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who submitted a letter from a soldier's mother, which speaks for itself, and the result of its publication in local newspapers has won many recruits for this up-to-date Company at the Capital City.

Kinderhook, N. Y., November 20, 1925.

Captain Wm. J. Mangine,  
Company "D," 10th Inf., N. Y. N. G.

My dear Captain Mangine:

As I have just attended to sending our \$1.00 for tickets to your Thanksgiving Eve Festival, I am minded to write a personal note to you to tell you how much John's father and myself appreciate all that the life of the National Guard is doing for him.

We were a little skeptical at first in regard to its benefits. We did not like the idea of his being out so late one evening in every week, and felt quite strongly about his being away from church on Sunday mornings for field practice. But as the weeks go by, we are more and more convinced that it has been a splendid thing for him to be a Guardsman. He has grown more manly and dependable in many ways. He sees more reasons for caring for his physical strength and vigor. His scores on the rifle range have done more to convince him of the foolishness of the cigarette habit than all our preaching.

I think the discipline and regard for those in authority are invaluable for young men of his age.

I visited my son while he was in camp and was very pleased with all I saw. Just wished I could have been a lad once and had a taste of camp life, too.

We have always kept careful watch of the weight of our children; we weigh them regularly once each month, so we know if all is well with them or not. So we knew, when he returned from camp and had gained six pounds in the two weeks, that he had had everything he ought to have had, and nothing that he should not have had.

I am a great rooter for the National Guard, particularly Company "D" and its Captain, and take pleasure in writing this to acquaint you with the fact.

I hope to be able to attend the Thanksgiving Party with my son and his sister, and possibly matters can be arranged so his father can go too. Think it a fine idea.

I am, very respectfully yours,

MRS. J. CLINTON HAND.

Kinderhook, N. Y.

Company D is a live unit and always has 100% at all assemblies. This unit has no difficulty in recruiting and is always over strength. The C. O. has adopted the plan of having the enlistments expire gradually—so many every month, and new men recruited to take the places left vacant.

—:— MOVE TO ALBANY AND JOIN COMPANY D —:—

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# The Declaration of Independence

By JOHN FOSTER CARR

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## "ANCIENT RIGHTS" AND NEW RIGHTS

Until now few Americans had even thought of independence. The fight was to be for justice and their unquestioned, ancient rights. But in spite of tens of thousands of so-called "Loyalists" or "Tories," who opposed the war, and many of whom supported the King to the very end, men were beginning to see that they had only the choice of submitting to the King's will or fighting for free, representative self-government—fighting and staking everything. The wrongs they had endured had set them thinking. In Europe there had long been a deep stirring of minds against the injustice of despotic governments. New ideals of government were being born. In America the books of John Locke, the English philosopher, were widely read. It has been said that educated men knew them as well as the Puritans knew their Bible. His theories were often heard in Congress, and soon became the great principles of the American Revolution.

Now, Locke believed that reason and the common conscience of mankind should rule human affairs. He believed that reason proves "the natural equality" of men. And he believed that because men are equal, they are all equally subject to law, and that no one has a right to harm another in his life, health, liberty or possessions. And he asked: "What kind of government is that, where one man may do all to his subjects, whatever he pleases, without the least liberty to anyone to question or control those who execute his pleasure?"

Americans were now beginning to answer Locke's question by saying that "a just government rests only on the consent of the governed."

## "COMMON SENSE"

Then early in January, of that great year 1776, from one of the old hand presses of Philadelphia came a pamphlet called "Common Sense," written by Thomas Paine, a man, General Lee said, with "genius in his eyes." In homely, vigorous style he furiously attacked the King, and called him a "sceptered savage." He pointed out that the colonies were already in open rebellion. He urged Americans to accept the fact of revolu-

tion and abandon all false scruples of loyalty. He urged them to create a new nation that would in time cover the entire continent, and give to the world an example of a people set free from the slavish traditions and low morals of the decaying monarchies of Europe.

In burning phrases, "Common Sense" carried the arguments that were now continually heard in the Continental Congress to simple and honest men everywhere, persuading them that their destiny must at last be taken into their own hands. It was like a firebrand. Edition after edition of it was circulated throughout the colonies. Only one other book, Uncle Tom's Cabin, which powerfully helped the freeing of the slaves, has had so great an effect on American history.

## THE GREAT DECLARATION

In March Washington drove the British from Boston. In April with his army he moved to New York to defend it against the British fleet. The people of the colonies were now almost ready for the great step. The legislature of North Carolina instructed its delegates to the Continental Congress to propose that the colonies be declared independent. On the 7th of June, Richard Henry Lee, of Virginia, moved: "Resolved, that these United Colonies are, and of a right ought to be free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

This momentous resolution was favorably received, but to give full time for thought and discussion before making so great a decision, its consideration was postponed until the first of July.

Meanwhile, the following were appointed a Committee to prepare the Declaration: John Adams of Boston, lawyer and statesman and the ablest speaker in the Congress; Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia, printer, scientist and statesman; Robert R. Livingston of New York, lawyer; Roger Sherman of Connecticut, lawyer—he had been a shoemaker; last, though he was first of all and the Chairman of this Committee, was Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, lawyer, who had devoted his life to the cause of liberty, and who better than any other man knew the facts of the twelve years' struggle with King George III.

## HOW JEFFERSON WROTE IT

And it was Jefferson, the patriot, with his love of humanity and of right and his

hatred of injustice and cruelty, who actually wrote the paper that we call immortal, wrote it in his passionate way, strong with moral force. He wrote it, as he afterwards said, "without reference to a book or pamphlet." It was no purpose of his, he declared, "to find out new principles, or new arguments never before thought of, but to place before mankind the common sense of the subject in terms so plain and firm as to command their assent. It was intended to be an expression of the American mind. All its authority rests, then, on harmonizing the sentiments of the day." And he succeeded so well in saying what everyone was thinking, that the historian Trevelyan says: "He poured the soul of a continent into his manifesto."

## THE FOURTH OF JULY, 1776

It was the second of July. Lee's resolution of independence had just been adopted, and at once Jefferson's Committee presented the Declaration to Congress. It was read, studied, debated for two days.

Then came the Fourth of July, 1776. The day was hot and cloudless. The sixty-six members of Congress in their old-fashioned breeches, silk stockings and pig-tails, were sitting in the beautiful red brick building that still stands today, and is now called Independence Hall.

Tradition tells how crowds of excited citizens, anxious for news, gathered under the trees. But the heavy white door was closed and no sound came forth from the white framed open windows, into which a tall man might have looked. Up in the high white wooden steeple hung silent a great bell, that by strange chance bore this motto: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof." It was the famous Liberty Bell, still in Independence Hall, and reverently visited as a precious relic of that memorable day. Immediately beneath it, ready at his post, stood an old white-haired man. Within the hall the debate on the Declaration continued hour after hour. Morning passed to afternoon. Flies droned in the intense heat. The members were tired and impatient. At last they were of one mind and, except for a few small changes, the Declaration was adopted just as Jefferson had written it. John Hancock, the President of the Congress, signed his name to it in his heavily shaded handwriting. "There!" he said, "George II can read that without his spectacles, and may double his reward of five-hundred pounds for my head. That is my defiance."

## HOW THE GREAT NEWS SPREAD

Then—it was still early in the afternoon—the great door opened and there was a cry: "It has passed!" And the story goes that a boy sentinel clapped his hands and shouted up to the belfrey: "Ring, Grandpa, ring!" The old man grasped the large iron clapper of the bell and swung it mightily to and fro. The crowds beneath the trees caught the clang, and hurrahs filled the air.

As soon as the Declaration was printed, post riders started off in all directions, carrying the news to assemblies of the new States, to conventions, to councils of safety, to commanding officers of the Constitutional Army. Those who had been fearful and uncertain; those who had opposed independence were lost in the general rejoicing. The Declaration had gone straight to the hearts of the people. Bells rang, muskets were fired, the roll of drum and roar of cannon sounded liberty throughout the land. Everywhere there were cheering, processions and illuminations.

By Washington's orders, the Declaration was read to the army in New York, and the gilded lead statue of King George III on horseback, that stood in Bowling Green, was at once pulled down from its pedestal and melted into bullets for the use of the American troops. In all the colonies pictures of the King were destroyed; his coat of arms was torn from public buildings and thrown into patriotic bonfires. Men in America at last were free and united for the defense of their liberties.

### WHAT KIND OF MEN WERE THEY?

What were these fifty-six members of

## Christmas In The Guard

By LIEUT. GEORGE CLARKE

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the Guard the "Vets" were assembled, battle worn and scarred, telling how the War was won, relating stories told in fun, of Death and Laughter, blood and muck, how "So and So" was out of luck, telling how it came to pass they were cut by flying glass in the battle of Vin Rouge.

They told the tale of Battery "D" who, after the War went on a spree, of their entrance into La Chapelle where they caught merry hell, for cutting up like a gang of clowns, amid the laughter and the frowns of the General who had come to see how the soldiers of the Artillery could drink as well as fight!

Many a "Vet" thought of days that were "wet" and as they sat lost in deep thought, of how much "stuff" just a few francs bought, and wondering when we would be off again to some foreign clime for a heck of a time.

Outside the snow was falling, inside a voice was calling, calling them back to the life they knew, the horses and guns, and not a few felt that feeling come a-stealing, and although they fought it hard, enlisted again in the National Guard.

Suddenly a stranger appeared, dressed in red with a long white beard, with a twinkling eye and a merry grin; he was welcomed with joy and invited in. On his back he bore a sack bulging with presents for all within, he shook the snow-flakes off his clothes and tried to warm his cold red nose. This duty done he soon begun to show the boys a wealth of toys, useful some, and silly too, just the kind for me and you.

The gang was startled, mouths agape, 'cause each package was bound in tape, and I hope I may drop dead if the darned old tape wasn't red! Believe me, stranger, I'm no bard, but at times I find it hard to write about and enjoy the methods they sometimes employ to rob life of its every joy; if perchance you're in a scrape they bind you tight with the old red tape.

"Now as I call your name, answer here, step right up, have no fear, if my presents do not please, pray accept a few of these." As he spoke these last few words, you should have seen that bunch of birds. The present he held out to them was a long white towel with a heavy hem, mixed with laughter and with howls he presented a bunch of "Weeping Towels."

At last he was finished and about to depart, when a guy stepped up (he thought he was smart). "I go to Officers' School, and believe me, old chap, I'm no fool, give me a present for teacher dear, he lives in Pelham, he couldn't be here." Old Santa Claus, with grim, set jaws, reached into the bag and without a pause brought out a ruler, shiny and new, and said, "Here, I give this to you." "Thank you, kind Santa, for this little token, but look at it carefully, I fear it is broken." Old Santa piped, "There are many rules taught in the U. S. Army Schools that resemble this little token; they're too damn hard, hence they are broken."

With a cheery "Good night" he was off on a flight to cover the Armories before Dawn's light.

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the Guard, the "Vets" were assembled, battle-worn and scarred, telling how the War was won, relating stories told in fun, of Death and Laughter, trench and camps, generals and privates, here and in France!

Congress who signed the great Declaration—these men whom the English liberal, Gladstone, called "a group unequalled in the history of the world"? Twenty-four were lawyers; thirteen were farmers; nine were merchants; five were doctors. Twenty-seven were college graduates. Eight were foreign-born and twenty-five had travelled in Europe; so that from personal knowledge a majority of Congress knew the evils of the old governments in Europe. They were not hot-blooded young men, for their average age was nearly forty-four years.

