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SIGNS OF SPRING.

Again the street comes into its own as a parlor for shaving and other niceties of the toilette. There is unlimited light and company. Clothes can be hung out on the line to dry without fear of their freezing solid. For the soldier who is wielding a razor there is unlimited advice shouted to him by his friends, together with hints on the gentle art of pulling the recalcitrant hair from one’s haughty chin.
ON THE JUMP AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL

How the O. T. S. Students Are Struggling With Maps and Methods.

Just how many times since your enlistment have you decided that your officers were Nerosque martians concerned chiefly in making life a jolly old Hades for privates? You didn't answer. It's Charlie Sickel's income against mine that we've all indulged in this merry pastime with more or less frequency.

And how many times did you recall Jim Blank or George Waffus, both lieutenants now, as privates just like you are? And how many times did you decide that it was all wrong, all wrong. Wherein did Jim have anything on you as a soldier? And who could deny that George was about as punk a rookie as ever made a shambles of squads right about?

Well, the next time your old platoon sergeant comes over to the company to argue the supply sergeant out of a new pair of shoes or to get his mail or something, ask him about it. This, of course, taking it for granted that your old platoon sergeant is a student in the Officers' Training School here in Camp Wadsworth.

I have no desire to make this an autobiography. Far be it from me to inflict upon any reader of The Gas Attack my personal experiences. But it is quite fair to assume that there is no profession warranted to make one more familiar with the business of seeing two sides to every story than that of newspaper reporting. And I have chased elusive facts all over this glorious land of ours and beyond.

Course is Half Over.

But you are all wrong about that officer business! The course in the O. T. S. is about half completed. Already some of the students have come to the conclusion that they lack a meter or so of the reach necessary to the grabbing of a commission. Some came upon the conclusion outside assistance, Others became acquainted with the fact second-hand.

But you may make permanent note of the fact that about the easiest job that Uncle Sam doles out to his able bodied nephews is that of private—back or first class—under our army to so deploy and otherwise manipulate his forces that the enemy's outposts will be unable to perform their functions of security and our army will be in position to occupy those heights and natural strong points that command the captured town.

It is then accepted as reasonable that our army may drive the impudent invader back into the sea or wherever it may be convenient to place him.

This may or may not be interesting to those folks who have no part in the game. But certainly it is fascinating to those participating. And it goes to demonstrate just what the students are doing. It makes no difference whether, in this or any other war, these tactics are employed. It is wholly out of place to argue meticulously that this is a war in trenches and that open field and above ground maneuvers play no part therein.

A problem is a problem. The man who shows no promise of mastering the simple problems given him in the O. T. S. exhibits little aptitude for a successful mastery of the prodigious tasks that will fall to his lot in France.

More Tests for Students.

Within the past two weeks we have been subjected to a second mental research and been compelled to demonstrate that we are entirely sound of wind, arm and leg. We have been called before another psychiatrist and asked numerous personal questions all of which tended to bring from us possible secrets regarding our mental cohesion. What was the extent of our academic education? Were we nervous? Excitable? Irresistible? What sort of work produced our meals and cigarettes before we enlisted? Had insanity occupied a prominent place in our family history?

Most of us left the neurologist quite convinced that we had manifested a sufficient number of mental aberrations to warrant our immediate transfer to the Mattoon home guards. Personally, I assured the doctor that I was not abnormally nervous. At the same time I gnashed off a finger nail.

We were then informed that each student must execute a running broad jump of fourteen feet, a high jump of four feet, a standing jump of seven feet six inches, the hundred yards dash in fourteen seconds and a throw of the hand grenade of thirty-five yards.

In Hobnailed Brogans!

Did you ever try to jump fourteen feet in hobnailed brogans and tight O. D. breeches? The rest of the efforts seemed easy enough. The writer of this story was never considered seriously for a place on the Olympic tennis team. I never had just cause for annoyance therefore.

B. Hereculean effort I cleared the far four feet from the ground. In a totally unprecedented effort I hurled myself seven feet six inches through the air from a standing position. But the fourteen feet were hard to negotiate.

There seemed to be something wrong. I recall making a furious dive and landing in a fearsome heap far, far away. The marker announced with a fine display of scorn that my wild flight amounted to ten feet two inches.

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CARRY ON! SMARTLY!

Quit knocking the division because we haven't got to France yet. Quit complaining because we aren't already on the briny going through life-boat drill and casting suspicious glances to the offing. Quit pestering your lot with futile ejaculations because you aren't doing stand-to this minute in a field in Flanders.

The time will come when it's good and ready. Meanwhile, be decent about it.

Don't be so unimaginative and foolish as the soldier we heard the other day.

"Aw, we'll never get anywhere," he said.

That soldier doesn't know quite as much about running this war and this division as some of the men who are looking after it. He isn't in a position, undoubtedly, to know all the little details that are locked up in the card indices and minds of the war chiefs at Washington. Most probably there are a few items that don't come to his knowledge but which the American leaders at the front entertain with some gravity.

It is even reasonable to suppose that he isn't as wise in those matters as President Wilson, Secretary Baker, General Pershing and some others who have followed the war rather closely since the United States went in. It is not a wild flight of fancy to imagine that this particular soldier hasn't at his fingertips all the intricate data on the shipping and ships that will carry us across, and similar necessary arrangements.

The desire to get to the other side is the proper longing by which to be animated. It's all over camp, we hope, as ubiquitous as the mud. We'd be a poor lot of Americans if we didn't feel that way about it.

But here's the point: events are being shaped by wiser men. Just as soon as the time is ripe for us to go over, we'll get the word to pack up our kits and our sweet-heart's picture, and we'll go, singing!

Meanwhile, we're here. While we're here, the thing to do is to be a good soldier where we are. This is our period of trial. The way to meet it is by plugging ahead with our training with just as much snap as if we knew we were going to entrain tomorrow.

As a matter of fact, we are in a pleasant place, here at Camp Wadsworth. And even though we would rather be in an unpleasant place over there, and be there, instead of here, yet the fact remains that where we are, there is more or less warm sunshine, there are tree-clad hills, winding tranquil roads, a charming city—many things to enjoy. So, let's take it as it comes!

You're no better, that you should be already somewhere in France getting a medal pinned on you by the assembled entente generals, than any of the rest of us. We've got a chest of sufficient expanse to support a medal, too.

Our time will come.

—C. D.

WHAT WE WANT.

We don't know how others may feel about it, but for ourselves we are getting tired of "cheer up" letters. We are growing infinitely weary of receiving letters in which the writers say: "Cheer up, laddies. The war will soon be over and you'll come marching back."

We don't want to be cheered up that way. We don't want the war to end until the Kaiser has been knocked out, and a gigantic wrench flung into the German military machinery, and the world made a habitable place for democratic folk to make merry in.

To distract attention from the all-important necessity of putting through these wholesome reforms, is a harmful act. To tell us to cheer up, the war will soon be over, is not only a piece of false philosophy but it is bad business! Nothing should be allowed to vitiate our efforts in that great outdoor sport, in which all good nations are participating, called: walloping the Kaiser.

And so, as we said, we don't want to be cheered up that way. We don't need it. It won't do any good to try to cheer us up, because we are cheered up. We have suffered no real hardships in camp. The people back home have been bending beneath the burdens of heatless, meatless, lightless, nightless careers, but we, here in camp, have thus far been touched by the cruelties of war. Kitchen police, forsooth, is not a form of entertainment, but it never wiped out a company of soldiers yet. As a matter of fact, if we felt any more chipper we'd be spending our evenings fox-trotting across the drill grounds singing "This is the life!"

Hell is paved with good intentions. But we aren't taking that road to-day. Undoubtedly the folks who insist upon cheering us up with promises of an early ending of the war are well intentioned. But their vision could be improved.

—C. D.
A SOLDIER’S LETTER TO HIS SWEETHEART.

Dere Mable:

How was I to know that Deggins was a dog?

It takes a woman, Mable, to get things all balled up. I aint again to say much about this though cause the joke was mostly on you. I forgive you and I wont hold nothin against you. You can tell your father and mother right away ses they wont worry any more. I hope they wont blame you too much for makin all this trouble. An that it hasent thrown off your fathers liver. He’s bad enough already.

So now when the wars over we can get married again just like we was goin to. Ill have more time then. I guess thats all I will have but we dont need much money cause I dont care much for luxuries anyways. Sim­ple, thats me all over, Mable.

You can send back all your stuff that I returned an you can make me more if you want to. I wont have much use for them now with the hot weather comin on but it might be a comfort to you to make em. An you can put the picture of me point in to the dag back on the mantle piece. I guess you dint burn it up like I told you to, oh Mable!

Well, Mable, what do you think I’ve done now. I’ve gone back into the artillery. The Captain hated to let me go. He said the artillery Colonel was a friend of his. I guess thats why he finally said all right. It wasnt that I was scared of the infantry. I guess you know that I aint scared of anything that walks on two legs except the measles. The artillerys really more dangerous than the infantry cause you stand in one place so they can get a good line on you while in the infantry your running round all the time.

Seem the Captain was so jealous of me I thought a fello with brains would have more chance over here. I tried to transfer as an officer but the Captain said I better go over as a private and as soon as they saw what kind of a fello I was theyd fix me all right. He seemed to wake up a little when he saw I was goin. Im goin to put in my application for an officer as soon as I get a chance.

I didnt go back to the same battery I was in before cause youll remember that the Captain and I didnt get along very well. Couldnt seem to agree on nothin. I thought it would be pleasant for me an him to if I went to another battery.

It almost seemed like they was waitin for me cause the day after I came over they hitched up the horses and drove the cannons out to the range. Its kind of hard to explain to a girl like you what a range is. The only way I can explain it is that it aint nothin like a range. There aint nothin here but mountains and mountain ears. We can fire all we want without hittin nothin but the mountains and once in a while maybe one of the mountain ears. But they say there so tough they dont mind it a bit. Thats a funny thing about artillery, Mable. The object seems to be not to hit nothin. The day we got out here I heard the Captain say ‘‘Well Im glad were way out in a place like this where we dont run no danger of hittin nothin.’’ All I said was ‘‘I like to see a fello careful Captain, but if thats all your worryin about you needent have taken so much trouble.’’ The longer I know Captains the less I understand them.

This is the rainy season. The south is a wonderful country for wether cause everything is divided off so well. There is three seasons. The cold season, the hot season and the rainy season. Thats what makes the place so good. A fello gets a change once in a while. It would be awful tiresome if you was always freezin to death, or always soaked or always bakin. Now you get four months of each. It makes a change for a fello.

Theyve put me on the special detail. The special detail, Mable, is a bunch of follos what knows more than any one else in the camp. I sit on a hill all day with a little telephone in a lunch box and take messages. They got an awful system of sending mes­sages in the artillery. Ill be sittin there thinkin of you an waitin for lunch and some­thing in the artillery. Ill be sittin there thinkin of you an waitin for lunch and some­thing.

The motto on the stationery of the Cleve­land Hotel is: ‘‘Sleep in Safety.’’

How about a bed?

APPLICATIONS OF WELL-KNOWN PLAYS.

The Snake Road—The Gypsy Trail.
Spartanburg Rents—Going Up.
Cleveland Hotel—Bought and Paid For.
Converse College—Oh, Boy!
Going to the Captain without the first ser­gent’s permission—Over the Top.

ESSAY ON THE JOY AND BEAUTY OF REVEILLE.

Chapter I.

Chapter II.

Chapter III.

‘‘What’s the first thing that turns green in the Spring?’’
‘‘Christmas jewelry.’’
‘‘Ella Wheeler Wilcox Goes to the French Front’’—newspaper headline.
Get ready, boys, for another batch of poems.

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How about a bed?

Newspaper headline: ‘‘The Germans Have Crossed the Dona.’’

And double-crossed the Russians!

End of Essay.
NO MEXICAN MEDALS FOR N. Y. GUARD

Veteran of the Border Service Points Out the Injustice of the Awarding—Letters to the Editor

Editor Gas Attack:

The most welcome news to the soldiers of this division that has appeared in the columns of the Gas Attack since its initial issue, was that heralded by the headlines of the article on page six of the last number, which read, “Decoration for men who served on the border.” All over this camp veterans of the division who went through the trying months of tropical heat, hurricanes, sand storms and cold northerns along the Rio Grande, settled down on their cots to read the details of the news thus heralded and to commend the War Department in finally recognizing this service.

Imagine the disappointment and disgust of your readers, however, when they found, upon reading the article, that it in no way justified the headlines.

A superficial reading of the article containing the War Department order showed that its camouflaged verbiage apparently made provision for all those entitled to recognition, but closer analysis showed that the decoration is NOT to be awarded to guard troops. This conclusion is based upon the phraseology of the four sub-divisions of the first paragraph of the order quoted, which define the conditions to be met before the decorations can be awarded. These subparagraphs are as follows:

“A) In Mexico, afloat or ashore, as members of the Vera Cruz Expedition, between April 24, 1916, and February 7, 1917.”

This means regulars only, as no guard troops participated in the Vera Cruz Expedition.

“(B) In Mexico as members of the Punitive or other authorized expeditions between March 14, 1916, and February 7, 1917.”

This means the same thing for the same reason.

“(C) Those who were actually present and participated in an engagement against Mexicans between April 12th, 1911, and February 7th, 1917, in which there were casualties on the side of the United States troops.”

It is not known what units or detachments this lets in. Undoubtedly it recognizes and rewards the defenders of Columbus, N. M. On the other hand, it is generally known that when our division arrived at McAllen, Texas, and that vicinity, relations between the Texans and the Mexicans in our sector were strained to the limit. To have started “an engagement in which there were casualties on the side of the United States troops” would have been a “cinch,” except for the fact that the division commander, unfortunately for us, evidently construed his orders in such a way to carry out their spirit and avoided armed contact and casualties among his own men. Therefore, hand in hand with the most rigorous training, including a hundred mile practice march and other divisional exercises, there were established such relations with the constitutional forces opposite us that the Mexican forces became friendly to such an extent that they would line the bank to admire our soldiers in maneuvers, and they even returned cattle that had been stolen six months before as a delicate mark of their confidence and good will. Accordingly, it would seem that because we had not let loose at them and in return suffered useless casualties, we are barred under the provisions of this paragraph “C” from receiving the decoration for our service.

