November 24, a children's chorus of 500 voices will present the operetta from "Hiawatha's Choldhood," combined with a regimental band, two or three civilian and several of the best song artists in the camp. A large part of the proceeds of this entertainment will go to provide comforts for sick soldiers at the base hospital.

The Commission has plans to enlarge its work of entertainment and hospitality, and we gladly welcome suggestions from the men at the camp as to how its service could be im-DR. A. D. P. GILMOUR. proved.

General Chairman.

THE WADSWORTH GAS ATTACK is indebtedand so are you-to Private Thornhill, 28th London Regiment, for the following cheerful lines. Private Thornhill is orderly to Major Sharp, of the British Army, who is instructing officers of the 27th Division, U. S. A., in trench warfare.

- "I've been on guard four thousand timesthat wants a bit of whacking.
- I've worn my shoes away until I'm marching on the blacking.
- Rats as big as donkeys every night come out to scoff me.
- One foggy night a great one came and took my rifle off me.

And after that I lost those boots; I knew not what to do

Until at mess next Saturday I found them in my stew.

I went and told the Sergeant, who said: 'Oh! That's a trifle;

Stir up your stew tomorrow; perhaps you'll find your rifle.' " 0

Private Short-Can you help me out to the tune of ten?

Bugler Wise-No; I have just blown my last note.

Mrs. Pendleton, wife of Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, Rector of the Church of the Advent, will entertain at dinner the members of the orchestra from the 71st Infantry Band at the Parish House Sunday evening. This orchestra will furnish the music for the Sunday evening service at the Church of the Advent.



THE NEW RIFLE RANGE

(By Sergeant Ralph P. Bull, 105th Field Hospital Company.)

On the new rifle range at Dark Corners, thirty miles north of Camp Wadsworth, troops of the Twenty-seventh Division will this week begin the target practice course prescribed by the War College in connection with their intensive training here. The first battalion of the 105th Regiment of Infantry, under Major Pateman, will first occupy the trenches from which the shooting will be done, and in the building of which Major Pateman's men have been engaged, Major Daly, Division Ordnance Officer, has announced.

An important feature of the work to be conducted at the new range will be the special course in sniping, which will be supervised by Captain Johnson, of the British service. Captain Johnson, who is already at Camp Wadsworth, has had a varied experience in this work since the beginning of the war, and his program is expected to be an attractive one.

When Lieutenant Roy O'Dell, with 75 members of Company "E," 102nd Engineers, went up to Dark Corners to begin work on the range, after Captain Cornelius W. Wickersham had selected the site, he found himself in wild country. The range was to extend across the lowland at the foot of Glassy Rock and Glassy Rock was to furnish the background for the targets. Since then this work has been accomplished, but in the meantime there have been many changes at Dark Corners.

The name "Dark Corners" is suggestive, and rightly so. For years the little colony up there in the mountains has been known as the capital of the moonshine whiskey district of the Carolinas. And before that, during the Rebellion, the story goes, the lowland at the foot of Glassy Rock was a Confederate muster ground, and hundreds of the gray-clad troops of the South bivouaced on the same spot where soldiers of the Twenty-seventh Division are today preparing themselves to take a hand in history's greatest struggle.

Major Wells, of the Seventy-first Infantry, reputed to be one of the most capable small arms experts in the New York Division, and who during the past spring attended the School of Musketry at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, is the range officer. Co-operating with the Division Ordnance Office, he has supervised much of the work in connection with the building of the range.

There are two brigade ranges-the 53rd and 54th brigades-located between which is the range administration building. Glassy Rock, at the foot of which are the target butts, has an elevation of 2,200 feet. Each range has 111 targets, for firing at 100, 200 and 300 yards; 80 targets at 500 and 600 yards, and 12 targets at 1.000 vards.

In addition to the rifle range there is the machine gun range. This is located on the Phillips bottom lands near Dark Corners. Here the machine gun battalions of the divi-

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THE NEW RIFLE RANGE

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sion and the units of the various infantry regiments will receive their instruction.

During the building of the range the target material has been shipped to Campobello, 14 miles from Dark Corners, and has been transported by trucks in charge of a detail of 12 men from the Ammunition Train.

The trip between Camp Wadsworth and the range requires two days and a night on the road. Just what will be the order in which the different units of the division will shoot has not been announced, but it is probable that the remainder of the 105th Infantry will go to the range following the first battalion under Major Pateman.



"Nobody Knows" "Absolute knowledge have I none, But my aunt's washerwoman's sister's son Heard a policeman on his beat Say to a laborer on the street That had a letter just last week, Written in the finest Greek. From a Chinese coolie in Timbuctoo, Who said the 'niggers' in Cuba knew Of a colored man in a Texas town, Who got it straight from a circus clown. That a man in Klondike heard the news From a gang of South American Jews About somebody in Borneo, Who heard a man who claimed to know Of a swell society female rake, Whose mother-in-law will undertake To prove that her seventh husband's sister's niece Has stated in a printed piece That she has a son who has a friend WHO KNOWS WHEN THE WAR IS GO-ING TO END." WADSWORTH PROVERBS

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Machine Gunners Unable to Score

In a hard-fought game, the Machine Gun Company of the 105th Infantry, battled a noscore tie with Company K, of the 10th. The game was nip-and-tuck from start to finish and filled with brilliant plays by both sides.

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MR. DIETRICH'S WORK

Mr. C. W. Dietrich, Camp Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was chosen as the most suiable man to organize all the forces of North and South Carolina in the \$35,000,000 War Fund Campaign. Mr. Dietrich has made his headquarters at Charlotte, N. C, from which city he has conducted his campaign. At this time the total amount raised in these two States is not known, but the work has been very ably carried on.

Mr. Dietrich returns to Camp Wadsworth the latter part of this week to spend his whole time as Camp Secretary. His office is in the main Y. M. C. A. building, opposite the Division Headquarters and the postoffice. In the next issue we shall publish a sketch of Mr. Dietrich, the man who is at the head of all Y. M. C. A. activities in camp.

Major General Charles J. Bailey, U. S. Army, Mrs. Charles J. Bailey and Captain Allen Kimberly, 81st Division, Camp Jackson, Columbia, were entertained at dinner at the Cleveland Hotel Tuesday evening, after which an entertainment was given by the best talent of the Twenty-seventh Division, and was much appreciated by General Bailey and party.

Colonel Cornelius Vanderbilt returned to camp Tuesday from New York City, where he has been on special leave.

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--o--FOOTBALL

Saturday, last, saw the first appearance on the gridiron of the football teams of the rooth Machine Gun Battalion and the rooth Field Artillery Regiment. The game developed some good football and resulted in a victory for the Machine Gun Battalion, with the score 33 to 0. The teams were evenly matched as to weight, and victory was attained solely because of superior teamwork. It is very evident that the Artillery Team will be heard from in the future when its teamwork has been perfected. Creighton Clothing Co.

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