What sort of men were they? One who stood at the Secretary's desk and eyed each man as he signed his name,

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wrote afterwards: "Undaunted resolution was in every face." Sober and earnest men they were, who would have "no master, but their united selves." Well they knew the danger they ran for their resolute act, and during the years of war that followed, every one of them suffered for it. But the end was liberty and political equality—"the natural rights of man," of which they had talked so ardently. For this they were willing, as they said, "to pledge their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor." They wished the church to be separated from the state, so that each man might be free to choose and support his own religion. But they were filled with a deep religious spirit, and one of them ended every speech he made with the words: "The Lord reigneth." Every one of them died, it has been said, "without a stain upon his character."

### WHAT WAS THIS GREAT DECLARATION? WHAT DID IT DO?

claimed to the world the story of the wrongs suffered by the colonies, and their reasons for separating Great Britain and fighting for their liberty. It told what the people wished—what they believed was rightly theirs. It gave the thought and feeling of their growing democracy. It marked the beginning of the life of the nation. It turned the colonies into states—at last united. But it did not give the colonies immediate actual independence. They still had to fight desperately for more than five years for their very existence. And the fight was not only with the King's armies. It was also with many thousands of Tories who chose the King's part.

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# Inspection Dates and Inspectors for 1926

GENERAL Orders No. 15 from National Guard Headquarters has set the dates for the annual inspections in January, February and March. With these dates we are giving the names of the State Mustering and Inspecting Officers and the Federal Inspector assigned to each organization by the 2nd Corps Area.

All commands will be assembled under arms, dismounted, without ammunition or rations, at 8:30 P. M. on the dates specified. Officers and enlisted men necessarily absent from their commands on the date set for the inspection thereof, may be inspected with another unit, providing the provisions of Par. 527, N. G. R. 1922, as amended, are complied with.

All commands will assemble in Field Service uniform with packs and intrenching tools. Overcoats and identification tags may be inspected in lockers. Packs will be opened for inspection and equipment will be displayed as provided in T.R. 50-90 and T.R. 50-95.

The Inspector detailed by the War Department will designate the character, scope and details of the inspection.

All records will be prepared for inspection at 2 P. M. on the dates specified for each unit. All property and equipment not worn or carried will be prepared for inspection at the same hour.

The schedule of Inspection is as follows:

Headquarters, 27th Division (less Headquarters Detachment) Headquarters, 44th Division (New York Quota); all at Room 829 Municipal Building, New York City, on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1926. Colonel Edward McLeer Jr., Chief of Staff, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Colonel Adolphe Huguet, R. A. Inspector.

27th Division Headquarters Detachment at 1322 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1926. Colonel Edward McLeer Jr., Chief of Staff, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Colonel Adolphe Huguet, R. A. Inspector.

Headquarters and Headquarters Co. 53rd Brigade, 176 State St., Albany, N. Y. on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Frederick M. Waterbury, Ordnance Officer, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain A. P. McGee, R. A. Inspector.

105th Infantry: Regimental Headquarters and Hqrs. Co., at Troy, on Monday, Feb. 15, 1926; Service Co. and Co. A, Troy, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1926; Cos. C and D, Troy, Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1926; 1st Bn. Hqrs. and Hqrs. Co., Hoosick Falls, Thursday, Feb. 18, 1926; Co. B, Cohoes, Friday, Feb. 19, 1926; 2nd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co. and Co. F,

Schenectady, Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1926; Cos. E and M, Schenectady, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1926; Co. H, Gloversville, Thursday, Feb. 25, 1926; Co. G, Amsterdam, Friday, Feb. 26, 1926; Co. L, Saratoga Springs, Monday, March 1, 1926; Co. K, Glens Falls, Tuesday, March 2, 1926; Howitzer Co. Whitehall, Wednesday, March 3, 1926; Co. I, Malone, Friday, March 5, 1926; 3rd Bn Hq. & Hqrs. Co., Saranac Lake, Monday, March 8, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Frederick M. Waterbury, Ordnance Officer, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Major F. M. Armstrong, R. A. Inspector.

106th Infantry, 1322 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Regimental Hqrs., Hqrs. Co., Service Co., How. Co., Monday, Feb. 15, 1926; 1st Bn. Hqrs. Co., Cos. A, B, C, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1926; 2nd Bn. Hqrs. and Hqrs. Co., Cos., E, F, G, Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1926; 3rd Bn. Hqrs. and Hqrs. Co., Cos., I, K, L, Thursday, Feb. 18, 1926; Cos. D, H, M, Friday, Feb. 19, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Allan L. Reagan, Inspector, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain Walter S. Mullins, 14th Infantry, Assistant. Captain A. J. Stark, R. A. Inspector.

Headquarters and Headquarters Co. 54th Brigade, 451 Main St., Buffalo, Monday, Jan. 18, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Allan L. Reagan, Inspector, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain A. E. Phinney, R. A. Inspector.

107th Infantry, 643 Park Avenue, New York City—Regimental Hqrs., Hqrs. Co., Serv. Co., Monday, Jan. 18, 1926; 1st Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co., Cos. A, B, C, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1926; 2nd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co., Cos. E, F, G, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1926; 3rd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co., Cos. I, K, L, Thursday, Jan. 21, 1926; How. Co., and Cos., D, H, M, Friday, Jan. 22, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Foster G. Hetzel, Quartermaster, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain Alfred D. Reutershan, A. G. D., Hqrs. 27th Division, Assistant. Major C. L. Mitchell, R. A. Inspector.

108th Infantry — Regimental Hqrs. Hqrs. Co., Service Co., (less Supply and Trans. Sections) Syracuse, Wednesday, March 10, 1926; 1st Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co., and Co. C, Syracuse, Thursday, March 11, 1926; Co. M, Ogdensburg, Friday, March 12, 1926; Co. E, Watertown, Monday, March 15, 1926; Co. D, Oswego, Tuesday, March 16, 1926; 2nd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co., Supply & Trans. Sec., Serv. Co., Auburn, Wednesday, March 17, 1926; Co. I, Auburn, Thursday, March 18, 1926; Co. B, Geneva, Friday, March 19, 1926; Co. L, Elmira, Monday, March 22, 1926; Co. K, Hornell, Tuesday,

March 23, 1926; 3rd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co., Rochester, Thursday, March 25, 1926; How. Co., & Co. A, Rochester, Friday, March 26, 1926; Cos. G, and H, Monday, March 29, 1926; Co. F, Medina, Tuesday, March 30, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Frederick M. Waterbury, Ordnance Officer, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain J. W. Curtis, R. A. Inspector.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 52nd Field Artillery Brigade, 171 Clermont Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., Monday, March 22, 1926. Lieut. Colonel William R. Wright, Headquarters, 27th Div. Inspector and Mustering Officer. Major L. H. Taliaferro, R. A. Inspector.

104th Field Artillery — Regimental Hqrs., Hqrs. Battery & Service Battery, New York City, Monday, Jan. 11, 1926; Battery D, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1926; 2nd Bn. Hqrs., Hqrs. Bat. & Co. Tn. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1926; Battery E, Thursday, Jan. 14, 1926; Battery F, Friday, Jan. 15, 1926; Battery A, Syracuse, Monday, Jan. 18, 1926; Battery C, Binghamton, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1926; Battery B, Binghamton, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1926; 1st Bn. Hqrs. Bat. & Co. Tn., Binghamton, Thursday, Jan. 21, 1926. Lieut. Colonel William R. Wright, Headquarters, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain D. S. Rumbough, R. A. Inspector.

105th Field Artillery — Regimental Hqrs. & Hqrs. Bat. Bronx, Monday, March 15, 1926; Bat. E, Bronx, Tuesday, March 16, 1926; 2nd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Bat. & Co. Tn. and Service Bat. Bronx, Wednesday, March 17, 1926; Bat. D, Bronx, Thursday, March 18, 1926; Bat. F, Bronx, Friday, March 19, 1926; Bat. C, Brooklyn, Tuesday, March 23, 1926; 1st Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Bat. & Co. Tn. Wednesday, March 24, 1926; Bat. B, Brooklyn, Thursday, March 25, 1926; Bat. A, Brooklyn, Friday, March 26, 1926. Lieut. Colonel William R. Wright, Headquarters, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Major L. H. Taliaferro, R. A. Inspector.

102nd Ammunition Train, White Plains, Friday, March 12, 1926. Lieut. Colonel William R. Wright, Hqrs. 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain D. S. Rumbough, R. A. Inspector.

102nd Engineers, 216 Ft. Washington Ave., New York City—Regimental Hqrs., Hqrs. & Serv. Co., Monday, Jan. 4, 1926; 1st and 2nd Bn. Hqrs., Monday, Jan. 4, 1926; Cos. A and B, Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1926; Cos. C and D, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1926; Cos. E and F, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Frederick M. Waterbury, Ordnance Officer, Headquarters, 27th

Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. 1st. Lieut. P. P. Goerz, R. A. Inspector. 27th Air Service, Miller Field, Monday, March 29, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Allan L. Reagan, Inspector, 27th Div. Inspector and Mustering Officer. R. A. Inspector not assigned.

27th Division Special Troops—27th Div. Hq. Co., 102nd Ord. Co. Hqrs. Special Troops, 216 Ft. Washington Ave., New York City, Monday, Jan. 11, 1926; 27th Tank Co., 29 W. Kingsbridge Rd. N. Y. City, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1926;

27th M. P. Co. and 102nd Motorcycle Co., Yonkers, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1926. Lieut. Col. Frederick M. Waterbury, Ordnance Officer, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Major E. B. Gregory, R. A. Inspector.

27th Division Signal Co., 801 Dean St., Brooklyn, Monday, Jan. 18, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Robert W. Maloney, Signal Officer, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Lieut. Dale Mason, R. A. Inspector.

27th Div. Trains, Q. M. C., 355 Marcy Avenue, Brooklyn.—Train Hqrs. & Hqrs. Det., Wag. Cos. 103-104, Thursday, Feb. 4, 1926; Motor Trans. Cos. 105-106 and Motor Rep. Sec. No. 103, Friday, Feb. 5, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Foster G. Hetzel, Quartermaster, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain K. F. Hanst, R. A. Inspector.

Headquarters and Hqrs. Co., 87th Brigade, 104 E. 34th St., New York City. Tuesday, March 31, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Allan L. Reagan, Inspector, Headquarters, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain F. C. Winter, R. A. Inspector.

165th Infantry, 68 Lexington Ave., N. Y. City—Regimental Hqrs. Hqrs. Co., Serv. Co., & How. Co., Monday, March 22, 1926; 1st Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co., Cos. A, B, C, Tuesday, March 23, 1926; 2nd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co., Cos. E, F, G, Wednesday, March 24, 1926; 3rd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co., Cos. I, K, L, Thursday, March 25, 1926; Cos. D, H, M, Friday, March 26, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Allan L. Reagan, Inspector, Hqrs. 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain Alfred D. Reutershan, A. G. D. Hqrs. 27th Div. Assistant. Captain William F. Lee, R. A. Inspector.

174th Infantry—Regimental Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co. Buffalo, Monday, Jan. 11, 1926; 2nd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co., & Co. F, Buffalo, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1926; Cos. G and H, Buffalo, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1926; Co. M and How. Co., Buffalo, Thursday, Jan. 14, 1926; Service Co., Buffalo, Friday, Jan. 15, 1926; 1st Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co. and Co. B, Buffalo, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1926; Cos. C and D, Buffalo, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1926; Co. E, Jamestown, Thursday, Jan. 21, 1926; Co. I, Olean, Friday, Jan. 22,

1926; Co. A, Niagara Falls, Monday, Jan. 25, 1926; 3rd Bn. Hqrs. Co. & Co. L, Niagara Falls, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1926; Co. K, Tonawanda, Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Allan L. Reagan, Inspector, Hqrs. 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain A. E. Phinney, R. A. Inspector.