An interesting sidelight affecting the application of this paragraph “C” is that if our division commander had found it necessary and justifiable to have engaged a detachment of the Mexican forces opposing us and had done the job in so effective a manner that the opposing force was wiped out completely, without a casualty on our own side, even then we would be barred from the decoration under the language of paragraph “C,” because our general had not been sufficiently astute to have had one or more of his own men killed or wounded. The last subparagraph, namely “D,” provides for “those who were present as members of the Mexican Border Patrol, between April 12, 1911, and February 7, 1917, in proximity to an engagement between Mexicans which resulted in casualties among their own company, troop, battery or detachment.” It is not known what forces or detachments this paragraph covers. Taken in connection with the preceding sub-paragraph which rewards those who had casualties whether they were due to neglect or not, it will be seen that sub-paragraph “D” provides for the onlookers. For example, if two detachments of our own troops had stationed to prevent contesting Mexican forces from trespassing or firing upon our territory under orders to take cover and avoid unnecessary casualties while performing such duty, and one detachment had obeyed its orders and had no casualties, while the other permitted their curiosity to see the scrap to get the better of their discipline, the former would not be entitled to the decoration while the lack of discipline of the latter would have won the decoration for it.

Very respectfully,

A VETERAN OF THE MEXICAN SERVICE.

The fact is that in June, 1916, the conditions along the Mexican Border were completely out of hand. Our border was continuously raided by Mexican bandits. Columbus and other places had been raided, Americans killed and property destroyed, in spite of the troops on hand to prevent such outrages.

It was under these circumstances that the guard troops of the country were rushed to the border, and from the date of their arrival until the date of their departure quietness and peace prevailed along the border from one end to the other. It should be remembered that it was then the announced policy of our government to avoid conflict with Mexico. It would have been very easy for troops to have committed overt acts which would have brought on war, if they had lacked discipline and loyalty to their government’s policy. The guard troops measured up in handsome fashion to this responsibility and it is to be remembered that this responsibility was fulfilled by troops that were straining at the leash to cross the border and pacify the unruly elements of our neighboring country on the South.

The real, big accomplishment to be recognized and rewarded in connection with the Mexican disturbance was the readiness and efficiency with which the guard troops responded to the nation’s call; not the sporadic bush rows on either side of the river, requiring special definition and verbis to classify.

And this has been the policy of other governments and of our own government in the past. For example: the Civil War Campaign Badge is awarded by the government “for service in the regular or volunteer army or in the militia in the service of the United States during the Civil War between April 15, 1861 and April 19, 1865.” Many of the soldiers who won and wore the Civil War Campaign Badge were soldiers for but 30 days, and received little or no training and had never fired a shot, even in practice.

The guard troops, on the other hand, who served on the Mexican border, had been transported, in most cases, from very distant stations and had patrolled and hiked and had been trained for many weary months amid cactus and desert land of the Rio Grande Valley. This was really campaigning, campaigning that resulted in the death of a number of the men of this and other divisions of guard troops. Again, a service badge with ribbon is issued to officers and enlisted men of the regular army who visited Cuba with the Army of Cuban Pacification between October, 1906, and April, 1909, during which period there was no fighting. Who would not have preferred life in Hawaii or other Cuban cities to the desolate wastes and terrific heat of the Rio Grande?

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THE IDEAS OF ETHELBURT JELLYBACK, PRIVATE

XIII. On Taking Jim Mugrums to Dinner and a French Lesson, Too

On my classification card, for occupation I wrote "leader of the younger society set of New York." For salary, crude question that it was, I set down this answer: "I have an independent income."

But, despite these evidences of a superior position in my ante-bellum days, no call has yet come for me to direct important work in camp except the teaching of the incinerator. Consequently, I have fallen back on my own devices. One of them, begun in a spirit of altruism, has been to try to improve the mind and manners of Jim Mugrums, that somewhat crude fellow who used to be my corporal until he got reduced because he carried me and my cot out into the street one bitter cold night.

I forgave him. In view of my mission to uplift the uncouth and smudgy-faced fellow, I tried to put aside all personal inconveniences.

"Mugrums," I said the other evening, "I am going to invite you to take dinner with me to-night."

"Go ahead. Invite me. See if I care."

They Start for Dinner.

So I invited him to walk over to the Hostess House, at the edge of camp. I told him that he should make his appearance as neat as it was possible to influence such vague uncertainties.

"Hostess House," I explained, "is a building erected as a meeting place for soldiers and their mothers and sweetheart and who come to camp to see them. It is a delightful place; you should enjoy this evening immensely. Wait a minute, Mugrums! Don't forget to wipe the mud off your shoes. Take off your hat, Mugrums. And now your coat. Hang it here. Now follow me."

I led the way into the eating room, with a counter from which you select the food, and many tables and chairs, painted in a delicious blue.

"This is the cafeteria," I explained. "Take one of these trays and follow me to the counter. The negro will hand you whatever food you select. Mugrums, you forgot a napkin. Take one, there!"

Looking a bit bewildered, Mugrums did as I said.

They Order Eatables.

"I will have a bowl of soup and two cheese sandwiches," I told the negro behind the counter.

"Gimme two o' them barrels o' soup," said Mugrums, "and about four o' them cheese sandwiches what Ethelburt's got his meat-books into."

"Mugrums," I protested, "where are your manners? This is not a building used to stable mules in. Follow me at once."

He did as I bade, carrying on his tray enough edibles to feed a regiment in barracks.

"Let us sit at this table by the window, near the pretty cretonne curtains." "You can't eat the curtains."

"And now, Mugrums, while we are dining, I will take the opportunity to give you another French lesson."

"Don't bother on my account."

"No trouble at all, Mugrums. French is spoken in three ways: with the tongue, with the eyes, and with the shoulders."

"I getcha. Right shoulder—French!"

Mugrums and His Soup.

"No, no, Mugrums. Don't interrupt me. And please don't make such noise with your soup. You are attracting attention. French is spoken in three ways, as I have pointed out. But in this lesson we will only take up the first method: by the tongue. The others are for mademoiselles over seventeen. Remove the spoon from your coffee cup. It should always recline in the saucer when not in active service."

"Aw, what is this, inspection morning?"

"The word in French that stands for 'I' is 'je.' It is pronounced like 'ju' in jug, only without the 'g.' As in the phrase, the little brown jug."

They don't use 'em any more, 'cept in Kentucky."

"The word for you is 'vous.' It is pronounced 'voo.' Don't put your knife in your mouth, Mugrums. That isn't being done."

"But I just done it. Fooled you, Ethelburt, that time."

"The word 'to love' in French is 'aime,' but this is the infinitive form of the verb and is not half so important as the present indicative, first person singular."

"I didn't get none o' that on my tray."

More Food and French.

"In the first person singular of the present indicative, you say 'j'aime' when you want to say 'I love.'"

"How d'ya say: I wants 'nother piece o' pie?"

"In case you should want to specify the particular thing or person you love, as sometimes happens, you place the word for that person or thing between the pronoun and the verb. Such a sentence would be construed as—Mugrums! you've knocked over the water. How could you be so clumsy?"

"That comes from eatin' at the officers' mess so much. I'll be more careful, Ethelburt."

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EXPLANATIONS:

The year 1918 comprises the year 1337 of the Mohammedan era, when the first harem was established at Constantinople. The year of this era begins at sunset on October 6, 1918, so if you’re late at sunset you can’t get in on the new year. Elevations for 1918: A total eclipse of the Sun, June 8, at 3h. 32m., the path of the eclipse passing over Camp Wadsworth just about the time for Guard Mount. Remember the date you need to clean your gun that day. On June 22nd there will be an eclipse of the Moon, visible only in South America. Therefore it will not be visible in North America.

Medical Note: When you get up in the morning with a headache, go back to bed. For a cough, cough up a dollar for our remedy. For a bad cough, cough up two dollars.

Testimony: ‘Dear Dr.— For seven long years my wife suffered from nineteen various ailments, until I heard of your wonderful remedy. She suffers no more. God bless you! ’

YOURS TRULY,

O. U. Gowan.”
WITH THE CAMOUFLEURS OF CAMP

For Five Weeks Students at the School Have Been Disguising the Landscape

(By Pvt. Bill Breck, Co. B, 107th Infantry.)

This very modern war has been made intricate and complicated by inventive minds and ingenious contrivances. The skyping aeroplanes and ever-attendant camera have made the slightest movement of troops, the disposal of the minutest particles of earth, the locating of every gun, a problem of perpetual concealment.

From trench warfare has been born the modern listening and snipers' posts, with their respective problems. Everywhere—in "no man's land," in the trenches themselves, and especially in the territory "to the rear"—there is a perpetual struggle to conceal and hide from the enemy all operations and activities. In fact, this business has taken on such gigantic proportions that it has become necessary to train men especially for this work, and for every division to have men skilled in the art of concealment and camouflage.

Hence the camouflage companies and battalions.

Been Schooling for Five Weeks.

For the past five weeks there has been a school of camouflage at Wadsworth, where seventy or eighty men of the 27th Division have been getting practical experience in their latest branch of "line" endeavor.

Dead Horse for Sniper's Post.

Under the formal direction of Capt. A. W. Palmer, 102d Engineers, the class from the beginning has wasted no time on theory and theoretical camouflage. After a brief preliminary talk on color and photography (of which more later), Capt. Palmer intimated that the men "get busy and do something."

And "doing something" in this case meant designing and executing listening posts and snipers' shields, and placing the same in practical positions by our well-known trenches.

One of the earliest models was the stump. Those built of wood and wire and plaster with real bark on the outside, were hollow and just large enough for a man's head and shoulders. The rest of him reposing in a rough "dug-out" below ground. In actual warfare the camouflage stump would be substituted at night for a real one as nearly life size as possible, and morning would find the patient watcher in his precarious shelter near enough to the enemy's lines to catch a word now and then, or stray bits of information which, when night came he could convey back to his lines.

They Fooled the Observers.

A hollow stone, built of wire and paper, or a plaster horse, made to look as dead as only a dead horse can look, might be the shelter selected. The men of the school have made these things and others of a similar nature. Also they have camouflaged the blantly black openings into the machine gun emplacements, and they have camouflaged them so well that "observers," moving about the trenches, have put their feet through burlap and wire. Whether their remarks were complimentary or not to the students and their work, is not on record. They have built field pieces from stovepipe and beaver board and camouflaged the splendid models so well that they defy detection until you stumble and bump your nose on their sharp edges.

In Sergeant L. P. Ames, Capt. Palmer has had an invaluable assistant. With a splendid collection of pictures and prints pertaining to camouflage and a thorough knowledge of its technique, the sergeant has engineered the building and camouflaging of these field pieces and the building and camouflaging of a "life size tank." Also, it's unfortunate that the 27th Division doesn't boast of an aeroplane, for though the "tank" is strictly invisible at a short distance away it would be a satisfaction to find out how successfully it camouflaged to escape detection from an "enemy camera" when snapped from above.

Building Kites for Cameras.

However, at the present writing camera-bearing kites are being constructed at the school which, by an ingenious clock-work arrangement, will be able to take aerial photographs, and thus the men will be able to obtain pictures similar to those taken from a plane.

And it is against this aerial photography that the camouflage men are working continuously. The aerial camera is provided with special ray filters that eliminate certain colors, leaving on the negative brilliant telltale spots of white or black as the case may be.

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There's a Man in the Tree Trunk.

One screen may eliminate blue, and should the roof of the camouflaged tank, for instance, have a predominance of this color, the negative will show a suspicious spot of white where the luminority screen has extracted all blue. Other screens take out the reds, others the yellows. Therefore it can be plainly seen that where colors have been used in indiscreet proportions, the result will be unfortunate, for the enemy's camera will register light or dark spots where no spots should be and the inquisitive camera will probe the territory with disastrous results.

A fieldpiece or ammunition wagon, which to the eye has been "painted out" of the landscape most successfully, can often be "picked up" by the camera man above and its location passed on to the enemy with unhappy results to the piece or train. Should the first negative have a suspicious spot on its surface the enemy will be back in an incredibly short time for another "snap" at the questioned spot—another plane with other cameras fitted with screens which will eliminate other colors and locate fresh portions.

So always it is the endeavor of the camouflage man to so paint that which he has to shield that no large, suspicious spots may appear on the negatives. It can easily be seen that there are depths and intricacies to the game that call out a man's most (Continued on page 35)
SEVENTY-TWO HOURS IN THE TRENCHES

Thunder and Lightning and Rain For the Third Battalion of the 107th.

To the man who writes what we read every morning over our library paste and coffee, the number "72" means press club time. To the man in the third battalion of the 107th Infantry whose name was not on the sick report the morning of Lincoln's birthday, the number "72" means a lot of things no nice publication would print.

For the third battalion shivered, shuddered and shrieked through 72 weary hours in the trenches—yes, three long, long days and three long, long nights. And the elements foregathered and decided to give the boys a generous taste of a busy day anywhere in Flanders.

It was glorious.

What with patrolling, standing guard and "standing to," the young men had quite enough to keep them busy; little to do but keep trained English officers from clipping barbed-wire entanglements and rushing into the trenches, preventing heavy eyes from closing, bringing up food for gas-laden mouths, gouging out mud from grimy bolts and barrels, widening ditches, lowering parapets, picking and shovelling out dugouts, repairing damage caused by rain, keeping heads below the top of the trenches, locating places to sleep, adjusting masks for fake gas attacks, stumbling through No Man's land for reasons unknown to the men, and squeaking crumblers.

During the night the men worked like Trojans, certain that the theoretical enemy would be unable to observe what improvements and alterations were being made. During the day the men were privileged to do, according to the opposition.

The leaders semi-circle 'til they prance at Jimmy's feet.

Who always waits his chance and kicks you just below the back.

Who always can sweat, they say, for gentlemen perspire.

But bless the tugging mules that pull your auto from the mire.

That's not a vicious habit in a military land.

Now, only beasts can sweat, they say, for gentlemen perspire.

It's Jim's belief he's only ears and hoofs, without a heart.

The brute who labors, hauling, from the quartermaster's store.

That's not a vicious habit in a military land.

He looks at you as if his soul lay sleeping high as trees.

He wallows where the others shrink and dirts up his knees.

To paint his personality in quite a pleasing way

So talk to him more gently, Jim, this lonely beast of toil.

For he's the only one can swim through Carolina soil:

The one who stumbles through the mud and always finds his feet,

The one who stumbles through the mud and always finds his feet,

With loads of hay and wood and coal and clothing, bread, and meat.

The Setting-Up Exercises

Setting up exercises consisted of adjusting and removing gas masks at times which seemed most inappropriate. Asleep or awake, idle or busy, men momentarily expected the gongs and cries which meant alleged gas was on its way over the fields.

One clever youth, stretched along a fire opening fire from a trench across the brook, which by this time had qualified as one of the Great Lakes. Pam, pam, pam, and the battle was on.

Flies in the front line returned the fire with a click, click, click. Reinforcements from the reserve trenches donned their water wings and swam into the aid of the first line. Of course, the third battalion triumphed. (Editor's Note: The Intelligence Officer tells us, however, that the Third Battalion was most decidedly outmaneuvered by the opposition.)

A busy night was Thursday night. But at dawn the sky cleared and the sun came forth in all its glory to heal the ills of a miserable lot of men.

CORPORAL LES ROWLAND.

Co. L, 197th Inf.

VERSEs TO A MULE.

I'd like to sing the virtues of a mule, brown, black, or gray;

Whang! went a clap of thunder. Then came to a small force of soldiers-in-the-making the realization of what the inauguration of a European conflict is like. Lightning flashed, snapped, spattered and zipped across those hills, exposing to both our troops and the enemy the deplorable conditions of the fields and trenches.

Huddled in those barren slits in the earth, already transformed into roaring streams, were forms that resembled men. Oceans of cold rain fell upon and rolled off their waterlogged hats and their ponchos. Not a man dared exclaim a Muslin test he should permit the rain to get beneath his rubber protection.

All about them huge rocks slipped from their sockets in the earth and crunched down into the trenches. Walls, fire pits, and ammunition niches, unable to withstand the torrents, crumbled and fell. Drainage ditches overflowed, allowing vast quantities of water to cut new paths over the ground and tumble over the tops of the walls into the haws occupied by the men. Dugouts were made untenable.

B-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-p! came a flash from the ominous sky.

Somebody became about as popular as war by attempting to tell a funny story.

Clang! Clang! Clang!

Clang, clang, clang,—and the men knew a gas attack had been launched. It was unanimously decided that that was no time for a gas attack. But every mask was slipped on in 5 flat. And it was observed that those masks were in a number of cases put on over smiling faces. Nose clips were in some instances slipped into mouths, but that mattered not—the masks were on.

The storm increased in ferocity. There was nothing to do but stand and think—to use quoting thoughts; this is for publication. Then the storm abated.

And a body of men who must have had umbrellas began to imitate the storm by opening fire from a trench across the brook. By which this time had qualified as one of the Great Lakes.

Oh, he's the brute who lugs your heavy rations to the door, the one who stumbles through the mud and always finds his feet, With loads of hay and wood and coal and clothing, bread, and meat.

He looks at you as if his soul lay sleeping in his eyes, He plods the roads as if the world for him held no surprise, He pulls the combat wagons over ruts as high as trees.

PVT. CHARLES DIVINE.
A SOLDIER’S DIARY BY THE NUMBERS.

Astonishing Statistics Revealed In This Interesting and Intimate Record.

On March 25, 1918, we will be in the service 31,536,000 seconds, during which time we have wandered so far that we are now 1,631,817 steps in quick time, from New York, and 1,359,848 steps in double time.

While on furloughs I have spent in train fare $69.42, and in street car fare, $1.75, besides a nickel which they overlooked.

I received exactly 421 epistles, containing 46,310 words, and in these words 277,863 letters, while I have sent out 763 letters containing 231,892 words making 1,855,136 letters, using eleven bottles of ink or 7,712 drops.

I received from the tobacco club 61 packs of Bull Durham. Each pack containing more or less, 90,031 particles of tobacco, thereby receiving 5,491,891 particles in all, of which I wasted 3,263,432 grains by rolling my own, also blistering my fingers in the process.

I have listened to 450,863 notes from bugle calls, of which, 321,632 were unnecessary, being either drill, fatigue or first calls.

Have used up 43,206 beans of coffee in consuming 1,081 cups, enough to fill a tank 54 inches in perimeter shaped like an irregular icosahedron-parallelepiped-dodecahedron-mazedralinorthodixaxtrous, and pretty deep.

The ashes from my pipe for like period, if used on Ash Wednesday, would cover a spot about the size of 50 mils at 15 inches, on 256,843 foreheads.

Have covered 72 miles walking back and forth to the showers and to other nearby points.

Helped carry from the trains 3,600 black iron cots which should have been painted white, so as to be lighter.

Have spread no rumors, but hear that the war is not going to end this week.

Have seen myself in the mirror 2,421 times, enough to craze an ordinary observer.

Never turned down an offer to be a lieutenant.

Brushing my clothes, I have worn two inches from a whiskbroom containing 321 straws, thereby consuming 624 inches of straw, not counting the 84 inches used to clean my pipe nor the twelve inches from my tooth brush.

Have eaten eight dollars’ worth of eggs, for breakfast, about thirty eggs in all.

I have often tried to count the stars while on guard, but before I ever got to 400, the disturbing relief came around.

Have seven sweethearts and passed the sanity test twice.

Listened to “Call to Quarters” now for the 212th time, and will fall asleep. Perhaps in the morning I will let you in on the secret of how many atoms of air, fresh and foul, that I breathe during my slumber.

Yours in waste,
DANIEL J. MAHONEY.

IT TAKES SO LITTLE.

It takes so little to make us glad,
Just a cheering clasp of a friendly hand,
Just a word from one who can understand;
And we finish the task we long had planned,
And we lose the doubt, and the fear we had—
So little it takes to make us glad.

—Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.,
Division Headquarters Troop.
On Furloughs and How to Get Them

An Exegesis By An Expert, Who Reveals the Secret Technique.

Why are so many men grumbling over their hard luck in not getting furloughs? Just as though furloughs were impossible things to obtain! Only yesterday four men came up to me at different times and each said practically the same thing.

"What do you know about that?"

"About what?" I asked politely each time.

"Why, Tom, Dick and Harry went off last night on ten-day furloughs! I’m willing to bet one pie and a bag of doughnuts that none of them had a respectable excuse. Ye guns and little pistols! I wish I had the nerve those fellows had. Why, if I don’t deserve a furlough more than that whole bunch put together, I’ll eat my issued undershirt!"

Poor fellows. It is for their benefit and the benefit of all men like them that I write this article.

Easy—When You Know How.

The simplest thing in the world is to get a furlough. There are a hundred and one reasons why you should, and ought, to have a furlough; it is just a question of deciding which reason you want to give and know how to give it.

Sick parents and dying wives are a bit drastic and should be held in reserve but how about this if you are a bachelor?:

Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

Subject: Application for Furlough.

1. I request a ten-day furlough from Jan. 1st, 1920, to Jan. 9th, 1920, both days inclusive, due to a sick grandmother about to make her last will and testament.

2. My reasons for making this request is that I have sufficient funds to enable me to make a hit with an aged aunt who is too old to make the trip South.

3. Mary writes that she thinks you must be a perfect dear.

4. Hoping that you are, I am, WILL U. KOMACROSS.

It is all very simple, isn’t it?

There is, however, another quite different way of obtaining a furlough, but it necessitates considerable technique and should be used sparingly.

Testament.

Grandmother about to make her last will and testament.

Hoping that you are, I am, WILL U. KOMACROSS.

Fox Bitten Dummy.

There was a man in our company who had a cold. One day he became suddenly speechless. He reported at Sick Call and was rushed to the Infirmary. Here he was examined but the doctors could find nothing wrong with his throat or speaking apparatus. The following day the man was still speechless.

Six doctors took the matter up in a serious way. They made another examination, filed 43 reports of 26 pages each with the Surgeon General and recommended that the man have his feet with iodine. Still there appeared no change in the man’s condition.

The next day ten doctors at the Base Hospital held a consultation, made out 54 1.2 reports in triplicate and recommended O. D. pills.

Even all of this was of no help. The man could not be made to speak. He became worried. He looked scared. The following day, while being examined by another board, he snatched a piece of paper, nervously took a pencil and wrote this pathetic appeal:

“For God’s sake, send me to a specialist.”

Doctors Gasped.

The medicine men gasped. They looked at each other in amazement. And then in a chorus they answered:

“We never thought of that. The very thing.”

So they issued the man a thirty-day furlough to go to New York and be treated by a specialist.

I went as far as the Spartanburg station with the poor fellow to get his ticket for him and see him safely on the train.

Just before he got on the train, a young and charming girl stepped into the car he was to occupy.

He nudged me. Jumped onto the platform and just as the train was pulling out of the station, looked back and distinctly stated:

“Gee! What a peach!”

FOR THE WELFARE OF NEW YORKERS.

Gov. Whitman Appoints Board of Officers to Help Men in Service.


Through the courtesy of Colonel J. Hollis Wells, commanding Seventy-first Regiment, N. Y. G., this board has secured quarters in the 71st Regiment Armory, 33rd street and Park avenue, and will be accorded every assistance by brigade and regimental officers at that post. The board is desirous of having it known to all soldiers of the 27th Division that whenever they are in New York City they will be welcomed at the board’s headquarters at the above address and any assistance or help which may be required will be furnished upon application.

It is the purpose of this board to do everything within its power to further the best interests of the officers and men of the 27th Division, and it is hoped that its services may be of use and benefit to them.

The board is anxious to receive suggestions as to anything that can be done for the welfare of those at Camp Wadsworth.

GOING UP!

Editor Gas Attack:

Kindly print the following:

Corporal John J. Waters, Co. E, 102d Engs., will pay fifteen cents each for one copy each of No. 8 and No. 9 issue.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

CORP. JOHN J. WATERS.
GAS ATTACK

WHAT THE SIGNAL BATTALION HAS BEEN DOING.

Telephone Operator Sticks to His Post
In Trenches With Water Up to His Waist—Other Signal Events
Chronicated by Lieut. Ireland.

106th Field Signal Battalion.

Our history has been moving rapidly in the last six weeks. Capt. Herbert L. Watson was detailed on January 4th as student in Technical Liaison at the Signal School at Camp Samuel F. B. Morse, Leon Springs, Texas, and having finished the course, returned on February 4th, to leave at once for the ten days which he declared was customary after every school. We heard little of Liaison from him, but much about the pleasant arrangement as to leave. Although a bachelor, he remarks in the telegram requesting the usual five days' extension.

"More family in two new apartments." We are awaiting further news and his return with unusual anxiety. Should the Telegraph Co. tell us "more" should be "move," and "two" read "to," we will be startled.

On January 6th, 1st Lieuts. Jerome D. Sullivan, Lewis H. DeBaun and Frederick M. Steeves left for Hoboken under orders to be prepared for "prolonged field service." A telegram announcing mother's death on Tuesday and signed Sudes is the only word we have had of them since; but that shows the good results of code and cipher work in our own midst.

At Training School.

M. S. E. Ronald, S. Wishart and 1st Class Sergeants Wilbur D. Andrews, Vernon G. Clute, John E. Fowler, Otto C. Hall, William E. Terry, Clarence Tuna and Charles H. Wilbourn were detailed to the Signal Officers' Training Camp at Leon Springs, and after several weeks work write that the hours are long, food same as everywhere, and weather reminiscent of November, 1916. We wish them, as well as our 7th Division O. T. C. detail, silver bars at least. This last group consisted of 1st Class Sergeants Paul Z. Burrell, E. E. DeWolf, Sergeant George L. Eagle, Corporals Charles E. Lanchantin and William J. Thompson. Since they changed their hat cords they've not been around even for pay day; which would seem to suggest some little activity beneath their snowy canvas.

They all chose the Artillery, out of compliment to our neighbors to the westward—and frequently windward—in our present location. M. S. E. Frank C. Davern sent to learn more about radio at Camp Meade, and Corporal Ceci H. Johnson learning photography (by way of K. P. when last heard from) at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, complete our Detached Service list, for the moment.

2nd Lieut. Sherman A. Geer, promoted on January 17th, 1918, from Sergeant in this Battalion, has happily been assigned to us for duty. He is the first of his rank the Battalion has ever had; and we like the sample, as much since his step up as before.

Radio Service in Artillery.

The Battalion since February 6th has maintained radio service for the Artillery by three stations at the Target Range, Campobello and this Camp; and despite occasional inquiries for some one's leave or what not, and not too infrequent jamplings by the well-meaned but misdirected efforts of the radio students of our Liaison Schools, recently turned loose on the unsuspecting air, communication has been extremely satisfactory and serviceable. As in Texas, the old wireless does come in handy when roads, trains and wires all fail.

Mess Sergeant Albert B. Brushaber and Private Stanley E. Hubbard have been transferred as Privates to the Q. M. Corps, National Army; and are, we hope, realizing all the good they anticipated, for themselves and the service. Pvt. William Collins was transferred on February 10th to the Supplies Division, Army Transport Service, and left at once for New York, “on the Gov't,” as ordered. He seemed pretty much at sea as to his new duties, but undertook the first journey with commendable resignation.

The Second Session of the Liaison Department, 27th Division School of the Line, closed on February 15th, and the bellringing is even on a third session, or some attention to our own much neglected companies. Ten Signal Classes, under the instruction of our first graduates, but with schedules weekly from the Director, Liaison School, were organized under G. O. No. 6, January 30, 1918, and have been visited by Lieut. Smith, F. A. X., Sgt. Grand, F. A. M., and Battalion Officers, so that they are progressing most earnestly. Recent Sunday newspaper pictures and little items in the daily war news tend to bring more and more into common knowledge the importance of the absolutely unbreakable signalling ability which the

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DIVISION HEADQUARTERS TROOP.