156th Field Artillery.—Bat. F, Mt. Vernon, Monday, March 1, 1926; Serv. Bat. Peekskill, Tuesday, March 2, 1926; Bat. C, Poughkeepsie, Wednesday, March 3, 1926; 1st Bn. Hqrs., Hqrs. Bat. & Co. Tn. & Bat. A, Kingston, Thursday, March 4, 1926; Bat. B, Kingston, Friday, March 5, 1926; Regt. Hqrs., Hqrs. Bat. 2nd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Bat. & Co. Tn. Newburgh, Monday, March 8, 1926; Bat. E, Newburgh, Tuesday, March 9, 1926; Battery D, Middletown, Wednesday, March 10, 1926. Lieut. Colonel William R. Wright, Hqrs. 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain O. N. Schjerven, R. A. Inspector.

106th Field Artillery, 29 Masten St., Buffalo, N. Y.—Regimental Hqrs., Hqrs. Bat. & Serv. Bat. Monday, Jan. 25, 1926; 1st Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Bat. & Co. Tn. Bat. A, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1926; Bat. B, Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1926; 2nd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Bat. & Co. Tn. & Battery C, Thursday, Jan. 28, 1926; Bat. D, Friday, Jan. 29, 1926; 3rd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Battery & Co. Tn. & Battery E, Monday, Feb. 1, 1926; Battery F, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1926. Lieut. Colonel William R. Wright, Hqrs. 27th Div. Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain S. H. Needham, R. A. Inspector.

258th Field Artillery, 29 W. Kingsbridge Road.—Regimental Hqrs. Hqrs. Bat. & Serv. Bat., Monday, Feb. 8, 1926; 1st Bn. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1926; 2nd Bn. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1926; 3rd Bn. Thursday, Feb. 11, 1926. Lieut. Colonel William R. Wright, Hqrs. 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. 1st Lieutenant George C. Feld, Hqrs. 27th Division, Assistant. Captain A. R. Ives, R. A. Inspector.

101st Signal Battalion, 104 E. 34th St., New York City. Monday Jan. 11, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Robert W. Maloney, Signal Officer, Hqrs. 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Lieut. Dale Mason, R. A. Inspector.

Headquarters, 51st Cavalry Brigade, 1579 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, Monday, March 15, 1926; Headquarters Troop, 51st Cav. Brigade, Staten Island, Tuesday, March 16, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Allan L. Reagan, Inspector, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Lieut. Colonel J. A. Barry, R. A. Inspector.

101st Cavalry.—Regimental Hqrs., Serv. Troop & Troop A, Brooklyn, Monday, March 1, 1926; Troops B and C, Brooklyn, Tuesday, March 2, 1926; 1st Squad. Hqrs. Det. & Hqrs. Troop, Brook-

lyn, Wednesday, March 3, 1926; Troop G, Syracuse, Monday, March 8, 1926; 2nd Squad. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Det. & Troop F, Rochester, Tuesday, March 9, 1926; Troop E, Buffalo, Thursday, March 11, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Allan L. Reagan, Inspector, 27th Div. Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain A. H. Besse, R. A. Inspector.

1st Cavalry.—Troop B, Albany, Thursday, March 4, 1926; Troop G, Utica, Friday, March 5, 1926; Troop M, Geneseo, Wednesday, March 10, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Allan L. Reagan, Inspector, Hqrs. 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Major C. L. Clifford, R. A. Inspector.

51st Machine Gun Squadron, 1339 Madison Ave., New York City. Troop A, Monday, March 29, 1926; Squad. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Det. & Troop B, Tuesday, March 30, 1926; Troop C, Wednesday, March 31, 1926. Lieut. Colonel William R. Wright, Hqrs. 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain S. W. Robertson, R. A. Inspector.

212th Coast Artillery, 120 W. 62nd St., New York City.—Regimental Headquarters, Hqrs. & Serv. Batteries, Bat. A, Monday, Jan. 4, 1926; 1st Bn. Hqrs., Hqrs. Bat. & Co. Tn. Batteries B and C, Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1926; 2nd Bn. Hqrs. Hqrs. Bat. and Co. Tn. Batteries D and E, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1926; Batteries F, G, H, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1926. Lieut. Colonel William R. Wright, Hqrs. 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. 1st Lieut. George C. Feld, Hqrs. 27th Division, Assistant. Captain R. P. Glassburn, R. A. Inspector.

244th Coast Artillery, 125 W. 14th St., New York City.—Regimental Hqrs., Hqrs. & Serv. Batteries, Monday, Feb. 15, 1926; 2nd Bn. Hqrs. Det. & Co. Tn. Rockaway, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1926; 1st Bn. New York City, Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1926; Batteries C and D, New York City, Thursday, Feb. 18, 1926; 3rd Bn. New York City, Feb. 19, 1926. Lieut. Colonel William R. Wright, Hqrs. 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain Henry E. Suavet, Hqrs. 27th Division, Assistant. Major F. A. Price, R. A. Inspector.

245th Coast Artillery, 357 Sumner Ave., Brooklyn.—1st Bn., Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1926; 2nd Bn. Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1926; 3d Bn. Thursday, Feb. 25, 1926; Regt. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Bat. Friday, Feb. 26, 1926. Lieut. Colonel William R. Wright, Hqrs. 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain Henry E. Suavet, Hqrs. 27th Division, Assistant. Captain C. F. Maguire, R. A. Inspector.

10th Infantry—Co. M, Hudson, Friday, Jan. 15, 1926; Cos. B and D, Albany, Monday, Jan. 18, 1926; Regt. Hqrs. 1st Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co. & Serv. Co., Albany, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1926; Cos.

A and C, Albany, Thursday, Jan. 21, 1926; How. Co., Catskill, Friday, Jan. 22, 1926; 3rd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co. and Co. K, Utica, Monday, Jan. 25, 1926; Co. L, Utica, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1926; Hqrs. Co., Oneida, Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1926; Co. I, Mohawk, Thursday, Jan. 28, 1926; Co. F, Walton, Friday, Jan. 29, 1926; Co. G, Oneonta, Monday, Feb. 1, 1926; 2nd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co. and Co. E, Binghamton, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1926; Co. H, Binghamton, Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Frederick M. Waterbury, Ordnance Officer, Hqrs. 27th Div. Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain A. R. McGee Inspector.

14th Infantry — Regimental Hqrs., Hqrs. & Serv. Cos. Brooklyn, Monday, Jan. 4, 1926; 1st Bn. (less Co. D) Brooklyn, Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1926; 2nd Bn. (less Co. H) Brooklyn, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1926; Cos. D, H, M, Brooklyn, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1926; 3rd Bn. Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co. and Co. L, Brooklyn, Friday, Jan. 8, 1926; Co. I, Flushing, Monday, Jan. 11, 1926; How. Co., Hempstead, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1926; Co. K, Hempstead, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1926; Lieut. Colonel Foster G. Hetzel, Quartermaster, Hqrs. 27th Div. Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain Henry E. Suavet, Hqrs. 27th Div. Assistant. Captain A. J. Stark, R. A. Inspector.

71st Infantry, 104 E. 34th St., New York City.—Regimental Hqrs., Hqrs. & How. Co., Monday, Feb. 15, 1926; 1st Bn. (less Co. D) Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1926; 2nd Bn. (less Co. H) Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1926; 3rd Bn. (less Co. M.) Thursday, Feb. 18, 1926; Cos. D, H, M, Friday, Feb. 19, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Foster G. Hetzel, Quartermaster, 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Captain Alfred D. Reutershan, Hqrs. 27th Division, Assistant. Captain F. C. Winters, R. A. Inspector.

369th Infantry, W. 143rd St., New York City. Regimental Hqrs. Hqrs. & Serv. Cos. Monday, March 15, 1926; 1st Bn. (less Co. D) Tuesday, March 16, 1926; 2nd Bn. (less Co. H) Wednesday, March 17, 1926; 3rd Bn. (less Co. M) Thursday, March 18, 1926; How. Co. & Cos. D, H, M, Friday, March 19, 1926. Captain Henry E. Suavet, Hqrs. 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. 2nd Lieut. William B. Dowling, 14th Infantry, Assistant. Captain J. R. L. Gibbons, R. A. Inspector.

Staff Corps & Departments.—Quartermaster Detachment, 224 Heyward St., Brooklyn, Friday, Jan. 19, 1926. Lieut. Colonel Foster G. Hetzel, Quartermaster, Hqrs. 27th Division, Inspector and Mustering Officer. Major E. B. Gregory, R. A. Inspector.

Subsequent orders will direct the inspection and muster of the 102nd Medical Regiment. All Medical Department De-

tachments and such other personnel, both commissioned and enlisted, of the State Staff Corps and Departments as are not covered in this order.

### The Roll Collar

MAJOR General Creed C. Hammond, Chief of the Militia Bureau, of the War Department, has taken steps which will bring the question before the War Department as to whether the entire Army may not adopt the new Air Service uniform. There is no doubt that there will be an affirmative answer from the War Department if it appears that some of the National Guard and Reserves favor the change.

When the uniform question was up before, one of the reasons given, if not the chief reason, for not recommending a change to the Secretary of War was that it would be a hardship to the National Guard and Reserve officers. But with the proposal that officers will not be required to secure the new uniform within five years all opposition from the National Guard on account of the expense, it is stated, has disappeared. From casual inquiries while on inspection trips, General Hammond has gained the impression that about 90 per cent. of the National Guard favor the modification of the uniform along lines adopted for the Air Service.

General Hammond, however, is not going to be satisfied, without a thorough canvass of the National Guard. He will shortly send out a circular letter on the subject to all of the adjutants general of states. He has no doubt in his mind as to the result of this canvass, as the high collar is especially a hardship in hot weather during the training camp to the National Guard and Reserve Officers, who the greater part of the year wear civilian clothes with lapel collars. Under the present arrangement the National Guard and Reserve are required to spend a month or so during the warmest part of the year with the uncomfortable and unsanitary high collars.

Another feature that has been discussed in the War Department this week is that the production of millions of uniforms in the event of war would be greatly facilitated by the new collar. Every clothing manufacturer and tailor is equipped to make roll collars, while only military tailors have patterns for the Army high-collar coat. It is claimed that comparatively few tailors can make well-fitting high collars. The new uniform, it is claimed, will not only speed up production but reduce the cost of the uniform.

### B. & O. Railroad Backs the National Guard

The following resolution passed by the President and Board of Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, at their annual meeting is indicative of the feeling of most corporations toward the National Guard:

"RESOLVED, by the President and Directors of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, that the officers and employees of this Company, members of the National Guard, will until further notice, and under such regulations as the President may approve from time to time, be granted leave of absence from their respective duties, for not exceeding fifteen days at any one time, when called for active service of that State in which they are members of the National Guard, or for annual field training ordered or authorized by the proper military authority, and that such absence, shall not affect the annual vacation or rating of such absentee, and that the Company shall make up any deficiency that may result in the earnings of such absentee between the amount earned in military service and his regular monthly wage or earnings."

This resolution has been passed annually by the Board of Directors, since 1909, they maintaining a very liberal spirit toward those interested in the military service of our country.

### Buffalo Soldier Dies of Injuries

Captain William C. Finkbeiner, World War veteran and commander of Battery E, 106th Feld Artillery, died Sunday morning, November 8, after a gallant battle dating from his injury in a motor truck mishap in the Warsaw highway, September 11. He was buried with military honors from the Masten Street Armory.

Captain Finkbeiner was one of the outstanding figures in the State athletic world, being responsible for the bringing of many notable sporting stars to Buffalo to participate in the annual armory games, including Paavo Nurmi, Ritola, Granville, and many others. His death is mourned by thousands of devotees of indoor sports who loved him as a leader.