Three promotions were announced during this week. Corporal Eddie Cobb is now Supply Sergeant in place of Tom Crawford, who has been transferred to the 40th Engineers; Ernest Painter has been appointed corporal and put in charge of the automobile men, while Bob Walsie received his two stripes and is now acting as troop hayen instructor.

Private Cramer is still advising the boys just where they will be next week. His merits have been noted and he is now a charter member of the Stable Police Riding Club.

Howard Stine is acting corporal of the tent. With Matthew Pivoto, one of our latest rivals on one side, and George Sternberger on the other, he is well supplied with all the essentials of a perfect toilet. Ah, there, Howard! Watch your step.

Angie Scabro, one of "Darling Dispatch Riders," is keeping the mail ordnately busy these days with missions from Rosebank, Staten Island. The personnel office will kindly secure a good secretary for him.

Private Meyer was amazed to hear from Charlie Ward that John Bunny is now with Barnum and Bailey. Wake up, Meyer, or they will be including you in their party, too.

Leeter Hunt has been rehearsing in his tent this part in the division show. He is expected to make a big hit as the Sleeping Beauty.

Walter Bettker has joined the ranks of the compulsory allottees. Mayor Hylan played the nasty trick on him in a short but dangerous little ceremony while our Walter was North on furlough. Is it true, Walter, that she believed you was a good secretary for him.

OFFICERS' DUTIES.

First Lieut. Charles P. Leeser, 107th Infantry, has been detailed to duty in connection with securing a lease of land for a camp site near Gowansville.

Private Rollin C. Wilcox, Company B, 105th Machine Gun Battalion, is detailed to special duty in connection with the construction of a building for trench mortar instruction.

Majors L. F. Sherry and Walter L. Bell, 102nd Ammunition Train, are relieved from duty in the office of the division inspector. In addition to their other duties, Lieut. Col. James C. McLeod and Capt. James C. Maclin, 102nd Ammunition Train, are detailed to duty in the office of the division inspector, and will be designated to inspect property having in view its condemnation.

EDGERTS CO. 105TH FIELD ARTILLERY.

Having battled with hostile elements for two months at the artillery range, up in Dark Corners, we returned to Camp Wadsworth for a period of rest.

Some of us left for the hills early last November, and the changes in the camp rather confounded us. We viewed with not a little apprehension, such comforts as electric lights, tent floors, walls, and, most welcome of all, hot water shower baths.

Fletcher, self-confessed ex-jockey, persisted in denying that he was thrown by a horse that was standing perfectly still at the time.

Frank Davis was, "Who ever heard of Headquarters Company doing Recreational Guard?" Poor Frank has had two tours in five days, and hopelessly views the unpromising prospects of more soon to follow.

Red-thatched Jack Franke is acting Topper while Ray Miller is sojourning at the O. C. T.

Avol Silverman, alias Hagan, has been the recipient of a series of telegrams. What is it, Mac, another furlough?

Wonder if Max Sticker's girl, Jean, still uses Y. M. C. A. paper to convey to Max her endearing phrases?

Two Mazda lamps failed to answer roll call in Eddie O'Brien's tent the other night. Having noticed them for identification, the doughty Edward felt quite confident that he could recover the bulbs. He finally did succeed in making the Sergeants disgorge one. Obi is sure that they are concealing the other one. What would you give, Eddie, for our knowledge on the subject?

Our ball tossers are practicing every day. They challenge any company, or regimental team to cross bats with them.

All hail to our band. Once the bane of our existence, we now point to them with pride.

Corporal S. E. Chasin.

SPRING GARDENING.

The 102d Engineers have spaded and raked the roadway between the officers' tents and the regimental street. The regimental gardener has sown oats in the spot. He says they will make a pretty spring lawn, and after the grass is cut the land may be sown in regular lawn grass.

Officers of the hospital train, between the engineers' camps and the base hospital, sowed oats in front of their tents last fall, and it is showing up very pretty now.

The engineers and the hospital officers led in landscape gardening last summer and fall, and they are taking an early start for this year.

COMPANY A. 102ND SUPPLY TRAIN.

It is believed by all that "Humpty-Dumptly" Longlay has got to rid himself of the rheumatism before he can consider himself capable of beating "Old Man" MacGowan in the 100 yards.

Our handsome Sgt. Major "Cupie," formerly of this company, was at Converse College Tuesday evening, and not knowing what to do with his hat, while the Star Spangled Banner was being played, he hung it on his hip. Longlay, who was there, too, was in the same fix, so he put his in his pocket, and stood at attention.

Our Sgt., "Baby Hippo" Smith, has returned from furlough, rather weak in the knees, but still game, after visiting New York, Connecticut, and last but not least, Danville, Pa. He claims that the Delay, Linger and Wait R. R., is a disappointing line, as the conductor took up all his mileage ticket, maintaining he took up two seats. Better reduce or give up traveling, Jim.

Corp. Tom Sharkey, after visiting Long Island Camps, decided to be transferred to the National Army, as a Major. We think that the new stripes and the cute little design has demented him. If the boss is to give you any money, Tom, and you can't use it all, just call on the squad De Luxe, they are good.

Engineer O'Brien, while at drill the other morning, got his arm caught around his neck (the command was right shoulder arms) and it is said that he would have choked to death were it not for the timely arrival of "Humpty-Dumptly" Longlay.

Corp. Peters, who had to go on guard, was sent to the kitchen to chop wood for the cook. He said that they didn't do it that way down on the Border.

"Benny" Nieslos, our aspiring young officer, has decided that a commission in the ground forces would not give enough chance to rise, so he expects to try for the Signal Corps, as an aviator. Go easy, Benny, you must walk before you can fly.

CAVALRYMEN AGAIN.

Capt. Graham Youngs, of the 105th Machine Gun Battalion; Capt. Howard Cowperthwaite, adjutant of the trains and military police, and Capt. Ridgeley Nicholas, of Co. B. military police, have been transferred to a new national army regiment of cavalry that is being organized at Douglas, Ariz. They left camp last week.

These captains were formerly officers in old Squadron A, New York cavalry, and they are delighted to get back into that branch of the service, although they regretted very much to be separated from their many friends here.
105TH FIELD ARTILLERY.

Battery "A."

There is a disease (or affliction) in our ranks, known as "Reveille feet." How about this, Billie B.? Shall we get you a rolling chair or crutches? Or, do you need both? Corporal Cadatto believes in "rest for the weary," and if anyone were to ask us, he is some "cot punisher." He is also particular as to who makes use of same in his absence. Did someone say the Corporal was exempt from guard duty?

Private Diack was recently on K. P., and we understand he ate his way out of the kitchen, and received his diploma as a dispenser of army food. Congratulations, Diack.

Battery "B."

Mess Sgt. Winterling, otherwise known as the Bean and Hominy king, is still on the job. We hope beans and hominy are soon scratched off the list.

The gun crews of B Battery, as usual, have equaled their high standard of efficiency, at the recent practice at the range. These boys are to be congratulated on their splendid showing.

The greatest delight that our mechanic Kustner gets, is taking our "tin lizzie" apart. But, we must hand it to you, George, you are there. If you don't believe it, ask the Captain.

Battery "C."

The boys are glad to get down into the Torrid zone once more, after being in "cold storage" for so long. Don't blame you, fellows, as we all feel that way about it.

Private Edward Hunt, popularly known as "Miss," is on a ten-day furlough to "little old New York." Have a good time, "Miss," but don't make any "miss" steps.

Private George Edwards is once more back with the "bunch," after being in the Base Hospital for a month. We are indeed glad to have you with us again, George, as we have missed your smiling countenance.

Private Nebus is confined to quarters with a fractured ankle. We wish him a speedy recovery, as he is expected to play a big part in capturing the Kaiser. Snap out of it, Harry.

When it comes to putting down cement floors, Corporal "Bill" has them all beat. Consequently we have a brand new kitchen floor. We are a trifle worried, however, as we are in doubt as to whether the Corporal is a member of the Union. Enlighten us, Bill.

Battery "D."

Private Gass still insists on being transferred to the Mounted Balloon Squad. Good luck to you, "Brilliance."

Private Owens is among the recent newly-weds. He likes the army life, but wants to get back to the Bronx and "hon" as soon as possible. We feel sorry for you, Owens, and you have our sympathy.

First Sergeant Wilson is still out in the early morning with his tin whistle, and his familiar saying "You're out of luck." By the way, Sergeant, how about the Asheville boots?

Battery "F."

Private Murphy would like to know who appropriated his shoes down at the shower bath? It was his first trip there in three months, and therefore a gala event for him, but someone had to spoil his party.

Gallagher and Redmond are still being pestered by the "movie" men. There is no getting out of it, fellows, genius is recognized everywhere.

What we would like to know is who stole O'Reilly's picture. We are working our "thinker" real hard. Do you suppose that Nora has it?

Sergeant Louheed, of Monte Carlo fame, is broke this month, the first time since '88. Don't grieve over it, though, as the old boat is jammed with passengers this trip.

Has anyone something to suggest that would get "Smiling Sam" Fitzpatrick out to reveille? If you have, just pass it along, as we would like to solve this mighty problem.

Supply Company.

Will the gentleman who appropriated 15 jars of jam from our kitchen on a rainy night last week be kind enough to invite us to his party? We like parties, and we also like jam, so be a good fellow and come across with an invitation.

"Furlough Sergeant" Valleau is expected back from his furlough in the immediate future. As two trains are being run daily, we expect McCafferty will be on the other one.

We are glad to note two new faces in our ranks at reveille, and while it may appear a little strange for these two to greet the early morning with a smile, they will get accustomed to it eventually, we hope.

We are keeping our eyes and ears open these days, and note that the "mail twins," Borst and Brandlein, are receiving their mail regularly. Some of us are getting jealous, but we promise to do nothing rash.

Sergeant McGuire announces the return of cobbler De Simone, which is looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by Sergeant McAroni. Col. De Simone was captured in the mud at Dark Corners recently.
102D ENGINEERS, HDQRTS. CO.

SATURDAY MORNING INSPECTION
or
A PRIVATE’S DREAM.

Devised and Patented by
"THE NATIONAL COT-BENDERS’ SYNDICATE."

At last a long-felt want has been supplied, and no longer does Saturday morning hold any terrors. For the belated "back" who took the 10 o’clock P. & N. train to camp on Friday night this is a Godsend.

The equipment consists of the following: 4 balloons, 1 cap pistol, 4 caps, 1 ton and a half anchor, 1,500 feet of hauser rope (at least 2 inches thick), 1 Ford horn, 30 feet of electric wire, a flashlight battery, 1 rudder, 3 skyrockets (1 red, 1 white, and 1 blue), (Hurrabl), 1 box with the following equipment: Ordnance, half dozen hand grenades, 1 copy of the Gas Attack, 1 O. D. umbrella, and a pack of “Camels.”

How to operate: On Friday night inflate the four balloons to a pressure of 15 pounds with a bicycle pump, making sure to drop the anchor beforehand. Post notice for those coming in late not to stumble over anchors as they might disconnect same and find their friends up by the ceiling in the morning. Be sure to go over cot thoroughly and see that all machinery is properly oiled and in good working order.

At first call Saturday morning, pull up anchor; the corporal leads, and the rest take the air according to their length of service, navigating the company street at least once. When hovering over his right spot, the gallant soldier immediately draws his cap pistol and after loading same, proceeds to deflate the four balloons by shell fire, and drops into place, already for roll call, calisthenics, inspection, mess and whatever other punishment a court-martial may decide.

Its efficiency does not end here. Why send a soldier 35 miles to a rifle range when his marksmanship can be developed right in camp. Every Saturday he gets four shots at the balloon, which means 16 a month and about 100 in six months. If he hits 75 out of a hundred, he is doing good and is entitled to a medal, as it is very hard to hit anything with a cap pistol.

Extra precautions: If by any chance the cot should ascend to an altitude of 5,500 feet or more, withdraw rockets and light them, first the red, then the white, and the blue, showing that an American is in distress; he will then receive aid from one of our Service Stations, open day and night. If they don’t see him, we guarantee a discharge and a squad to carry the remains to New York.

ANY BUCK PRIVATE.

A feller used ter pike away.
After laborin’ all the day,
An’ struggle inter Joe’s Cafe
To roll der bones ter see who’d pay.

A feller had no “boss!”

It sure was life without the call
To Walk the Dog aroun’ th’ Hall
Wit’ Lizzie, at th’ Milkman’s Ball,
Wen worry had no show a’tall.

A feller bore no cross!

Then some guy starts this dog-gone war,
An’ now it’s peace we’re fightin’ for.
Not from th’ fear of blood an’ gore—
But ’cause the details are a bore—
A feller’s at a loss!

From reveille to ole retreat,
Th’ topper wanders down th’ street,
While detailed men jus’ shake their feet.
Their hearts cry out wid tearful heat:
“My God!”—the Albatross.”

B. E. B.,
Co. D, 104th M. G. B’n.
Our company street would be a grand sight if fire call was sounded about midnight. The "pajama club," with quarters in the N. C. S. Tent, affords a conglomeration of colors. Danny in his "Baby Blue," Stone-wall in his "Ryacinh," and John the Junk-man in his O. D., not forgetting "Statistical" in his dashing green.

We are blessed with a new cook. He is a cook "what am." Keep up the good work, John. Chief Webster is now the Horse's Neck (Stable) Sergeant; they knew something when they handed the job to the Indian.

Corporal Adare and Musician Davis are on furlough. We trust they will follow our advice and stay away from the minister. Alkali Ike had salty oatmeal for breakfast. Moto: Get on the mess-line when the whistle blows.

I say, Eikel: Take your hat off in the mess hall. Whom are you going to have that first horse-back ride? Good luck to you, "Boo-Hunk." Hope they don't give you a mule.