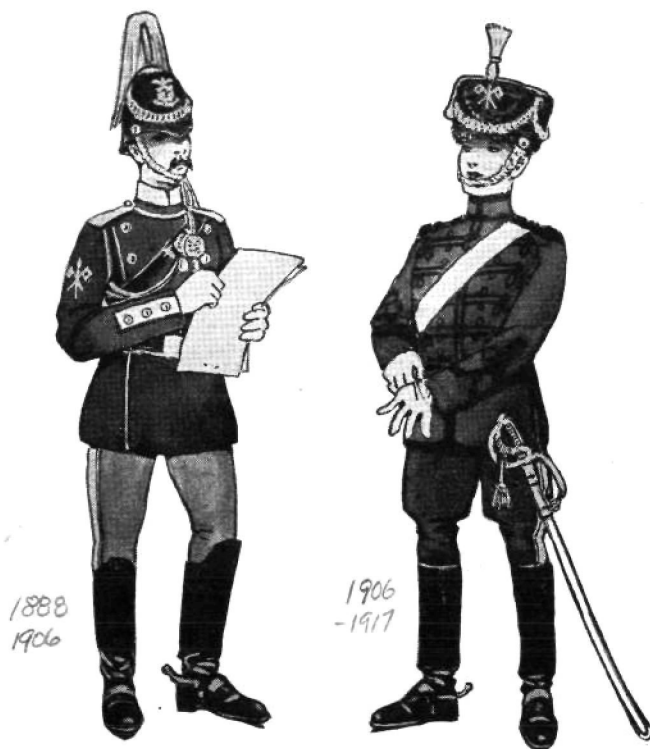
Captain Finkbeiner was born in Buffalo on June 24, 1895. He had been a member of Battery E since May 28, 1920. Shortly after his enlistment he was promoted sergeant on July 9, 1920. On May 7, 1921, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and promoted to first lieutenant on November 10, 1921.

He was commissioned a captain on June 23, 1922, and had been in command of Battery E since then, bringing that unit up to the finest in efficiency of any in the regiment.



# Regimental Historical Sketches

By COLONEL DEWITT CLINTON FALLS



## 101ST SIGNAL BATTALION

THE 1st Signal Corps attached to the 1st Brigade and the 2nd Signal Corps, attached to the 2nd Brigade, were organized in 1888. They remained as separate organizations until February 17, 1914, when they were consolidated as the First Battalion Signal Corps, and designated as Companies A and B. A third company, "C," was added on May 25, 1917. Both the signal companies were mustered into the service for the Spanish-American War, as part of the United States Volunteer Signal Corps and their members saw service in Cuba, Porto Rico and various home stations. The Battalion constituted the Signal Troops of the 6th Division National Guard of the United States during the Mexican Border Service in 1916 being mustered in on July 3rd and mustered out December 23rd. The Battalion entered the service for the World War on July 21, 1917, and was mobilized with the National Guard of New York at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., for training. In the reorganization necessary, the designation was changed to the 102nd Field Signal Battalion and assignment made to the 27th Division with which it participated in all

operations overseas. As the 1st and 2nd Signal Corps, the organization was called for State Service in the Railroad Strike Riots in Buffalo in 1892 and the Brooklyn Trolley Strike in 1895.

During the World War the 1st Signal Corps, New York Guard was organized for State Service and with the returned personnel of the war battalion continued the old organization in the reconstituted National Guard. In the reorganization Company B became the 27th Division Signal Company, and the remainder of the New York signal units compose the 101st Signal Battalion of 2nd Corps Troops.

On the organization of the 1st and 2nd Signal Corps in 1888 they were equipped with the New York State uniform, dark blue tunic, light blue breeches, orange plume and trimmings, the distinctive color of the signal corps. These color trimmings were changed to black by the Army about the time of the Spanish War and the State also authorized the change. It was found that the black plume and trimmings made the uniform too sombre, and the orange trimmings were revived by both the Army and the State. When the Army revised the dress regulations in 1906 the New York Signal Battalion did not take the new issue

but adopted a distinctive organization uniform for the enlisted men, the officers being equipped with the new uniform as prescribed for the Army, and adopted by the State. The distinctive uniform was of the Hussar type, very dark blue, heavily braided in black, with a black fur busby. The busby plume and cord, and the stripe on the breeches being in the new colors prescribed for the Signal Corps—orange and white.

During the World War all full dress uniforms were discontinued and have not been revived by the Battalion which continues to wear the regulation service uniform. In a recent order the Governor has approved the adoption by organizations, if they desire to do so, of a distinctive uniform, or the addition of such ornamentations to the present uniforms as will make them distinctive in character. Such features adds much to the esprit de corps of the organization, and its members are easily distinguished on parades and other functions, both military and social. Several regiments are already planning to take advantage of the Governor's permission, and it is hoped that the blue and black of the Signal Corps will be revived, or an equally handsome, distinctive full dress uniform adopted.

# To An Old Sweetheart

By A FORMER NON-COM. IN SEVENTH REGIMENT GAZETTE

DEAR SEVENTH REGIMENT:

The time has come for us to say Good-bye.

You do not know, I cannot tell you, what pain this separation brings me. It is too much for me to hope that I can ever hold a place in your thoughts, but let me confide my innermost feelings and tell you of a love that is strong as death, of an affection that must belong to you forever.

It was love at first sight when you came into my life. Eagerly I proposed and promptly you accepted me. What joy! For a time I thought that we might plan our future together and that I might work for you and lavish my affection upon you until with the descent of the years I no longer found grace in your eyes and you cast me aside. It now appears that this is not to be. Destiny is inexorable and our paths lie apart. Thus it is that with a heavy heart I take my leave of you who have been dear to me.

Whether this separation will be permanent I hesitate to say. Love is a capricious dictator and it may be that ere long I shall find myself irresistibly drawn to you again. Certainly I hope we shall meet often and that you will look upon me with not unkindly eye in memory of the happy days we spent together.

You are the finest sweetheart a man can have. Your influence touches character only to ennoble it and brings into the existence of all who truly love you an unselfish purpose that raises life above the material plane to which economic pursuits would bind it. When I think of the long line of distinguished American men who have found in you a worthy object of attachment, who have, indeed, been numbered among your most devoted suitors, I become keenly sensible of the honor which your good opinion has conferred upon me. Surely the brilliant memories which are yours must make any of us, who have been privileged to share in the trusteeship of your high tradition, feel somewhat humble and obscure.

I know that you will forget me. Your great heart, beating, as it were, in a multitude of breasts, does not save you from being human and it is human to forget. Let me say, though, that I shall think of you often and the memory of our association will be one of the treasured possessions of the years. It has been my chiefest pleasure to do things for you and to give unreservedly of my best efforts for you, without hoping for a return, as true love never does, other

than perhaps the knowledge of your approval.

For me you have a never-ending fascination. There is about you always a contagious air of vigor and enthusiasm to belie your great age, for in the successive generations which lay themselves at your feet, with all that they are and have, you find that renewal of life which is the secret of your eternal youth.

What larks! What memories! You were a delightful companion, albeit rather exacting, even for a sweetheart. You went so far as to dictate how I should dress when I came to see you—and the funny clothes you made me wear! Shall I ever forget the first time I stood before a mirror in left-hand tailored o. d.'s, thinking thoughts no mortal ever dared to think before? Later you experienced a change of heart and said I might wear black and gray and look like your beaux of other days. That pleased me and I was proud when we went out together, I in my grays and you wearing your fine blue ribbon that you said some Portuguese admirer, Torre e Espada, had given you.

And how I had to keep that Wednesday night tryst, rain or moonshine! You were inexorable about it. Not only must I be at your home, but I must be there promptly at 8 o'clock. You were more insistent upon punctuality than any other sweetheart I have ever had. Sometimes you wanted to see me more often and then I would have to pay a visit on Friday night, too, or we spent Sunday together shooting. I never shot well but you did and you liked it. Often, just to please you, I would go down into the butts and mark targets for you—when ever you hit them. From such excursions you would return bubbling over with enthusiasm and would talk with an air of bravado about defeating all the other riflemen in the country, after which you proposed to go to England and show them a thing or two about shooting. You always had my unqualified endorsement, and that was about all the help I ever was able to give you.

When Summer came you invariably wanted to go to the country for a couple of weeks. We would pack our luggage and start out on a Sunday morning chaptered by a thousand men. You would send your belongings ahead by express, while I carried mine on my back, like a German peasant. You always selected the same camping ground, which was so inaccessible you felt obligated to pay me for staying there. At first my work was worth a dollar a day to you; then, as I

learned to do better, you raised me to one fifteen; finally I achieved one forty, which was my highest rating with you. A rise in wages made no difference to me, however, since you kept it all anyway, "for expenses," as you used to say, like the amiable Mr. Squeers at Dotheboys' Hall.

Peekskill days—just you, dear Regiment, and I, singing together in the wilderness. You didn't know how to cook so well, but I didn't mind. You did the best you could, after the manner of a young bride. Man, you apparently believed, does not live by bread alone, and you gave me two daily rations of music on an empty stomach, one before breakfast and one before supper, with a melodious dessert after the evening meal.

I derived the most enjoyment from the romps you and I took together in the woods. You had a peculiar obsession that an enemy was lurking there and that we must seek him out. I never could see him, but somehow or other you could, and that satisfied me. Starting out in the early morning we would climb high up into the hills to search for that fellow. At the first opportunity I would pick out a comfortable shady spot to sit down and compose myself like a khaki Buddha, while you sneaked around mysteriously, peering into the distance and listening intently for the theoretical crackling of twigs. During those idyllic hours my thoughts would be far away. I wandered much—in fancy—until you aroused me with the news that the quest had come to a successful close. I never was able to understand how you always managed either to capture that enemy or to have him "well in hand" just as the luncheon or supper hour approached. It was a fact, though, that I gladly accepted without question.

Those days passed rapidly into memory, but they are a memory that I shall preserve always and shall cherish in my heart. I would not burden your patience further with this parade of recollections that are among the dearest I shall ever have. Here should I stop and I will. Lingered farewells are doubly painful. With a smile and a wave of the hand and with the most earnest assurances of my enduring affection, I pass out of your life, perhaps forever.

CHARLES G. TUBBS.

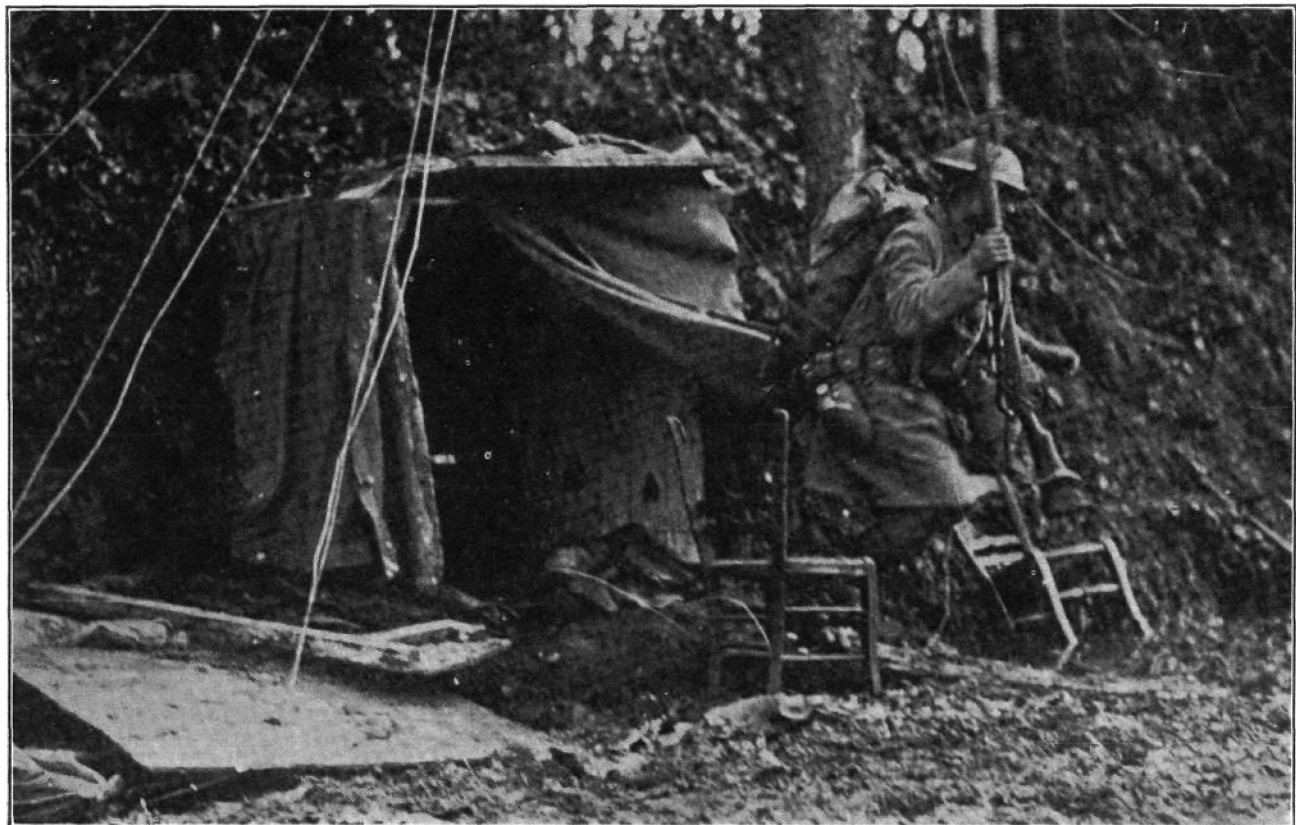
*Tourist:* I say, old man, is this the road to Pickle Center?

*Old Inhabitant:* Wal, yes, it's the road, all right, but you better turn around if you want to get there.

# No Place To Hang Up Xmas Stocking



*Reserves waiting to go into the lines, 107th Regiment Infantry, 27th Div. N. Y. N. G. St. Gillis France. Aug. 12, 1918.*



*Members 107th Inf. 27th Div. coming out of dugout, Mazinghien, east of St. Souplet, Nord, France, Oct. 19, 1918.*



### Music Hath Charms

A company parade was ordered by the sergeant-major at the local barracks. When all were in position, the N. C. O. called out: "All men who are fond of music, take two paces forward."

Instantly half a dozen soldiers, with visions of playing in the regimental band, stepped forward.

"Now," he roared, "you six men bring that piano down from the officers' quarters on the fourth floor to the sergeants' mess in the basement."

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Mirandy having had an altercation with her husband, felled him with a crowbar and then kicked him in the face. Enter the parson. "Why, Mirandy, the devil himself must have gotten in you to do such a thing." "Well, Parson, perhaps de debel did get in me when I hits him with the crowbar, but kicking him in the face was my own thought!"

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### Apropos

*Ragman (to man at door):* Any old rags today?

*Man:* No, my wife is away.

*Ragman (after thinking):* Any old bottles?

—Robert T. Gibbons.

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*Sambo:* Were you sick with the flu, Rastus?

*Rastus:* Man, I wuz so sick that most every night I looked in the casualty list for my name.

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The moth is not a society favorite even if it does frequently appear in a dress suit.

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"What's the matter, Hannah, you seem to be in trouble."

"Yes, sah, I has a misery; I don't mind these miseries that are wid you all the time, but I does just hate a misery what's knowing at you all de time."

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*Judge (to prospective jurymen):* So you've formed an opinion of the case?

*P. J.:* Yes, your honor, one look at that man convinced me he was guilty.

*Judge:* Heavens! Man, that's the Prosecuting Attorney!

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"It isn't right for Pete to say he loves me; he should only think it."

"But he doesn't think it; he only says it."

—C. C. N. Y. Mercury.

### Mysterious

"What makes you always so popular?" He asked the speedy young spark.

And she said with a grin,

As she powdered her chin:

"I keep all the boys in the dark."

—Ohio Sun Dial.

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"You're lips aren't half as bad as they're painted," he cried ecstatically.

—Cornell Widow.

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*Jesse:* "Ah, say dere, James, dat horse you done sold me is blind. Yesterday I was out riding with him and he done go right into a tree."

*James:* "Dat horse ain't blind, man."

*Jesse:* "What you mean?"

*James:* "Just what ah say—dat horse ain't blind—he just don't give a dam."

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*Child (innocently):* Muther, how did dad bekum a profesor at the universiti?

*Mother:* So you've begun to wunder too; hav yu?

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"And how is your golf game, Bostwick?"

"Increasing bad, Newvilcher; I'm going from bunk to bunker."

—Chicago Phoenix.

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*Flea (to elephant getting off the ark):* Don't shove me, big boy.

—Scarlet Saint.

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"Rastus, why fo' you pack dat 'er razor to dis dance?"

"Niggah, don't yo rad, yourself, as how dis heah am to be a cut-in dance?"

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They walked along the beach, holding hands and laughing like two unsophisticated youths. Suddenly she turned to him and held open her arms. He drew her close to him, kissed her with all the first fires of passion. No one would have guessed they were married. . . .

They were not.

—Er.

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*Singer:* Ever since singing that song to you yesterday I have been haunted by it.

*She:* Why not, you murdered it.

—Kansas Sour Owl.

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*He:* What became of your millionaire friend?

*She:* Oh, the wild waves got him.

*He:* Whose?

—Texas Ranger.

### College Chatter

"Writing a letter to your dad?"

"No, a requisition."

—Penn State Froth.

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"Is he a good dancer?"

"Yes, but he's a wicked one."

—Texas Ranger.

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"Do you trust me, dear?"

"Yes, sweetheart."

"Then lend me twenty."

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"Why are you clearing the umbrella stand?"

"Because we have company this evening."

"Surely you don't think they would steal umbrellas?"

"No—but they might identify some of them."

—Bucknell Belle Hop.

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Poor Co-Edna: She thought the doctor was trying to flatter her, when he told her that she had acute appendicitis.

—Bucknell Belle Hop.

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*Co-ed:* Don't you hate the way this wind blows, Phyllis?

*Ditto:* No, I'm not bowlegged.

—Colorado Dodo.

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*Mr.:* Is this piano yours?

*Mrs.:* We own about an octave of it.

—Pitt Panther.

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"When the water boils away it will be mist," sighed the tea kettle sadly.

—Cornell Widow.

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*He:* I've been wanting to tell you something for a week back.

*She:* What is it?

*He:* Red Cross Kidney Plasters.

—Middlebury Blue Baboon.

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*Null:* I started out on the theory that the world had an opening for me.

*Void:* And you found it?

*Null:* Well, rather. I'm in the hole now.

—Notre Dame Juggler.

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*Sweet Young Thing:* Why do they always call a ship "she"?

*Aged Salt:* Why—beggin' your parding, ma'am—that's because the rigg'in' costs so much.

—V. M. I. Sniper.

# Armory Communications Practice

By Captain Fred G. Miller, Signal Corps, U. S. Army



FIG. 1

The war has demonstrated clearly that command cannot be satisfactorily exercised without communication. Commanders must have facilities which will assure rapid and accurate transmission of orders and information. To bring this about, two things are vital:

1st. Communications specialists should be so highly trained, that their actual performance becomes almost automatic.

2nd. Officers should be thoroughly familiar with the powers and limitations of communications methods and apparatus in order to make intelligent use of them.

Owing to the limited time allotted a command during the summer, for its field training, it is evident that there is need for much armory practice in communications, both for the officers and the communications specialists.

There seems to be a general impression that lack of the latest type radio and other equipment greatly handicaps training and although this may be true to a certain degree, it should be remembered that the Army is passing through a period of economy which necessitates using up available equipment and that the equipment now issued, is in many cases equal to that used by our divisions in France. The lack of sets, etc. of the latest type is not sufficient to curb the initiation of a live regiment, interested in communications.

There is need for Command and Communications problems carried on throughout the winter training season in the armories. Such problems train officers and

specialists and by a little initiative and thought almost any condition can be simulated sufficiently well to work out the principles.

Training Circular No. 14 Headquarters, N. Y. N. G. dated October 30th, 1925, outlines a scheme for the training of

officers in their use. This then necessitates an armory scheme or layout.

Figure 1 shows an armory layout for training and for operating all means of communications in connection with Staff and Command problems. The general scheme is as follows: All officers of the organization are assembled for the conduct of a map problem. Each regimental, battalion, company command post is located in a room or several rooms, according to the size of the Command Post. Each C. P. has its field authorization of telephones, radio, visual, messengers, panels, airplane, etc. all placed at or near the C. P., in separate rooms, or on the drill floor as shown in fig. 1. The telephones are connected to the switchboards, and the field authorization of lines connect the switchboards together into a telephone net. All authorized field radio stations are established in a net. They are so connected that the transmitting of any one station may be heard by all the others in the net including the simulated airplane station. No radio apparatus is needed. By simply connecting up a buzzer-phone to all stations by wire (each station equipped with a closed circuit telegraph key and an ordinary radio headset), messages can be handled very satisfactorily in the net. By means of the



FIG. 2.  
BATTALION C.P.

Communications specialists, allotting to each group a certain number of periods of forty minutes each. As these specialists progress, it is necessary that they be utilized in problems from time to time for their own training and the training of

simulated airplane station and small improvised panels, communication between air and ground can be satisfactorily handled and Artillery Fire Control methods carried out. The message center

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## WE POINT WITH PRIDE

AT this season of good cheer and as another year is dawning we point with pride to the achievements of the New York National Guard, now about six years after its reorganization at the close of the World War.

Never has there been such a National Guard organization in the country in time of peace. In numbers, one-third larger than before the war; in attention to duty, in training—in every military endeavor, the New York National Guard "has arrived," setting up the highest standards of citizen soldiery ever attained.

And the reason for this lies in the fact that there has been co-operation all along the line from the Commander-in-Chief, Governor Alfred E. Smith, who has done everything in his power to advance the interests of the State's guard, the Commanding General, Major General Charles W. Berry, who has devoted all his time to advancing the training of the units, insisting on efficiency in command and comforts in camps of training, down to the enlisted man who has taken a pride in keeping up his unit's attendance record.

And our Commanding General has done much more, big things for the guardsman. He put through a splendid group insurance contract, giving members of the National Guard in-

surance policies of from two to five thousand dollars at a minimum rate besides affording sick benefits—this without going through a medical examination; he has founded a monthly magazine, free to all the members of the guard and devoted entirely to their interests and entertainment; he has added all kinds of amusement attractions at camps of instruction, even including the largest swimming pool in the country at Camp Smith, Peekskill; he has aided in advancing all kinds of athletics in the guard, to make attractive and popular the physical upbuilding of the young men, and again has helped all the organizations in the State by having written in the bond issue, just passed at the recent election, \$6,500,000 for the relief of the National Guard in providing armories and armory enlargements so much needed in many parts of the State.

Our efforts during 1925 have been directed not to laboriously keeping our strength up to Federal requirements, but to keeping it within the bounds of Federal requirements.

Our strength has never been below 21,500. Throughout the year it has averaged 22,000 and in August it reached the highest point of nearly 22,500—a new record.

Our average attendance at armory drills has been over 80%—a fine record of steady, sustained interest. Few organizations ever dropped below our "dead line" of 70%, and then only for a short period.