What are you laughing at, "Vebber;" no monkey business with the cards. I lose von dollar more, den i close up. Never mind Baehr, "Pop Dietz" has Murphy hypnotized, but he can't slip it over on you. How about it, Eddie? Richley—Ram.

Congratulations to Sergeant Rosenthal, better known as "Roosey." We hope you keep up the good record set by your predecessor. How about a new hatcord, blue, size 6%? Sergeant McCahill, now "Acting Topper," has gained popularity with the men. Go to it, "Jime," we are all with you.

We are honored with the week-end visits of our worthy comrades, Sgt. Major Gin and First Sergeant Cobalt, from the O. T. C. We are always glad to welcome any former members of our company at all times.

NEW INSTRUCTORS.

The following have been detailed as assistant instructors in bayonet fighting and physical training, division school of the line.

Second Lieut. A. H. Redmond, 106th Infantry.


Sergt. C. Balch, 102d Trench Mortar Battery.

Sergt. C. Horstman, Headquarters Company, 105th Infantry.


Corp. H. Liddell, Headquarters Company, 106th Infantry.


Corp. H. L. Flynn, Company F, 107th Infantry.

Corp. P. Carey, Company I, 107th Infantry.

Corp. G. N. DuPre, Battery B, 104th Field Artillery.

Staff Colonel: Your reports should be written in such manner that even the most ignorant may understand them.

Sergeant—Well, sir, what part is it that you don't understand?—Christian Register.

COMPANY I, 107TH INFANTRY.

Not to be outdone by the other companies, we, too, have a brand-new First Lieutenant. Our heartiest congratulations to Lieut. Koochesa, and we are all in back of him to the drop of the hat!

"Pop" Fisher and Velkoot strayed away the last night in the trenches and were rounded up as prisoners by the enemy. Maybe the Huns won't let you off with as light a sentence as wood and water detail, so look out when we get "over there," boys! "Tram" Thomas has again started the round of Spartanburg society. The quarantine was pretty hard on good-looking corporals, wasn't it "Tram," but what will the little girl in Tucson say?

Fred Brown got his furlough and arrived back at camp in time to enjoy our 72 hours visit to the trenches. Lots different than those little trips to Poughkeepsie that we heard about, n'est ce pas, Fred?

Something is wrong with our Topper, Sergeant Floyd. A 48-hour pass for him is unusual, but he must have deserved it, when we take into consideration the appearance of that nice new overcoat after the trenches. It's always hard the first six years in the Army, isn't it Sergt.?

One thing after another. Out of the trenches and up to the range. It's a great life.

Old "Ecky" Kin had us peaved about gas in the trenches, but we're used to your "gas" now, old man.

Our athletes are busy men these days trying the "hundred" in 14 minutes and the broad jumps. Some do it and some don't; try it before a Sunday dinner next time, Merritt, and I guess you'll make it. B.

WILLING TO EXPLAIN.

The Daughter of His Regiment.
104TH MACHINE GUN, COMPANY A.

Chuck Woodruff, the giant of the "Valley," pulled a Buffalo Bill stunt the other day on one of our hikes. An enlisted man from the Remount was attempting to ride a fractious mule, and his success was not to be compared with Gen. Jeffers. The mule unseated him, and he did a neck spin in a foot of Southern mud. Chuck handed him a real farm giggle, and offered to show him what it took to ride the mule. His offer was accepted, and Chuck promptly threw his young limb over the saddle and stuck there like a 90-year-old cowman. He threw his young limb over the saddle and stuck there like a 90-year-old cowman. He blew away, he tossed a kiss to the remount audience, and told them to spread it amongst them.

We were all coralled one afternoon this week in our bunks, and the blast of a whistle was the preliminary command for an afternoon's tuition on the machine gun drill. During the course of this drill the orders come quick and snappy. A different order a second was coming from the officer in charge, and Nat McCrone, the "hooman" tent pole, swung wildly on a lot of them. Pirat it was: "All correct, sir," then "Number one, fall out," then "Post." Finally Nat gave it up entirely, and said: "My goodness, Lieutenant, make up your mind."

It took a world's war to make a man out of the wrist watch.

The consistent warm weather never fails to turn the soldier's thoughts to baseball. This outfit promises to put on the diamond a host of others are busy getting the kinks out of their wings, and in a couple of weeks will be shooting the old onion in big league style.

Vic Brincman is drawing the long bow on a home made violin. In two weeks he will have a shade on Kriesler. The instrument was manufactured out of an oil-can.

The order emanating from Division Headquarters requiring each man to be a replica of Jolie Ray, Ted Meredith and Hobey Baker, brought out upon the field a swell drill now under the direction of Sergeant Philip Clements, attracts huge crowds every evening. Following is the personnel of the orchestra: 1st cornet, Phil Clements; 2nd cornet, Johnathan Bean; 1st, 2d and 3d violins, Ray McCann; Hawaiian guitar, John Rockwell; drums, Perkins; flute, piccolo, and mandolin, Corporal Collins; critic, "Major" Kortright; official bouncer, "Red" Finn. Conductor Clements announces that they are now open for bookings.

Mule Skinners have been doing guard duty! What news?

Boughton says he likes his incendiary position very much. Red Cross nurses occasionally pass by, and taxis, containing fair damsel, now and then get stuck in the mud in front of the mess shack. Boughton says that having the female of the species so near has a very refining influence upon him.

W. C. R.

BATTERY E, 104TH FIELD ARTILLERY.

Joe O'Brien insists that Cook's Tours are short strolls alongside of the hikes we take.

Foley didn't mind being on half rations until he had finished eating the dozen sandwiches he had with him.

Bugler Beebe rode with his boots off. That is off and on the horse.

Lost, strayed or stolen—Barber Martin. Finder can keep him if he promises to treat him kindly.

Mess Sergeant Carey must be looking for a cross, or decoration of some kind, as he had a Sunday dinner menu working throughout the march.

TO THE 27TH DIVISION.

Give a run.

And jump on the Hun.

And show the darn Kaiser

What you have done.

By REUBEN DORSEY, Age 10.

Spartanburg, S. C.
Lake, Ind., recently returned from a three months' tour of the American army camps in France, spoke this last week to large crowds in all the Y. M. C. A. units at Camp Wadsworth. Dr. Lyon has for many years been conducting union evangelistic meetings throughout the country, but was asked by the War Work Council to go to France for an evangelistic tour among the expatriatory forces. He returned about a month ago and now is visiting the camps in this country. Preceding his gospel message each evening he devotes some time to a description of his experiences in France. They are proving both interesting and instructive to the soldiers who crowd the buildings nightly to hear him. He spent six weeks last October and November with one regiment about forty miles from where our troops are now in the trenches.

Dr. Lyon said in part: "My last work in France was with a regiment of United States regulars who had been in the trenches. I noted two marked characteristics of these men whose comrades had been killed or wounded. First, a shirt of hatred for the Germans, that seemed to make them eager to get back into the trenches and repay them for the brutal treatment of their comrades. Second, the first experiences of these men had produced in them a deep seriousness that made them responsive to a religious appeal."

Dr. Lyon is accompanied in his tour by a baritone soloist of international fame, Everett R. Naftzger. Charles Edward Russell, former newspaper man, author and lecturer and a member of the Root Commission to Russia, spoke at Y. M. C. A. No. 96 on Tuesday evening of last week. He was introduced by Col. Foster, of the old 12th Regiment, now the 52d Pioneers. Mr. Russell's message was one of inspiration and so impressed many of the "boys" that heard him that they went into Spartanburg to hear him again at the court house, where he spoke more at length later that evening.

Mr. Russell said in part at No. 96: "This is a struggle to decide two great ideas—democracy and autocracy. One or the other is going down to defeat. The king idea of a government is the opposite of America's idea, for the king is not in favor of a government for the people and by the people. If autocracy wins autocracy will be the ruling factor in the world. Every man in the United States is in danger of being deprived of his democracy—the right to cast a ballot."

"FATHER AND SON" NIGHT.

A "Y." secretary's education is never completed and during the past week among the many new pointers gained by the secretaries in this unit is the fact that it is unwise at times to ask the men at our meetings to pick out their favorite song. On Sunday afternoon two secretaries were conducting a service at the stockade and to give the meeting an atmosphere of "comaraderie" the secretaries asked the men to pick out their favorite song in the Red Service Book. With almost unanimity the audience shouted "157." The secretaries turned to 157 only to find "In the Prison Cell I Sit." Again at one of the evening services in the building the religious secretary asked for a number of a song. Just at this minute several nurses from the Base Hospital entered the rear door to attend the meeting, a dozen or more voices shouted out "292," which turned out to be "Good Night, Laddie!"

Among the important events of the week was the observance of Ash Wednesday. A communion service was held at 6:30 in the morning and in the afternoon a short prayer service was conducted by Chaplain Edrop and Chaplain Jaynes. At 4:45 the afternoon service began. Every day since services have been held in this unit. On Wednesday Dr. Thomas gave an illustrated talk on "Hawaii." Thursday, the observance of "Father and Son" day throughout the country was held and this unit had an especially interesting evening that day. Corporal Jones, Major Reagin and Dr. Beattis all gave talks. Capt. Clark, and his son, Sergeant Clark, of the 53d Pioneers, gave a fencing exhibition, and although there was a smaller crowd than usual on account of a beating rain, it proved to be one of the most enjoyable evenings in a long time.

Friday we had the usual movies for which Corp. Jack Trezise, of Headquarters Co. 55d furnished the music. On Saturday evening we had a great band concert, rendered by the 55d Pioneers' Infantry Band. Sergeant Thomas Tucker, just back from a furlough, led the band and added much to the evening with his explanatory talks between selections. He makes a band concert a regular vaudeville show.

On Sunday the day was filled with religious services. A communion service at 8:30. A service for the Lutheran men in camp at 9:00. A regimental service at 10:30 and the regular Y service in the evening. Dr. Paul Moore Strayer made a farewell talk at the latter service.

On Monday the building was turned over to the Government in the evening for classes. Tuesday evening the Government showed some very instructive movies. Charles E. Russell spoke on "The War," after which a five-reel picture, "A Message to Garcia," was shown. The Headquarters Jazz Band of the 53d Pioneers, composed of Jack Trezise, Nick Furlati, Henry Schandl, Eugene Droesch, William Damaratins, Victor Wehe, and William Kesselback, played for the movies.

"CATCHING UP WITH THE BAND."

There were nine of us in the old bunch back in the big city, that used to hang around at a certain corner every night. Nine of us used to go home at the 'wee small hours' of the morning with the crazy idea that we had been living 'the life.' Seven of the old bunch are in the service now. Six of us are down here at Camp Wadsworth. Five of the old crowd are bunks in the same company. At least twice a week we got together at one of the 'Y' shacks to talk things over, to hear the latest word from the folks back home. Often we forget to talk over our plans, and hopes for the future. Some speaker starts gassin', and before we realize it he has been going strong for sometime. A 'Y' man finishes by telling us to be sure and come back tomorrow night for a peach of a movie, or maybe a half a dozen or so scraps. Do you get the point? They are all the time springing some kind of a surprise. We don't dare stay away for more than a couple of nights for fear we will miss something good. At first we missed the old times back in the big city, and used to grouch around thinking about the slackers back home, who were probably filling the same chairs we used to camp on. It don't seem so important now. They certainly are missing an awful lot of the good things that are being handed out to us. The 'Y' men used to tell us that there would be something on 'er worth while—every night at the 'Y.' We know that is true now. We figure it out that we have missed a whole lot of good times since we came down here. So now we go over to the 'Y' shack every chance we get. We're 'catching up with the band.'"

OUR FORD COMMANDEERED BY THE U. S. ARMY.

After patiently waiting for the return from a furlough of the only Ford belonging to "Ninety-seven," it is now found that the services of this Ford have been commandeered by the U. S. A., and the aforementioned will now be designated as Lt. Charles H. Ford, chaplain of the U. S. Army. We congratulate Rev. Ford on receiving his commission and at the same time regret that we must lose him from our unit. Mr. Ford has made an efficient Secretary and made many friends while here in camp. He has an episcopal incastrite in Cortland, N. Y. His sister is the first woman commissioner to be elected in the City of Binghamton, N. Y.
McELGOTT WINS HEAVYWEIGHT LEADERSHIP.

McElgott, Company B, 102nd Engineers, has won the heavyweight title of the camp after an uphill fight that has won the admiration of every ring fan in this section. Following up his earlier victories, he entered the last lap of the race last Monday night, and in twenty minutes had disposed of Johnson and McDermott, his most important rivals. Heide had an opportunity to meet Mac, also, but every time they have been matched recently he has found some reason for not appearing.

JOHNSON GETS ENOUGH.

Joe Johnson, who has been making speech after speech about what he was going to do with the rest of the heavyweights, and McElgott, of his own regiment, in particular, proved an absolute disappointment.

They had not been fighting two minutes when Johnson threw up the sponge. He claimed that a horse had crippled him in the early afternoon and that he could not go on, but it is more likely that the physical persuaders he received from McElgott had a lot to do with his change of mind.

McDermott Enters the Lists.

Fred McDermott, of the 106th Field Hospital, challenged McElgott as soon as he had sent Johnson to the junk heap. In five minutes the two Macs were at it. There were yells of "Go to it Mac" from every corner of the tent and the Clan Mac responded with a will. There were no idle minutes. Science and art were forgotten and the good old slam-bang tactics of their Irish sires ruled already for all four rounds.

McElgott won by a big margin, taking every round. Warned up by his earlier scarping, he sailed in at the first bell and was using him for a one goal lead, 20 to 18.

McElgott's Rushes Tell.

McDermott, who formerly ranked as one of the best sparrers hereabouts, seemed dazed and showed a big lack of judgment in getting away from his opponent's battering ram drives. He was game to the core but every time he came to reflect he was sent to the floor and took plenty of time in resuming operations.

The second round was a repetition of the opener. The 102nd champ rushed in with a series of rights and lefts to the body and sent McDermott to the ropes. Occasionally the hospital man landed a good one to the face but he failed to follow them up and McElgott made a quick recovery. McDermott rolled the ex-cowboy on the nose drawing first blood but received a receipt in kind a few seconds later. McElgott had two rounds already. The Engineer Leads All the Way.