Our average attendance for field training was very nearly 90%, an unprecedented figure. Of the thirty-five separate organizations in the State, all but four averaged over 80% in camp. Thirteen organizations had over 90% present in camp as compared with nine in 1924 and eleven in 1923.

Ten regiments paraded over 1,000 men in camp as compared with seven in 1924 and five in 1923.

Over 20% qualified on the target ranges throughout the State. At Camp Smith about 33½% qualified, and this was not confined to the rifle and pistol alone; 970 qualified with the machine gun, 381 with the howitzer, 147 with the automatic rifle, 149 with the bayonet and 18 with the sword.

Regimental and brigade staffs showed an excellent knowledge of their special duties and during field problems functioned in a way to win high praise from superior authority.

Therefore we feel that the New York National Guard can enjoy a Merry Christmas and look forward to a bright and prosperous New Year.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SAY IT WITH GIFTS!

MAKE yourself a Christmas present by joining the guard. The gifts to your health, enjoyment and training are unparalleled. If you are already a member of the guard then give some young man a Christmas present of a year's subscription to The New York National Guardsman and perhaps you'll make a good citizen soldier of him. You sure will if he's a good reader.

IT was cold at the Army and Navy football game and the Navy side "sure did feel it." The glow of victory kept the West Point side warm as toast and the Army team was playing so well, it would have been a pleasure to have the game continue another hour.

INSPECTIONS are next in order on the program. Will the sunshine never come again?

# General Berry's Editorial

## TAKING STOCK

EVERY successful merchant at convenient intervals pauses in the regular routine of business and "takes stock," or in other words, counts his merchandise, balances his books and finds out definitely where he stands. When this is properly done, certain important questions can be answered, such as "Are we getting everything out of the business we should?" or "What can be done to correct the situation?" where improvements are seen to be essential.

Taking stock is not limited to mercantile establishments; it can be utilized by any individual, institution, or organization, and always to advantage.

We propose to apply the principle to the National Guard, and to look briefly over the past year, and note what progress, if any, has been made, and also to see where improvements are needed.

The principal thing in any organization is to have the required number of men, because everything else in the military line is based on this.

Next their attendance at place of training is important, and after this come all the other things which make for military efficiency.

In looking over the records for the past year we have nothing to criticize in these essentials. The military establishment in New York State is in excellent condition as far as strength is concerned; we have no organizations that fall below the minimum requirements, and we exceed our federal allotment in numbers. Our standards for attendance are higher than are required or obtained in any other State in the Union, and all of our organizations more than maintain this high rating.

From a business standpoint this shows a good balance on the right side of the ledger, and the reason for such standing must be of interest to everyone who cares about the military establishment.

If the writer were asked, "How was this accomplished and brought about?" it would be hard to give a definite answer.

This development has been a slow and gradual process; one by one each precept has been inculcated, worked out, and then adopted. Some of the policies which have contributed to the general result were the recognition of efficiency wherever found, men who can produce are sought for in every line of human endeavor, and nowhere more eagerly than in our service.

Field training has been made as attractive as possible, the old idea of taking men from sedentary walks of life, bunching them together in an open lot, without adequate shelter, serving them with scanty, half-cooked food, and then marching them in a weary round over hill and dale, under a scorching sun, as a sample of army life in the field, has been abandoned, and intensified training under ideal conditions substituted instead.

There is no doubt that with the present system of field training, more real military science is absorbed by the average man in one day than was accomplished in the entire tour of duty by former methods. Hardships and the stress of a vigorous campaign can only be successfully met by well trained, seasoned troops. We teach the essentials of field duty and leave the hardening process for the time of need.



There is very little use in training an athlete today for a cross-country run next year, if the process of getting into condition has got to be interrupted by several months of idleness, but he can be taught some of the elements required for good running that will be of service to him when he makes his race.

One of the important policies has been to raise the ethical standards in our service. We have always boasted as a recruiting slogan, how much better a man was, after a three year enlistment, and how much more valuable he was to his community, and then we glanced over the finished product with his full and honorable discharge, and in many cases kept silent. But there is no real reason why a young man should not graduate from the Guard, better physically, mentally and morally than when he went in, and such specimens are assets that cannot be overestimated. To make officer personnel, and especially commanding officers, realize their responsibility in this connection, is a work that will produce very large dividends.

Many other things could be written, but lack of space only permits us to just mention in passing the subjects of fixed and accepted responsibility, misfits in high places, weaklings who have no place in the service, schools for the development of the capable, with the thought that the non-com of today is the officer of tomorrow, the requirements for strict attention to details of training, equipment and all military procedure down to the last number, and finally the habits of precision, punctuality and obedience that become a fixed part of every real soldier.

An individual or organization who takes time to stop a little while and take stock will be benefited, defects will stand out clearly, remedies will suggest themselves and be put in operation and the end result will be a better man, company, regiment or brigade. The beginning of the new year is an ideal time for such work, and we urge all of our readers to try it out for themselves.

*Ch. Berry*

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# The Whole Guard on Review

Being a Department for the Publication of Newsy Notes of Various Organizations

## 52nd FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

THE loss of the late General Richardson is still keenly felt by the officers and men of Brigade Headquarters Staff and Battery. The organization has been fortunate, however, during the past few months to have as Acting Commander, Col. E. F. Austin of the 258th, who stands "ace high" with all members. Colonel Austin was Acting Brigade Commander during 1922 and was in charge of the organization during the training period at Montauk.

The Headquarters Battery Association made a good "get-away" on the 1925-1926 social season by staging their annual Fall Hop on November 7th. The affair was a real success in every way and the boys are going to follow through with similar live events until camp season dawns again.

Lieutenant Comans has been assigned to the Brigade Staff and Lt. "Bill" O'Phelan is now assisting Captain Brennan, in command of the Battery. Lieutenant Phelan surely knows radio and other signal work from A to Z and is imparting his knowledge to the men in an interesting manner.

The following promotions of non-commissioned officers have just been approved:

1st Sgt. James D. Galvin to be Master Sergeant.

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Kirkwood to be 1st Sergeant.

Sgt. Harold E. Hitt to be Staff Sergeant.

Cpl. Ernest J. Shirvell to be Sergeant.

Pvt. 1 Cl. Thomas J. Rosemond to be Corporal.

## 107th INFANTRY

The lad who likes to be kept busy these days will find plenty to do if he drops in at the Armory. This, of course, is in addition to his regular drill night. There are numerous teams he may join if he has a liking for athletics. The Regimental Basketball Team has been busy getting into shape and on November 27th, before these lines appear, will have played their opening game with the 1st Battalion Naval Militia. The Regimental Hockey Team is also busily engaged in practice and promises a schedule of interesting games at 181st St. Ice Palace with such teams as Princeton

### Officers of the Military Athletic League 1924-1925

Lt. Col. James P. Cooke, *President*, R. L.

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Lt. Jos. A. Rozell, *Rec.-Sec.*, 27th Div. Train, Q. M. C.

University, Royal Bank of Canada, St. Nicholas A. C., etc. One of the newest teams to be organized is a Polo Team which promises fair to make a name for itself as soon as the members and the ponies have had an opportunity to "shake down" in their positions. Many individuals who are interested in running and other track and field events are putting in an extra night or two each week in order to get in shape for the Games. The 77th Annual Games will be held on Saturday evening, January 30th, and from all indications will be the most interesting and the best attended of any in several years. In addition to the usual inter-Company competition it is probable that there will be several events open to outsiders which should bring in many well-known athletes.

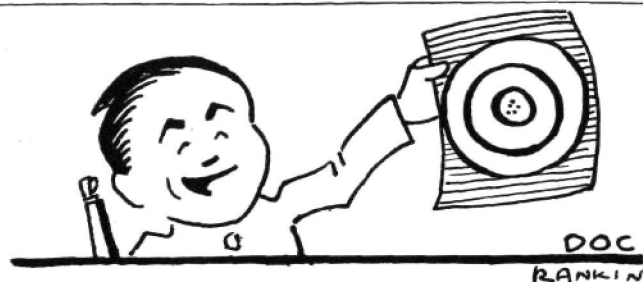
For the man interested in shooting, there is the extra night he may use the rifle range which opened for the season on Nov. 9th. He may also join The Seventh Regiment Rifle Club which have an interesting program of

matches which started on November 27th and will continue each Friday night up to and including May 27th, 1926. The man who is a good shot may be fortunate enough to become a member of the Regimental Rifle Team, which means hard work, good sport and much honor. The Regimental Rifle Team held its 5th Annual Outdoor Match with East Orange Rifle Club at the East Orange Range on October 18th. Each team consisted of 20 men, each man firing 50 shots; 30 were slow fire and there were 2 strings of rapid fire. After most of the day had passed and 950 shots had been fired the Regimental Team was 1 point in the lead. There still remained a string of rapid fire to be shot by 5 men on each team. The result hinged on their work. The men took their positions at the firing point. Ready on the Right! Ready on the Left! All set. The Flag! Count! Target! Down! Take aim. Pull the trigger. One shot, two, three, four, five. Reload. One, two, three, four, five. Target disappears. Up on the feet. Wonder how we made out. Targets being examined. East Orange Team scores announced by man at phone. Not up to usual high average. Two scores below forty. Regimental Team targets being examined. Man at phone repeats at intervals, 49-50-50-49-47, and the Regimental Rifle Team had won the match by 39 points. One hundred and fifty men have reported to the Regular Army Rifle Instructor for coaching in the hope that they may be among the lucky ones to represent the Regiment at Bisley, England, in 1926, when a rifle team from the 107th will meet a team from the Queen's Westminster & Service Rifles. The extreme interest and the splendid spirit shown in such a large turn-out argues well for a wonderful team.

### Paging a Ton of Coal

Not every minor is a caveman.

—Black & Blue Jay.



## 244th COAST ARTILLERY

A MERRY Xmas! Here we are with our great annual yuletide number, inflated to the bursting point with best wishes to all, including the Oswegonians.

Our dental section of the Medical Detachment, Captain Husch, commanding, sends best holiday wishes. "Don't forget," says the Captain, in an exclusive interview, "that procrastination is the father of bridgework."

We have belated tidings of two weddings in the family. Lieut. Edward H. Morris was married to Mrs. Gertrude L. Paterson, on Oct. 21 at the Broadway Tabernacle. Lieutenant Morris was a captain in the 107th and served overseas as a 2nd lieutenant with the 112th Infantry and the 312th M. G. Bn. Lieut. William Harcourt Lynn left bachelorhood behind on Oct. 17th when he took as his bride Miss Helen Martin. They were married

1924 and came out second in the metropolitan series, is out for the State pennant this year. The Rockaway land boom is about over, so their chances are good.

There are four new corporals in Battery F. From left to right they are: Corporals Steinberg, Hann, Goldman, and Krefetz. There is the usual Xmas party in preparation for this battery, at which all records for attendance and female pulchritude are expected to be broken. Among the casualties of the fall season, mention is made of the marriage of Sgt. Billy Dunn, one of the popular non-coms.

Captain Wilday's Battery C has a lot of news: Corporal McNally has been made a sergeant. Sgt. Dinzey has made his fourth re-enlistment. The battery has six men in the officers' school. Eighteen recruits were enlisted in one week during November. And last but not least, Battery C, together with its neighbor, Battery D, will give a December dance at which the chief event will be a Charleston Contest. Captain Wilday also states that he will have samples of the medals awarded by the State for recruiting on view before long together with samples of the longevity medals.

## 71st INFANTRY

Plans have been completed for outfitting the Regiment in the new distinctive uniform. The companies are holding social and athletic events, the proceeds of which are being held in separate "Company Uniform Funds" to go toward financing the uniforms. It is expected that the entire regiment will be fully "dress uniformed" within two or three months.