McDermott started to hold in the third. Driven to the ropes by another wild rush he was too weak to escape and remained in the corner accepting fistic compliments from every direction. Both men were missing but the Albany boy was the worse offender.

Short snappy drives to the body featured McElgott's attack in the last round. McDermott seemed to find himself for a moment and boxed himself out of danger but after a good slam to the wind he cast science to the wind once more and went wild. Just before the bell, McElgott sent him to the floor again and was using him for a rest when Moran stopped hostilities.

A PAIR OF CHALLENGES.

The "Y" basket-ball team, composed of the physical directors of the local units, is looking for games. Communicate with Mr. Ortner, Unit 95. At the same time the officers of the 53rd Pioneers claim to have the best basket-ball team in camp. Their deft is open to all commissioned nines in the vicinity.
M'ELLIGOTT IS KNOCKED OUT BY MARTIN.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Feb. 22.—Sergeant Bob Martin, of West Virginia, a member of the Camp Shelby Military Police, knocked out T. P. McElligott, of New York, heavyweight champion of Camp Wadsworth, S. C., in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-round fight at Camp Shelby to-day.

Barney Williams, of Camp Wadsworth, retained his title of featherweight champion of the Army and Navy when he was given the decision over Bud Perrill, of Camp Shelby, at the end of a 10-round bout.

The bouts were part of the Washington's birthday celebration at the camp.

INDOOR MEET AT CONVERSE COLLEGE.

Mr. T. W. Garvin, who has been in charge of the Spartanburg Community Service activities, has prepared a big treat for St. Patrick's night. It will consist of an indoor meet at Converse College. Every event that can possibly be decided on a stage will be on the program. Frank Moran is booked to appear in an exhibition bout. All you gentlemen who have been telling the fair collegians of the hits you made in your own Rah-Rah days, are invited to make good in the competitions. N. B.—There will be no educational events. The proceeds will be devoted to the Camp Athletic Fund.

CARROLL'S HAT IN THE RING.

Sailor Carroll, the old-time heavyweight, now a member of the 102nd Ammunition Train, has decided to take a chance at grabbing the local title. He writes:

Sporting Editor, Dear Sir:

There seem to be several claimants for the local heavyweight title. Having been laid up with a bad arm, I was unable to dispute or defend my claim to the heavyweight title to which I consider myself entitled. I am now rounding into shape and feel that I am as good as ever. I have boxed such men as Boer Robin, Boer Ruskin, East Lovinsky and scores of others and deserve some recognition in the heavyweight class.

This deft is open to any soldier in Camp Wadsworth; first come, first served. It will decide, once and for all, the rightful owner of the local crown.

Sincerely,

PRIVATE JACK CARROLL,
Co. G, 102nd Am. Train.
(Formerly Sailor Carroll of California.)

93 GETS CRACK ATHLETIC COACH.

Doctor Robert MacBride Strimble, of New York City, has been appointed Physical Director at Y. M. C. A. Unit 93. He is a graduate of Exeter and Princeton. While at the New Jersey University, he was a member of the baseball and basketball teams. He twisted against Yale, Harvard and the New York Giants, and he is also noted for his experience in coaching diamond aggregations. He is a 5:40 man that he will make things hum on Artillery Hill. Get to know him.

GAS ATTACK

BARNEY WILLIAMS STILL ON TOP.

Gets Decision Over Kiddie Diamond in Four-Round Bout.

Barney Williams, the welterweight battler of the 105th Field Artillery, who won the championship of the Army and Navy in Texas a year ago, won a four-round battle with Kiddie Diamond of the 105th Infantry in the last of the elimination contests for his next fight Friday. Diamond, who had shown himself to be the strongest contender for Barney's title in the earlier contests, took the first round. After that the artilleryman forged into the lead. With second session even he took the third and fourth. Diamond did most of the fighting in the opening minutes. After Williams had led to his face, the doughboy started a tattoo on Williams' wind and seemed to have him confused. Barney gave all his attention to Diamond's map and landed a few straight lefts but Kiddie had the better of the round.

After the first rest, Williams seemed to have his defense in proper shape and made a few raids with his left on Diamond's chin, forcing him to the ropes. The 105th battler was pounding on Barney's ribs. The round was even.

In the third Williams jumped ahead. He got his right and left working in proper sequence and kept Diamond backing out of range. The latter was game and returned each salvo with lunge to the body but Barney usually let them slide over his shoulder. The kid began to miss his mark near the end of the round.

Barney took the fight and the trip to Hattiesburg in the last round. He sailed in taking plenty of time with his punches and landing at will. Instead of changing his objective, Diamond still kept up a rain fusillade in the direction of Williams' broadside. Twice in the fourth he was up against the ropes. Williams was given the decision by the unanimous vote of five officers chosen by Frank Moran.

In the heavyweight bout of the evening, McKinley, 83rd Pioneers, mixed matters with McElligott of the 102nd Engineers. The latter led all the way, getting all four rounds. McKinley was too slow and unable to escape the rushes of the wild Irishman from the 102nd.

CLARENCE STARS AT 95.

Five fast bouts were pulled off at Unit 95 last Monday night. In the first, Kid Tucker out-classed Tyrelle in every round.

Despite his ineffectual name, Clarence, Headquarters Company, 105th Infantry, won the best bout of the evening. His victim was Totty Hicks, of the 81st Pioneers. The boys were at each other every minute. They are both there with the punch and some good lefts were exchanged. Clarence was faster and put more blows against his opponent. O'Hara and Mulligan closed the program with three snappy rounds.
WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED BY BRILLIANT BALL AT THE CLEVELAND HOTEL.

The ball given at the Cleveland Hotel on Washington's birthday for the benefit of the Base Hospital and Enlisted Men's Club was one of the most enjoyable events of the social season and a largely attended affair. Among the patrons and patrons were: General and Mrs. John F. O'Ryan, General and Mrs. Phillips, General and Mrs. Michie, General and Mrs. Sweetser, General and Mrs. Barrett, General and Mrs. Lester, General O'Neill and others prominent in army circles. A number of delightful dinner parties preceded the ball.

Mrs. Cushing, wife of Major Dwight Cushing, of the Pioneer Infantry, entertained at a tea given for Mrs. Sweetser, wife of General Sweetser, of the 2nd Pioneers, at her home on East Main St. A number of the visiting army ladies were present.

Brig. Genl. and Mrs. H. H. Banholts have left Spartanburg for Camp McClellan at Anniston, Ala., where the General has been transferred for duty. While in the city they stopped with Mayor and Mrs. John Floyd.

Mrs. Stover, wife of Colonel W. W. Stover, of the 3rd Pioneer Infantry, is a recent arrival at the Finch Hotel.

COPELAND-BARRETT.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Copeland, of Washington, D. C., announce the marriage of their daughter, Mildred, to Lieut. Myron Knox Barrett, of New York. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Copeland in Chevy Chase, the Rev. Samuel H. Greene, of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Lieut. Barrett is on duty at Camp Wadsworth and left immediately with his bride for Spartanburg.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE MEN HELD RE-UNION DINNER.

Capt. W. H. Curtis, of the 106th Infantry, arranged a reunion dinner given at the Spartanburg Country Club to the alumni of Williams College, Massachusetts, who are on duty here. It was a most enjoyable affair, there being twenty-two of the alumni present.

Mrs. Stoehr, wife of Captain Stoehr, of the Headquarters Supply Company, of the 3rd Pioneer Infantry, is a guest at the Finch Hotel.

THE 'CRAZY CABARET' PERFORMANCE.

The treat of the week for Unit No. 92, Y. M. C. A., came in the form of a Crazy Cabaret on Tuesday evening, pronounced by Private J. E. Morey, of the 107th Ambulance Co. The cabaret stunt, although put on without scenery was a splendid one, and was thoroughly enjoyed by every one. The program was as follows:


Announcer, Corp. Holbins.


The fight on the program was announced as the finish of a little argument that had been going on some time. Both men started into it with a whir in the first round. Before the end of the round it had turned into a fox trot, a horse race, and several other things equally as funny. It ended suddenly in the second round when both men forgot their enmity toward each other and joined together to chase the referee off the stage.

Monday night Unit No. 92 was used for the Government movies. Wednesday night the building was crowded to the limit for the movies.

Y. M. C. A. NOTE.

The Library has been moved into room No. 1 at the northeast corner of the stage where the nine hundred or more volumes will be better protected from dust and where the boys can readily scan the titles. More shelves have been built and other books will be added from time to time. More than half of the books are now out in the tents and the object is to supply food to the soldiers who do not feel called upon to pay the restaurant prices.

The canteen in the Enlisted Men's Club, opposite the Cleveland Hotel, is becoming a popular rendezvous for the soldiers, as the food served is of the best. The army ladies are keenly interested in the progress of the canteen and its success is due largely to them. The canteen is a branch of Red Cross work and the object is to supply food to the soldiers who do not feel called upon to pay the restaurant prices.

Capt. and Mrs. Arthur Palmer left Spartanburg for Jacksonville where the former has been transferred. Mrs. Palmer will be greatly missed at the Red Cross headquarters, where she did valuable work.

Y. M. C. A. NEWS.

We welcome as Physical Director of Unit 97 Mr. Robert MacBride Struble, of New York City, who reported for service Wednesday, February 13th. Mr. Struble school at Exeter, Princeton, and the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri. At Princeton he pitched on the baseball team against such teams as Yale, Harvard, and the New York Giants. He has coached baseball and has had experience with other games.

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WORLD BREVITIES

KEEP YOUR TITLE.

John Galsworthy on New Year's Day was offered knighthood as a reward for his literary productions. He refused it because he had always advocated democracy and because Kipling had never been knighted.

GET YOUR BOATS.

The shipping problem is the greatest problem of the war. Although the submarine has been foiled yet still it is a great menace. It is now claimed that the amount of shipping will never again be so low as it was February 1st. Already several ships have been launched from our American shipyards and a thousand more are being made. The strike among the ship carpenters has been settled and they have returned to work; the government lodgings for ship workers are underway and will accommodate thousands of laborers. Germany is losing two submarines daily and sinking a smaller number of merchant ships. Hundreds of American destroyers armed with deep sea bombs and several secret devices make existence to a submarine anything but a holiday. And yet with all this good luck America must transport a million troops and billions of tonnage of supplies and munitions in order to win the war. All Europe is ablaze and again the devastating forces are moving westward. Can England, France and Italy hold till our men get to France? Can we get to France rapidly enough to be effective? That is the question.

FOURTEEN DEMANDS OF WILSON.

1. No private international understanding.
2. Freedom of seas.
3. Equality of trade among all nations.
4. Reduction of armaments.
5. Adjustment of Colonial claims must consider the subject people.
6. Evacuation of all Russian Territory.
7. Evacuation and restoration of Belgium.
8. Evacuation and restoration of French Territory.
9. Frontiers of Italy re-adjusted.
10. Austria-Hungary to be self-governing.
11. Evacuation of Balkans and independence of some.
13. Independent Poland.
14. League of nations.

CANADIAN BOYS.

Canada is reported to have about 750,000 men in the field, of which the Province of Ontario has sent 400,000, or half of all. Of this number two per cent. have returned home incapacitated for service because of wounds of the graver sort. Only 101 had lost one arm, only one had lost both hands, only four were blinded, only seventy-two of all this number lost one eye, thirteen one hand, twelve one foot, six both legs. Ninety per cent. of all wounded were able to take up their jobs held before the war. In France, ninety per cent. of the wounded return to their former occupations. Secretary Baker, basing his estimate upon the experience of all the allies promises 94 out of 100 men a return to America.

Allied war is bad enough yet it is not so destructive as often estimated and not as destructive as many industrial occupations here in America which never attract public attention.

COST OF WAR.

It is estimated that this war will cost this nation twenty billions of dollars. This is the value of the whole United States at the end of the Civil War. The estimated value of the nation now is more than two hundred millions of dollars. The cost of the Civil War was four billions of dollars, or twenty per cent. of the value of the whole country. If the cost of the present war is twenty billions the cost will be less than ten per cent. of the value of the country. And yet twenty billions equals the indebtedness of any three of the most indebted nations before the war. The average wealth per individual in America is $2,000. The debt will be $290 apiece. Our annual national income is about forty-five billions per year. The debt would be less than a half year’s income.

Tenion Peace Delegates go to Russia. Romania and Ukraine are making an Alliance against Russian Bolsheviki.
HALT!
Poole's Barber Shop
A REAL BARBER SHOP WITH REAL SERVICE.

TEEN FIRST CLASS BARBERS NO WAITING.
TOOLS AND TOWELS STERILIZED.

GAS AND ELECTRICITY FOR ALL PURPOSES

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

SPARTANBURG, S. C.

TOUCH, HOT OR COLD.
YOUR PATRONAGE APPRECIATED.

WELCOME VISITORS.

127 NORTH CHURCH ST.

“ZE FLANDERS, HE HAVE NO THEENG ON ZIS.”

French Instructors Remark to Battery D of 105th F. A., at Glassy Rock.

No, we are not camped on Baln Bay, but at Glassy Rock. We believe our French instructor. He says: “Ze Flanders, he have no theeng on zis. Ze mud, he make very fine shocka’ puddin’.”

Bill Ryan (our mess sergeant) claims that if the grub does not arrive soon he will have to act on this suggestion.

Our “Topper,” Tyler Willson, put one over on the Supply Company. He and his whistles made a long and tedious trip to Asheville on a 48-hour pass, and corralled 48 pairs of boots. One pair per hour.

Strenuous work, Tyler. We are glad he was able to find his way back to Glassy Rock, but it is too bad the whistle came tagging along with him.

“Mike” Doyle surprised us the other night with his ability as a boxer. You never can tell much about these “quiet” guys.

Speaking about the manly art of self-defense, Corporal Memmer is sporting a black eye and a spread-eagle nose. Who did it, Howard?