The social and athletic activities of the various companies are proving to be very successful events. Company "F" held a Thanksgiving Social on Thanksgiving Day in its Company Room. A large, sociable crowd made of this affair a very enjoyable one.

Company "H's" popular series of basketball games and dances are about to start. The first basketball game and dance of the season will be held in the Signal Corps Hall of the armory on Saturday evening, December 12th.



As this is being written, we note that work on the new machine shop is progressing rapidly, and the members of the regiment are impatiently awaiting the time when they can get down to the business of learning to be machinists.

The annual massing of the colors took place on Sunday, November 8, and the flags of this regiment, most of them bearing the scars of honorable old age, were carried up Fifth Avenue to St. Thomas's Church by our officers. It was, as it always is, a stirring and colorful spectacle, and we are always glad to give the day to this service. A luncheon at the Hotel Vanderbilt preceded the march up the Avenue, at which General Cruickshank was the guest of honor.

Capt. Alfred I. Scott is with us again after a long absence. He was formerly Commanding Officer of the old 17th Co. during 1918-19 and his return is very welcome.

We have two new lieutenants—Fred Hurlburt and Geo. D. Sasseen. The former was First Sergeant of the Second Combat Train, with a very fine record, and the latter, now with Captain Ward's Battery A, was a sergeant in Battery E. He is a nephew of our lieutenant colonel.

There were five turkeys walking about in the Headquarters Battery room the day before Thanksgiving, having been won by the Headquarters team. Their names: Sergeant Major Walsh, 1st Sergeant Comisky, Corporal Carrere, Corporal Perfetti and Private Schlefstein. These are the members of the pistol team, not the turkeys, whose names, if they had any, are no longer of interest.

at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in New Rochelle. Needless to say, the best wishes of all are theirs.

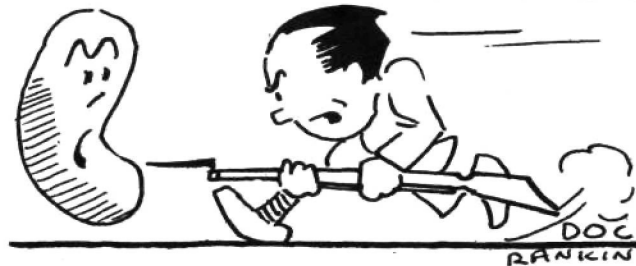
Mrs. Kittredge has started the tennis season with several courses of instruction for the enlisted men, who are responding with enthusiasm. The courts also are open to the public at certain times and are well patronized. Mr. Thomas Donahue is on hand before drills to give instruction to the men in basketball and indoor baseball, and we expect to have several good teams playing within a short time.

The regimental basketball team would like to arrange games with any National Guard outfit either at this armory or away from home. Lieut. Matthew Arnold is the manager of the team and any correspondence should be addressed to him at the armory.

Sergeant Luce of the Service Battery has been promoted to staff sergeant.

The 244th Band, always good, is going to break all records for excellence from now on. Ten new members have been added, all from the 16th Infantry Band at Governor's Island.

The basketball team of Captain McTigue's Second Combat Train, which won the regimental championship in



Their opponents will be The Nepperhan Basketball Club of Yonkers.

The annual banquet of the Service Company has been set for January 17th, 1926. It is expected that the Commanding Officer and his staff will be present. Arrangements are being made for dancing and entertainment.

Weekly Saturday evening dances are being held by Company "A" in their Company Room. Each week brings new faces into the circle of members and friends of the company. The same company also holds an inter-platoon indoor baseball game every Tuesday night, which always results in the defeat of the Second Platoon. Members of the Second Platoon attribute the success of the First Platoon to its having "Lady Luck" with them in the person of Lieutenant Martens, the distinguished, medal-bedecked rifle-pistol-bayonet expert.

Company "B" announces with keen regret the death of Pvt. Joseph Bergstein an active and well-liked member of the company. Former 1st Sergeant O'Brien of the same company also died recently. He was very active in the Veteran Association of the company, and his loss is keenly felt among the old-timers of the company.

The Candidates' School has gotten well under way under the able supervision of Major A. T. Brown, and shows signs of developing some excellent material for commission officers.

of Headquarters Battery as President, Sgt. G. E. Hoffman of Battery "E," Vice-President, and Sgt. M. H. Cavanagh of Battery "H," Secretary. After a spirited discussion on athletics in general, it was decided to adjourn and call a special meeting the second Friday in December for the election of all other officers.

An Inter-Battery Relay Race Handicap was held on the night of the Review tendered to Colonel Gordon Johnston, resulting in a blanket finish; Battery "A's" team, consisting of E. M. Jones, A. Quadro, J. Barnes and F. Frost, with a handicap of 45 yards, winning first prize; Headquarters Battery team, consisting of D. Rooney, J. Hedgecock, S. Lorper and A. F. Zabavnik, with 21 yards handicap, just nosed out the scratch team from Battery "H," represented by L. Sanstrom, A. De Norman, M. Antenucci and J. Wilkins. The winning athletes were paraded front and center and presented with their prizes by Colonel Johnston, who complimented them highly on their athletic prowess.

Major Campion has appointed Lt. Frank M. Coakley as officer in charge of basketball.

A busy season in athletics is anticipated and Colonel Ottman has assured the Athletic Officer and the members of the Athletic Association of his full support and co-operation.

### 106th INFANTRY

The appointment of Major Charles F. Nicol as surgeon of the 106th Infantry was announced by Col. Thomas Fairservis, regimental commander, upon receipt of orders commissioning Dr. Nicol,

ferred to the 104th Machine Gun Battalion and served with the Suicide Battalion through the war, being mustered out of Federal Service April 1919. The lure of the military attracted him and in 1923, he became a member of the 104th Hospital Company, where he remained until recently.



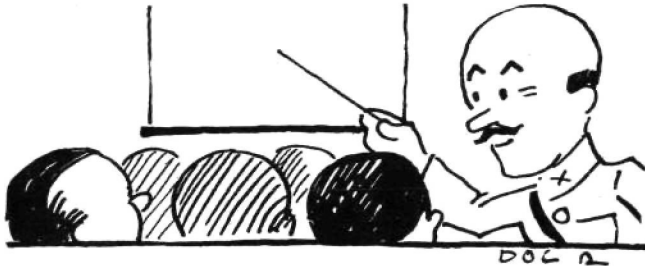
Major Nicol, an assistant surgeon under Dr. Richard Kevin, former regimental surgeon at St. Mary's Hospital, has a host of friends in the regiment and it is with pleasure that his former comrades welcome him back to the outfit again.

The excellence of the members at the pistol and rifle ranges was demonstrated recently when members of the regiment competed for turkeys. Fourteen birds, each weighing more than ten pounds, were handed out by Col. Fairservis to men who scored high marks in the various contests.

Lieut. Joseph Scanlon, of Company B, with a score of 33 out of a possible 35 and Capt. Frank A. Conefrey, Regimental Headquarters Company with 32 points were the winners in the Officers' Pistol Contest. Capt. J. R. L. Gibbons captured the Officers' Rifle Match, scoring 34 out of a possible 35 points.

Prizes for the highest score and the tenth highest score in the Enlisted Men's Pistol Match went to Private Bartscher, of Company H, with a score of 33 and Private Jenkins of Regimental Headquarters Company, with 34 points and Private Monen, M Company, whose score totaled 23.

The rifle matches for enlisted men developed into several ties which were shot off. Private Molett, of Company I, and



### 212th ARTILLERY ATHLETIC ASSN.

Colonel Ottman has reappointed Major James G. Campion as Athletic Officer to represent the regiment in the M.A.L. and the A.A.U. That officer immediately reorganized the Athletic Association, each unit in the regiment being represented by delegates who will act as a Board of Governors for 1926. It was gratifying to note the intense interest displayed by the Battery representatives. Major Campion, after outlining the object of the Association and the functions of the delegates, the meeting went into immediate session and elected Sgt. A. F. Zabavnik

major in command of the 106th Infantry Sanitary Detachment.

Major Nicol's military career began in March, 1915, when he signed up as a private in the First Cavalry. He served but a short time with the Troopers, when he was transferred to the Old Twenty-third Regiment to receive a commission as first lieutenant in the Medical Detachment. At the Mexican Border, he served with this regiment as assistant surgeon and upon the return of the organization to Brooklyn, 1917, he was promoted to a captain.

Shortly after the outbreak of the World War, Captain Nicol was trans-

Sergt. Abel, of F Company were the high men with scores of 34 and 33 points respectively while the prizes for tenth highest scores were captured by Sergt. Drick, of Company K, with 29 and Corporal Beaumont, of Company F, with 25.

In the bowling contests for officers Lieut. Edmund K. Johnston of Company G was the prize winner the first night and Capt. Thomas A. Denham, Service Company, the second night. Privates Maher, of Company F and De Bonos, Third Battalion Headquarters Company were the winners of the enlisted men's bowling contests.

The regiment will parade before the veterans of the Old Twenty-Third Regiment, December 18. Captain Fred W. Singleton, president of the Twenty-Third Regiment Veterans Association will be the reviewing officer. A number of special events will be given during the course of the review, which in line with the policy of Col. Fairservis will be a short one to give the members of the regiment an opportunity to enjoy themselves with their friends.

The social season got under way this month when members of A Company gave their annual show, December 1 at Kismet Temple. A large sum filled the company's treasury when the large auditorium was crowded at the performance of "Kathleen," the third musical comedy to be presented by this live wire company, commanded by Capt. Alfred Hogle.

Dinner parties of former times were recalled when members of Company B got together December 10, at their annual dinner and dance held at King's Gardens. The entire company turned out with their friends making the occasion a memorable one. Capt. Frederick A. Gillette and 1st Sergt. Clifford B. Hand were the committee on arrangements which conducted the successful affair.

#### TROOP B. 1st CAVALRY

The mounted Service Club of Troop B, First Cavalry, N. G. N. Y., held its fifth anniversary dinner last month at Devine's Hotel, Albany-Troy Road. Senator William T. Byrne of Albany was the speaker of the evening, and Captain Harry G. Taylor, troop commander, was toastmaster.

The troop, which was reorganized in 1920, is in command of Captain Tay-

lor. Alfred I. Schimpf is first lieutenant and Frank L. York is second lieutenant. At present there are three officers and 73 enlisted men on the roster, of which a number are from Troy and Schenectady.

Many former members of the troop rejoined their comrades for the night's festivities, which were enlivened with tales of summer camps, songs and entertainment.

The following committee was in charge: Alfred I. Schimpf, chairman; Frank L. York, Thomas D. Goodwin, John J. Mahar, John T. Fallon, Harry A. Trimble, John F. Burns, Everett N. Mulvey, Louis B. Fischer, Edward W. Skelly, Philip D. Curnin, Earl J. Wiley, Albert F. Jenkins, Stewart F. McClelland and Frank J. Gross.

Captain Pepe and First Lieutenant Glack of Troop G, Utica, accompanied by 15 members of the Utica troop motored to Albany and were guests of the B Troop men.

#### 102nd MEDICAL REGIMENT

Once again, the 102nd Medical Regiment held their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, on Tuesday, November 24th, Colonel Salisbury and officers acting as hosts to the enlisted men.

Father White, our Chaplain, was toastmaster and performed his duties in excellent style. He introduced the speakers of the evening in his original clever way.

Our Commander, Colonel Salisbury, discussed the past achievements and hopes for enlargement of the 102nd Medical Regiment. He congratulated every man on the excellent manner in which they performed their duties and especially called attention to the number of men who have re-enlisted for the three-year periods. He also spoke on the fine average of percentage the units are upholding, and it behooves all of our unit commanders to keep up this average and try for a higher mark during the coming year.