Private Patterson is making a record as an insurance agent. Any one who can talk Sergeant Willson into a 48-hour pass is good. This is undoubtedly why Paddy got the insurance job.

Corporal Jack Murphy is making good as Acting Provost Sergeant. It is a hard and thankless job, Jack. You have our sympathy.

Fifteen of our men do not feel the need for tables and benches up here. Lieutenant Orgill took them for a bareback ride to Tigersville yesterday.

The sixth section is again in trouble. A set of harness is missing. Corporal Bain, when asked if he expected to recover it, replied: “No, they didn’t even leave a trace.”

Take him away, sergeant, he’s a dizzy.

Pudding Carroll is now acting Stable Sergeant. At last they got him. He gets up at reveille nowadays.

Pop Everett, Supply Sergeant, is next on the list for furlough. Better arrange to be on that furlough next pay day, Ed. We don’t like those deductions for C. & G. E.

Howard Duffy has at “last” got his stripes. Congratulations, Howard.

Our mascot, “Bum,” is spending these busy days in the mill. Too bad, Bum, you didn’t do it.

We are getting salmon in disguise these days. Under the able and masterly leadership of our Mess Sergeant, Cooks Schenck, Logan and Martin must have attended the “camouflage” school, unknown to us. The occasional biscuits are further proof of this.

The sick report still goes merrily in on the winds of the dawn. We wonder if the cooks feel that the medical department needs practice?

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SECOND ANTI-AIR CRAFT MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Will someone please tell us how our esteemed K. P. Tracey got that furlough?

The canteen has been causing First Sergt. Masterson many sleepless nights of late, also the incinerator in B Street. Will the K. P.’s please take notice?

We are getting about 600 new men in the near future. What we would like to know is, how near is a future?

Prvt. Tormey has finally found a haven of rest, and states that no amount of persuasion will entice him away from his new found friends, with the big ears down in the corral.

Don’t stay there too long, Kid, or you may begin to look like one.

Our battalion seems to be undergoing a thorough course in air craft gunnery and the boys all feel that they can look forward to bagging any number of enemy air planes with their hammers and two by fours.

Sergt. Murray has taken up a Course in Carpentry and expects his diploma upon completion of the skippers shack. Which way is the door going to swing, Alf?

We wonder what a certain few will do now that the lumber detail down at the Q. M. has ended.

Sergt. Call is still waiting to be made a C. O. and will then show us how a day’s work should be abbreviated. He is a former navy man and was fondly known as Coffee Call—never strains himself. While you are resting, Sergeant, you may build a few mess shacks.

Headquarters Co. have assembled and are now occupying a prominent spot down near the showers. How will we miss that old familiar sound that resembled come sev—never mind.

CANADIAN SERGEANT HERE.

Sergt. Henderson, of the 104th Canadian Machine Gun Battalion, has just arrived in Camp Wadsworth and will be a member of the British military mission. He is an expert in the use of machine guns, and will give his attention to the instruction of the members of the machine gun units here.

Sergt. Henderson has seen active service in France since the outbreak of the war, and has been wounded three times. He is fresh from the battle fields.

Joe Shea is looking for another 48-hour pass. Asheville is a pretty nice town, at that, isn’t it, Joe? At least Sergeant Meske thinks so. He tells us there are no M. P.’s up there. But then again, M. P.’s mean nothing in the lives of law-abiding soldiers.

How about it, Dutch?

After three months of eagerly awaiting even “rumors” of the opening of the canteen and shower baths, we were suddenly surprised this morning to hear from someone who knows somebody, that both of these establishments would be ready for business shortly.

—H. H.
The war department’s commission on training camp activities plans to build a theater for Camp Wadsworth. S. A. Sparks, representing the E. J. Lynch company, was in camp recently, talking with several officers about the possibility of getting permission to erect such a building.

If any building of the kind is erected in camp it will be a first-class building, with first-class equipment and adapted to first-class production.

In the meantime the work of rounding up the vaudeville and dramatic talent in the Twenty-seventh division is going right ahead, and the division theatrical association has about completed its organization. A number of entertainers of national reputation, who are members of the division, have offered their services, and rehearsals have been started for the division show.

COMPANY H, 107TH INFANTRY.

The Eighth Company has cause for both rejoicing and great sorrow this week. Our glee is due to the return of our ever-smiling French chef, Jim Thornton, from his furlough to the Only Town. We hope Jim, that there is still some of ‘It’ left in spite of your ten days’ activity up yonder.

The sorrow comes because the lamented loss of our short-lived pet, Corp. Smallfield’s goatoo. We watched it grow from a mere suggestion to “a thing of beauty, a joy forever” and then, in a moment of ruthlessness that strongly resembles certain Hun pastimes, the Corporal slayed our pet with one slash of the Gillette—or was it a sponge?

Johnny O’Donnell claims that his idea of “a thing of beauty, etc.” is a pass reading “until 1 a. m.” He commented thusly to the scribe the other night just as “tape” was probably blowing out at camp and, as Joinay was placing his order for the third “stacks o’wheats” in Burnett’s.

The tough breaks come in bunches they say. Good fortune also rarely comes single-handed, Tom Kerwin received a furlough last week and while away enjoying same he was made a corporal. If luck keeps up, Tom, you’ll be able to make three aces win a pot.

—A. H. V. Z.

THE THRILLS OF YOUTH.

After all the joys of youth are fairly well distributed between the sexes and, while a girl does not know the thrill that comes when one gets into one’s first pair of long pants, though even that may fall to her lot before long now, on the other hand a boy doesn’t know what it is to be a girl and walk around town with a soldier in uniform where the other girls can see.—Ohio State Journal.

TRANSFERRED.

Capt. Henry P. Zimmerman, medical reserve corps, is transferred from the 31st pioneer infantry to the 3d anti-aircraft machine gun battalion.
WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

A committee of American Jews will soon go to Jerusalem to start planning a modern Jerusalem. It will be modernized in all respects. There will probably be four small states with four cities as capitals. An Institute of Arts and Crafts has already been founded.

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GAS ATTACK

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Sergeant George Washington Kaiser is having quite a struggle with that Charlie Chaplin he is encouraging on his upper lip. We would recommend “Danderine” as a good hair tonic.

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102D SUPPLY TRAIN.

The new 30 hour schedule came through Monday—all were pleased!!!

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Sgt. Dick Freyer, the Measle King and Gas Man, is one of the best liked men in camp. He knows where to get money where they ain’t none.

The soccer team won another game Wednesday. Great game. that soccer. Its name must have originated from the way it’s played.

You sock a guy on the dome and if he shows signs of life, sock another all over his map, and so forth. It’s great though—lots of exercise and gives the doctors practice.

The shower baths are now showering, thanks to Sgt. James Morton, of Co. E. Keep up the good work James, say we.

-S. P. F.

SHALL WE DECLARE WAR?

Some are criticizing our government for not declaring war against Turkey and Bulgaria, for not doing which we allow spies from these nations to work in our country. We also were lax in restricting women allowed privileges till lately which would furnish information invaluable to our enemies.

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WHAT IS UKRAINE?

The great province of Ukraine is in Southern Russia and has a population of 20,000,000 people. It has declared itself independent of Russia and has made a peace treaty with Germany. It is opposed to redistribution of its land among the peasants which the Bolsheviki demanded for Russia.
FIELD HOSPITAL COMPANY NO. 107.

The boys were joyfully surprised when they "saw by the papers" that Lieut. C. H. Reader, formerly the company bugler, was listed among the survivors of the ill-fated Tuscania.

When asked how soon he expected his application for furlough to be favored, Co. Bucci replied: "Well, occasionally speakin', jes' now I ain't got the most slightes' ideer, but if some action ain't takin' place atme-diately, there'll be sumthin' sturin' around jes'.

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Hear'd at One of Our Lectures.

"Two-Shot-Ace of Spades Monty": "Lieutenant, what's the name of this bump at the back of your head?" (Indicating.)

"T. S. Ace of Spades Monty": "O-o-oh! Chubby Noot, where d'ye get that stuff?"

Dropby: "Let's take a walk through the Pine Woods and stop at the Haunted House!"

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BASE HOSPITAL NEWS.

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Corporal McManus, the life of Ward 27, claims that dancing and sleep made him so good looking. Both at the same time, Corp.?

Sergeant Linsmair, Ward 6, is learning to make some new dishes from the Hospital bill of fare.

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Private Pinzel, Ward 3, is talking about getting a furlough as soon as he recovers.

—C. E. W.

105TH INFANTRY, COMPANY C.

Corporal Woodward has recently been home on a furlough. The other day he received some photos of himself taken while away. On his uniform he has three huge medals. It was noticed that Frank had acquired a very serious case of roundness of the shoulders caused by the weight of said medals. How do you get that way, Frank?

Corporal Ed Rafter is at present filling Corporal Relihan's position as "right guide" on the line for seconds at mess, Corporal Relihan being on a furlough. Ed is by no means a rookie at this game.

Private Harry Savage has been telling us that he was expecting a position at our regimental canteen. We guess he got it for, on our bulletin board is a notice to the effect that the canteen will handle all laundry leaving camp.

Company "L" has just organized a baseball team. Great results are expected as the team is now under the management of Joe (Dodo) Gardner, "The Pride of Pough-keepsie."

Billie Knott (Whispering Willie, the boy wonder from White Plains), is a pitcher of fourteen years' experience in the big leagues.

Privates Claude Gemmiel, Jenkins and Alonzo Dean Allen, will act as pinch hitters. They are a pair of rare birds.

Corporal Mark J. Dunn has just received a pair of baby blue pajamas from home. Corporal Dunn wasted the best part of last night sowing his chevrons on them.

Jack Leonard was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. His three stripes must have had some powerful effect on his lungs. Gee! Can't that boy yell?

—T. J. K.

105TH INFANTRY, COMPANY L.

We wish to thank our most able Mess Sergeant for the dinner Sunday. We had the honor of having the Colonel as a guest and he made a very fine speech which all the boys enjoyed.

The "Healthy Fourth Squad" did away with their stove but now they are all wishing it back again. Private Bill Casey says he'll guarantee to tend it if we get it back.

We have quite a few expert bombers in our company. Corp. Theali wants to know what is a bomb for?

The Third Squad has the "Gimmies"—something terrible.

Sergeant J. Lopez wants to be a Y. M. C. A. man. "If you keep it up, Jack, you'll be one soon." He hasn't missed a movie so far.

—J. G. D.

ON THE JUMP AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

(Continued from page 8)

were that I had overestimated the distance and had passed Charleston and was in the Atlantic.

When they fished me out of the mud hole into which I had plunged and stretched out the tape, they discovered that I had flown fourteen feet, one inch.

—W. A. D.

Soldier's Rosary

Most appropriate gift to the boys going—to the girls who don't go, too—Tom Thumb, an exquisite bit of a 10-inch rosary (sterling silver or rolled gold) in some metal case of the size of a 25c. piece. In plain case, $4.25; engraved, $4.75. A solid 10-karat gold, hand-made, soldered-link rosary, in oblong same-gold case, $25; 14-karat, $20; sterling silver, $10; best rolled-gold, $12. Sent on approval on receipt of price; to be returned if not wanted.

When a going man, or the girl he leaves behind him, gets such a gift—any one of 'em—all are happy over it.

VATTI ROSARY CO., 108 Fulton St., New York.

Easter Rosary

The Vatti new—"pearl" rosary is as fine (to look at and for wear) as real pearl costing thousands of dollars. White, with a glaze of pink in the "pearl"! It's a wonder. You can't imagine the beauty of it. Its only defect is its cheapness! Rolled gold or silver, $10; solid 10 krt. gold, $25; 14 krt. gold, $30. It puts mother-of-pearl to shame and is guaranteed a lifetime. The ideal Easter, First Communion, Graduation or Wedding gift.

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A Few of the Features in next week’s GAS ATTACK:

With the Chorus Girls of Camp—an article about the Division show.

A Striking Cover Design—

The Story of a Fighter—an account of the amazing work one man is doing at the edge of camp. By R. E. C.

Speaking of Operations—a humorous sketch by Albert F. Smith, Medical Detachment, Base Hospital.

A Full Page by Lauten—and other illustrations about camp.

Echoes of Pay Day—a story postponed from this week.

Ethelburt Jellyback, Private, and Bill’s Letter to Mable

Poems, Pictures, and lots of news—
from the various outfits, from one end of camp to the other, from the Pioneers to the Remount Station.

PERSONAL CAMOUFLAGE.
I suppose that in every camp there are some make-believe soldiers. Maybe it wouldn’t take a psychological expert to find a few in Camp Wadsworth. Most of the men of the New York Division are real soldiers and are pushing the game for all there is in it. But some don’t seem to realize that they are in the army.

“Bunk” mayn’t be in the dictionary, but ask any soldier what it means. He knows. One hates to disillusion the folk back home under whose proud and patriotic eyes this may fail, but a man who is a loafer in camp life isn’t always made “soldiers” because he dons the olive drab. Sometimes, before his uniform loses its new appearance, the old habits of shirking and sponging creep back. He mayn’t realize it, for the soldier who judges himself usually gets a light sentence. But it would jolt him to know what his superiors think.

That the civilian may follow our meaning, one offers exhibits: The lazy supply sergeant with the over-burdened look and the nothing-doing habits. The sentinel who strolls his post and comes to life only when some one is watching him. The passing soldier studying the distant horizon to save muscular energy by not saluting the approaching officer. The member of the company who is willing enough for others to do kitchen police, but isn’t ready to take his turn. The man who groans at fatigue duty and at standing guard, but who is a hero when it comes to bunk fatigue or mess. The soldier who “soldiers” because he has friends higher up. There aren’t many in Camp Wadsworth, but some.

It will be different over there. Major-General O’Ryan says he saw soldiers standing in the trenches in water up to their knees, half frozen, but without a murmur. The American soldier will be just as good a place as anywhere when he gets up against the real thing. Many a man who flunks when things are easy stiffens gloriously in a crisis. And things are easy in Camp Wadsworth, dead easy. Many of us have gone into the Adirondacks or Canada on a vacation and worked harder and lived harder three times over, just for fun. Men need this iron of necessity to bring out their best. Every man will feel that good over there and respond to it.

Meanwhile why not get the habit? Why not get it into your head once and for all. Men do things here in camp for which they would be stood against a wall over there. Why do them? Why not get used to following regulations? Someone quoted to Carlyle a rather grand remark of Margaret Fuller, “I accept the universe.” “Gad, she’d better,” was his reply. The same with the army. It is your universe, just now. Accept it. Gad, you’d better! Quit pretending. Cut the cant. Do everything with a snap, from saluting an officer to scrubbing the mess shack. Snap it. That’s the game.

PAUL MOORE STRAYER.
AMBULANCE COMPANY NO. 107.

Musician Patsy Turrian and his orchestra, all raggy ragtimers, have been provided syncopated melody for the Nurse's Home on several evenings. The resultant "intelligence" reported back to the boys appertaining to certain young nurses and the prepossession thereof, has precipitated a deluge of applications for the post of base drummer. The orchestra has kept engagements with such quality as the Headquarters Troop, the K. of C., and the Y. M. C. A. here in camp, and played for the Country Club in Spartanburg. Turrian, Galiford, Chris Dunn, and Sergeant Bolin of the 107th, Clements and Collins of the 106th, Glohn in the 105th, and House of the 105th F. H., comprise the artistic group.

Lieutenant Russell has discovered a new outdoor sport, which is productive of considerable speculation, and some remorse. One might go so far as to say also that the new game causes alarm, particularly to the Supply Sergeant. This up-to-the-minute wrinkle is wall scaling, or, in the words of war, a preparation for chasing the Fritzies across the house-tops of Berlin. The first effort showed the men proficient in second-story work, but it also showed the missing seats of ten good pairs of army breeches, which hung about the building in much the fashion of camouflage when the recall was sounded.

Rearrangement of the squad system dispossesses the Corporals from their root in No. 11, and flings them helter skelter all over the street, each to his own tent squad. Gone are the merry days of old, when the Corporals from their roost in No. 11, and flings them helter skelter all over the street, each to his own tent squad. Gone are the merry days of old, when the corporals of the 107th were jumping, running, and firing hand grenades in all sorts of places. The 107th Dramatic Association will put on shows in the K. of C. and Y. M. C. A. huts in the near future. Private Jim Morey, actor, artist, and ambitious, is guiding the footsteps of the thespians.

First Lieutenant Martin de Forrest Smith assumed command of this company on the transfer of Captain Maeder to the Military Police.

Private Tungemann, the designated moving picture operator of the camp, has a difficult time when the pictures he so ably presents bear a stamp the vintage of 1900 or when they portray the life history of bugs, canaries, and alarm clocks. He is endowed with courage, for it is a brave man indeed who will reel off the uninteresting evolutions of a baby Goofus to a bunch thirsting for romance, love, Charlie Chaplin, and cabarets.

Bill Keogh has grown serious. He is now a married man with responsibility. In New York City while on leave he took unto himself a wife. The secret was discovered when Bill received two letters in the same week. Some claimed he wrote them himself. "Are you the commanding officer, if that has anything to do with it," was the reply.

"Well," said the American, "I just looked into tell you I have spread the gasoline tank on your front grass plot."—London Tit-Bits.

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Company C, of the 106th, Wins Major McLean's Prize.

From February 1st to the 9th, members of all Machine Gun Companies in the Division have had the target practice on the 1,000 inch range about one and one-half miles northeast of camp. The Colt Auto. Machine Gun, Model of 1917 (Army type), was used throughout the work and the firing was conducted by Platoons under the various Platoon Officers.

Each Platoon fired 1,000 rounds at a system of four Squad Bull's Eye Targets and a Landscape Target. The work of each Platoon was judged, rated, and carefully recorded in the manner and covering the following points.

Platoon Marksmanship—A score for the combined work of the Platoon on the Bull's Eye Targets. Highest possible score, 320.

Landscape Target—A rating of firing of Platoon at a Landscape Target (in terms of Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, Poor and Bad).

Platoon Workmanship—A rating of the actual work of the Platoon. Fire discipline, drill, loading, general precision of their work.

Conduct of Fire—The work of the Platoon Commanders. Orders and general handling of the Platoon.

Final Rating—A general rating of the Platoon, taking all four of the above scores and ratings into account. In terms of Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fairly Good, Fair, Poor and Bad.

GENERAL RATING OF PLATOONS.

Excellent.
1—1st Platoon, "B" Company, 104th M. G. Bn.—Lieut. Black.
2—2nd Platoon, "D" Company, 104th M. G. Bn.—Lieut. Hancock.

Very Good.

8—8th Platoon, "C" Company, 104th M. G. Bn.—Lieut. Walton.

Good.


Fairly Good.

41—41st Platoon, "C" Company, 104th M. G. Bn.—Lieut. Mackay.
42—42nd Platoon, "C" Company, 104th M. G. Bn.—Lieut. Brodsky.

Score by Company (Possible 960)

For Company, Platoon and Squad Prizes offered by Major Edward McLeer, (104th M. G. Bn.); Major William Wright, (105th M. G. Bn.), and Major Mortimer R. Bryant (106th M. G. Bn.).
WHAT THE SIGNAL BATTALION HAS BEEN DOING.

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George Harvey.

GEAR THOUGHTS OF GREAT MEN.

“Half a million of Polish women have had their lives shattered by the greatest tragedy that can come to a nation. Thirty thousand young men have been hanged for refusing to enlist in the German-Austrian armies. There are no children under seven years of age in Poland. New-born children die almost immediately for their mothers have nothing to give them but tears.”—K. Bercovici.

“We realize it was just those fourteen days of Belgian resistance that saved America.”—Myron T. Herrick.

“Let it be written that Kerensky fell because he had underestimated the intelligence and patriotism of his own people.”—Boris Shumansky.

“The name of Leon Trotsky will go down in history as that of one of the biggest noise makers the world has ever known.”—K. Borovici.

“If we need automatic guns to whip the Kaiser we need automatic saving to support our automatic guns.”—Herbert N. Fell.

COALLESS DAYS.

Mr. W. H. Manes, industrial agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, says that the eight coalless days saved 3,565,600 tons of coal but he also estimated that the saving of this amount of coal cost over $4,000,000 or $280 a ton.
GAS ATTACK

Letters to the Editor

"WHY WE ARE AT WAR."
A Striking Parable for Children That Your Little Brother Should Read.

A valuable contribution to the literature of the war is a vivid parable written by Mrs. Josephine Daskam Bacon, the well-known authoress, whose aim is to impress on the minds of the nation's children why their fathers and big brothers are fighting. The parable, "Why We Are At War" is printed in the Rally, the National Girl Scouts' Magazine, and every soldier should have his son or daughter or little brother and sister read it. Send for it to 527 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Belgium is pictured as a playground near a school. A gang of tough Big Boys invade it, knocking down the little boys, kicking and mistreating the little girls, and hurting the children who are on their way to school. Of course, it is obvious that the Big Boys are the Germans. The United States is represented as a Special Class, in a school on a hill where the Big Boys can not come. They are indifferent at first to the brutality of the Big Boys, but at last go to aid of the little boys and girls.

Mrs. Bacon concludes her striking story with these words:

"We are not in this great and terrible war because of some little petty legal quibble. We are not in it because a ship carrying Americans was blown up. We are not in it, because if we had not got in it, we would have run the risk of being humiliated and friendless.

"No; we are in it, shoulder to shoulder with determined England and glorious France, because we allies; are determined that the world shall not slip back, thousands of years, into cruelty and brutality and oppression. We are going to keep it up to the ideals it has been climbing to all these long generations; and if, in keeping it, we must die for these ideals, why, we Scouts have our motto to fit even this last proof of our loyalty: 'Be Prepared.'"

—R. E. C.

43 NEW SECRETARIES NEEDED EVERY 24 HOURS.
More than 1,200 Y. M. C. A. Secretaries of the American Associations are now on duty in France. One hundred and forty-four sailed last week.

"Imposing as these figures sound," reports the Y. M. C. A. Camp Bulletin, "They represent but a part of the needs of the Association for men for war work. It is estimated that during the next four months the Y. M. C. A. must add forty-three new secretaries every twenty-four hours, if it is to man adequately its army and navy centers and administrative and other offices both here and abroad."
WITH THE CAMOUFLERS OF CAMP

(Continued from page 8.)

ingenious side and shriek for all his in-
ventive brain-cells.

The Work Abroad.

For some months the Italians have been
transporting tons of ammunition and supplies
and thousands of men over a camouflaged
road and not one bomb or shell has been
dropped on or near its location. For one
stretch of eight miles the roadway is cov-
ered and shielded by screens of raffia, an-
other stretch by artificial trees, but it is a
triumph of camouflage, whatever the meth-
od employed. Trains, grass-covered and
painted, have traversed the distances from
base to front in France and have escaped
detection for periods of many weeks.

Thousands of tanks have been constructed
under canopies of raffia, unchecked by
myriads of enemy aeroplanes flying and
photographing from above. Men have laid
close to the enemy's lines for entire days
and escaped detection, ensconced behind
false shell crater sides or within hollow
stumps. In fact, in this war there is hardly
a step or movement where the camouflage
man's hand is not apparent. In the dead
of night, working more by sense of touch
than sight, he is called upon to disguise
a machine gun opening, or cover a com-
munication trench. The safety of valuable
men may depend upon the accuracy of his
workmanship, his knowledge of color or his
ingenuity.

When Capt. Palmer or Sergeant Ames
have sounded the words, "Go ahead and
make it" into the 70 or 80 men at the
Wadsworth school, it shows they know
tolerably well the great fundamental principle
underlying all camouflage. You can make
sketches and theorize forever on this work
and get nowhere. What you have to do
is to go out and actually hide—camouflage
from the observer—whosoever he may be,
the gun or trench or opening in question.

You have actually to know how to make
a false stump or raffia screen or imitation
crater side. You have to know the tech-
nique of the business, and you have to
know how to dig when it's necessary. But
what you need above all else is an active
memorizing of gray matter in your upper story,
and you must know how to use that mess.

Conditions always changing on a battle
front will require new ideas. Not a stump
or stone or anything you've built before,
but something new, and you've got to be
there with the goods.

And the great majority of the men have
produced "the goods." Adverse weather
conditions have made work difficult upon
some of the problems. But the ideas have
been forthcoming and the first camouflage
class at Wadsworth has been started in the
right direction toward camouflage success.

COMPANY B, 106TH MACHINE GUN
BATTALION.

If Lieutenant Halloran had been present
at the mess hall of Co. B, 106th M. G. Battal-
ion on the night of February 7, his long search
for material for his Divisional musical com-
dley would have ended. Also Frank Moran
would have been surprised to learn that all
of the exponents of the main act have not
yet registered for his tournaments.

With Pat Harrower, Lou Drummond, Leo
Forrest and Vere Cleamshire, whose efforts
at McAllen contributed largely to the repu-
tation of the 1st N. Y. Cavalry for its en-
tertainments, he adding a program of music,
the company's first smoker since the reorga-
nization was more than successful.

Curry, Clements and Sullivan staged a bar-
jesuitian gymnasium act. Nichols and Mc-
Bride started their fellows with some
marvelous work in the art of leg-dermain,
and proved that the science of psycho-bug-
nos is just coming into its own. A strangled
orchestra consisting of Messrs. DeBoer, Nich-
ols, Hackert, Hawn, Drummond and Harrow
er kept things lively during the evening.

R. C. M.

COMPANY E, 106TH INFANTRY.

Speaking of showers. The climatic con-
ditions at the 106th Infantry are rather excep-
tional, for no matter how fine the weather
may be in other parts of the camp, they al-
ways have showers there every Tuesday,
Saturday and Sunday.

Adequate facilities for performing one's
ablutions are provided three days a week, a
matinee and evening performance being
staged tri-weekly by the entire company, and
it is always worth going to, there being noth-
ing dry about it.

The 106th was the first in the field (not the
drill field) with seven showers, and is justly
proud of it.

Lieutenant Lennox Brennan, of Co. H, and
Sergeant Obele, of Co. E, recently graduated
from the bayonet school are supervising the
showers, and, while both are much elated, they
are quite modest about their sudden promo-
tion.

Sergeant Ebelke, of Company L, looks after
the plumbing, and from force of habit always
forgets to bring his tools. The other day
someone bought a package of pipe cleaners
at the canteen and gave them to him.

Homoyer and Hendricks of Co. E, form
the Dutch-Swedish boiler team. They start
stoking, and then have heated arguments as
to who is the better fireman. Neither of
them can tell soft coal from hard without
feeling it. A few days ago Sergeant Obele
came in and fixed the boiler and then threat-
ed to fire the two coal passers.

Sergeant Obele has lots of friends now
since he gained a controlling interest in the
hot water, but he sometimes hands out a
little hot air instead.

Last week ex-Corporal Waite, pride of
Co. E, had his O. D.'s given a dry cleaning,
and then came down to the showers for a wet
cleaning himself. He is not a rough neck,
but, nevertheless, the real estate seems to
stick in a ring about two inches below his
ears. After his visit to the steam room, how-
ever, a high water mark of several years
standing was almost obliterated.
**The Ideas of Ethelburt Jellyback, Private**

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"And exercise a trifle more polish in the way you masticate the pastry, Mugrums. It should never be used as a face wash. Accordingly, in French, if you wish to say 'I love you,' the words are: 'je vous aime.' That is the French of it and——"

"Gee! It's great stuff, ain't it? Melts in your mouth."

"You mean the French language?"

"Naw! The pie."

"Now, Mugrums, you mustn't scrape the patterns off the plate. That noise is very disturbing. Put down your fork and let us go." We went out.

"Did you understand: 'je vous aime'? Say it after me."

"Cha voo-same."

"Repeat it fifty times, Mugrums, and the lesson is complete. How have you enjoyed taking dinner with me?"

"Great! Except for one thing."

"What was that?"

"Too much conversation. After this I mess it after me."

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