Major Chase, our regular army Inspector-Instructor, gave a very good talk from the regular army standpoint of handling the National Guard units.

One of the best talks of the evening was given by former Captain Martin DeForest Smith of the Ambulance Company. The captain was in a particular witty mood and succeeded in getting many



laughs from the gathering. He also spoke of his war experience with the medical units.

Needless to say the best part of the evening's program was the "royal feast." Our sergeants acted as chefs and no after effects have as yet been reported.

All in all, the evening was a wonderful success.

#### 108th INFANTRY

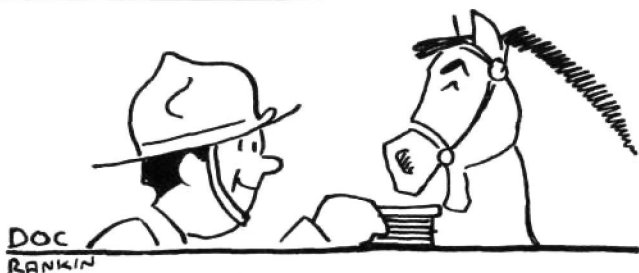
The first of a series of battalion reviews by the provisional battalion stationed at Rochester under the command of Major Arthur T. Smith was held Monday night, Nov. 16, at the New York State Armory. Companies A, G, H, Howitzer, Third Battalion Headquarters of the 108th Infantry and the 104th Collecting Company, of 2nd Medical Regiment participated. Music was furnished by the Argonne band with Sergeant Major George Jenkinson in charge and he put them through their paces in excellent style. The band is composed entirely of veterans from the American Legion. Chief of Police Joseph Quigley, Major Enos, Police instructor and other prominent members of the Police Department reviewed the battalion. Lt. Kelly of Co. G, acted as adjutant to Major Smith.

After the review and parade, the chief addressed the Guardsmen and praised their military bearing and spirit highly. Major Enos presented First Sgt. Edward S. Sturly of Co. A with the State medal for twenty-five years service and Sgt. Joseph Meredith of the 104th Collecting received the ten year service medal from his hands. Dancing followed.

There was a very good attendance, over 1,500 civilians turning out for the affair, while the men in the various companies turned out practically to a man. The battalion reviews held formerly have provided an excellent stimulus for recruiting and have become very popular due to the efforts of Major Smith.

An exhibition of extended order using blank ammunition was given by Lt. Aslan's platoon from Company A.

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**71st REVIEWED  
BY GEN. DYER**

THE Seventy-First Infantry was reviewed by Brig. Gen. George R. Dyer on November 20th, at which the popularity of the regiment with the people of the city was evidenced by a crowd which filled the armory at an unusually early hour, and a crowd estimated at between five and six hundred people were unable to obtain admission to the armory.

The work of the officers and men of the regiment was highly praised by the reviewing officers, and the exhibitions caused outbursts of applause from the enthusiastic spectators. The exhibitions consisted of a silent drill by Company G, commanded by Captain A. L. MacFarlane, an exhibition of Guard Mounting by Company B, commanded by Captain J. W. Utter, and a Machine Gun Drill by Company M, commanded by Captain C. H. Stegeman Jr.



1st Lieutenant Charles C. Martens and Sergeant Louis A. Holtman, both members of this year's State Team at Camp Perry, were presented with the Distinguished Marksman Medals, Lieutenant Martens receiving the Distinguished Pistol Medal, and Sergeant Holtman the Distinguished Rifle Medal.



The reviewing officers were entertained before the review by Colonel De Lamater at dinner at the Hotel McAlpin, and following the review, at a reception in the officers' mess at the Armory.

For the enlisted men and their guests the drill room floor was transformed into a huge ball-room, the music being fur-

nished by the regimental band under the direction of Lieut. Lambert L. Tben.

The company rooms were also the scenes of receptions and dances, refreshments, entertainments, and "get-togethers."

The new regimental song, "The Dear Old Seventy-First", which proved to be very contagious during the regiment's stay at Camp Smith, was featured at this review, and before the review was over was being whistled, sung and hummed by hundreds.

**74th Veterans**

**Elect Officers**

The Veterans' Association of the 74th Infantry, N. Y. N. G., Buffalo have elected the following officers to administer the affairs of this "live-wire bunch" for 1925-26:

Honorary President, Col. William R. Pooley; President, Anthony M. Paul; Vice President, George S. Minniss; 2nd Vice President, Herbert Deviney; Secretary, Earl Chappell; Treasurer, Herbert E. Goss; Directors, 1 year, Norman Nachbar, Cyrus K. Porter, Lyman A. Wood; Didertors, 2 years, Edwin P. Bacon, William D. Coulter, Aleander L. Gillig, John B. Ruckel.

**The National Guard  
at West Point**

Statistics recently issued in the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, indicate that there are 155 cadets now in attendance who were recently appointed from the Regular Army and the National Guard. According to classes these are distributed as follows:

1st class—18 men from the Army, 16 from the National Guard; 2nd class—10 and 8 respectively; 3rd—6 and 26 respectively, a total of 72 from the Regular Army and 81 from the National Guard.

The total enrollment at the Military Academy is 1,100 and the representation of former enlisted men is therefore 14 per cent.

Little Willie—Uncle, does father like to watch you play football?

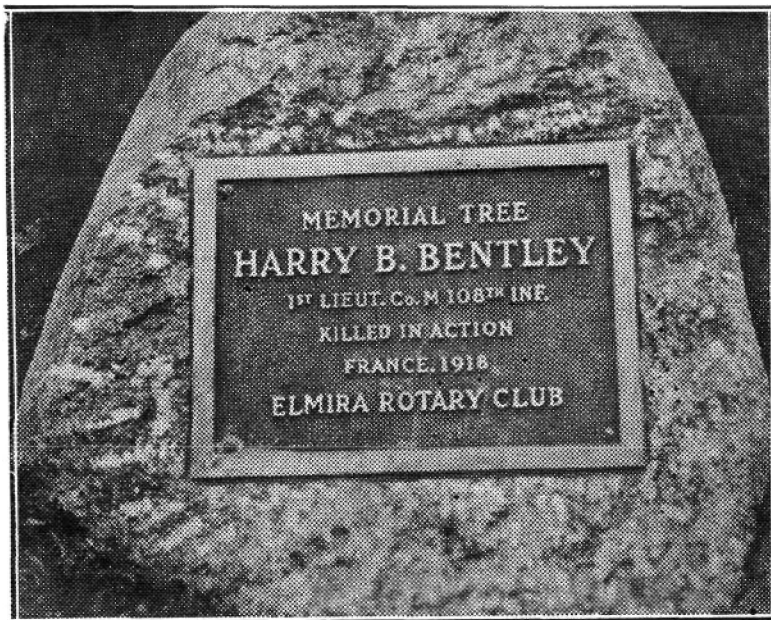
Rich Uncle—What an idea! I don't play football.

Little Willie—Well, I heard father say that whenever you kicked off, he'd quit working.

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"I don't care to keep that schoolgirl complexion," said the soph, as he brushed off the lapel of his coat.

**Some Communities Honor  
Their Heroes**



We are republishing a cut through the courtesy of the Elmira Telegram, showing how some communities honor their heroes.

In Brand Park thousands yearly pause to pay silent tribute to the memory of the first lieutenant of Company L, 108th Infantry, Harry B. Bentley, who was killed in action in France in 1918, heroically leading his men in an assault upon the enemy's trenches. This boulder and nearby memorial tree were placed to keep ever fresh the thought of the debt of gratitude due him.

Would that more communities, more clubs or societies, would promote patriotism by keeping green the memories of those who "made the supreme sacrifice."

# How We Stand

Average attendance for entire Guard . . . . .	72%
Maximum Strength New York National Guard . . . . .	21,808
Minimum Strength New York National Guard . . . . .	18,821
Present Strength New York National Guard . . . . .	22,031

## DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	26
27th Division Headquarters . . . . .	25

## CAVALRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	70
51st Cavalry Brigade . . . . .	83

## FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	32
52nd Field Artillery Brigade . . . . .	53

## INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	27
87th Infantry Brigade . . . . .	46
54th Infantry Brigade . . . . .	39
53rd Infantry Brigade . . . . .	38

## SPECIAL TROOPS

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	329
27th Division Special Troops . . . . .	436

## AIR SERVICE

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	146
27th Division Air Service . . . . .	145

## SIGNAL BATTALION

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	188
101st Signal Battalion . . . . .	158

## ENGINEERS

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	474
102nd Engineers . . . . .	487

## MEDICAL REGIMENT

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	423
102nd Medical Regiment . . . . .	487

## DIVISION TRAIN, Q. M. C.

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	247
27th Division Train, Q. M. C. . . . .	259

## DIVISION AMMUNITION TRAIN

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	63
102nd Ammunition Train . . . . .	67

## STAFF CORPS & DEPARTMENTS

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	137
Ordnance Department . . . . .	21

## INFANTRY

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	1,037
1. 105th Infantry . . . . .	1,280
2. 10th Infantry . . . . .	1,266
3. 71st Infantry . . . . .	1,192
4. 108th Infantry . . . . .	1,181
5. 107th Infantry . . . . .	1,172
6. 14th Infantry . . . . .	1,162
7. 106th Infantry . . . . .	1,157
8. 174th Infantry . . . . .	1,146
9. 165th Infantry . . . . .	1,116
10. 369th Infantry . . . . .	1,089

## CAVALRY

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	599
101st Cavalry . . . . .	632

## SEPARATE TROOPS

Maintenance Strength Per Troop . . . . .	63
1st Cavalry (3 troops) . . . . .	213

## MACHINE GUN SQUADRON

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	241
51st Machine Gun Squadron . . . . .	328

## ARTILLERY 75s

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	600
156th Field Artillery . . . . .	822
105th Field Artillery . . . . .	788
104th Field Artillery . . . . .	763

## ARTILLERY, 155 HOW.

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	646
106th Field Artillery . . . . .	806

## ARTILLERY, 155 HOW.

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	646
258th Field Artillery . . . . .	730

## ARTILLERY, C. A. C.

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	636
244th Coast Artillery . . . . .	839

## ARTILLERY, FIXED DEFENCES

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	739
245th Coast Artillery . . . . .	1,204

## ARTILLERY, A. A.

Maintenance Strength . . . . .	739
212th Coast Artillery . . . . .	801

## Gov. Smith Names Twelve Guardsmen for West Point

Twelve enlisted men of the New York National Guard have been nominated to the Secretary of War by Governor Smith for entrance to the United States Military Academy at West Point, Adjutant General Westcott announced today. The nominations were made after an examination of the candidates by the adjutant general's office last month.

The nominees are: Charles H. Urban, White Plains, 102d Ammunition Train; A. A. Greene, Schenectady, 105th In-

fantry; Kenneth M. Marriott, Niagara Falls, 174th Infantry; Walter W. Thiede, Mt. Vernon, 156th Field Artillery; Stanley B. Dehart, Sheepshead Bay, 244th Coast Artillery; William L. Weitz, Buffalo, 101st Cavalry; James F. Foley, Jr., Syracuse, 101st Cavalry; Harry P. Watson, Poughkeepsie, 10th Infantry; Nathan L. Ferris, Canisteo, 108th Infantry; John F. McDonough, Brooklyn, 165th Infantry; Arthur C. Peterson, New Rochelle, 156th Field Artillery, and John N. Zellar, Schenectady, 105th Infantry.

# Average Percentage of Attendance, N. Y. N. G.

October, 1925—Average Attendance Whole Guard 72%

The  
Honor  
Space



Yours  
for the  
Effort

(2) 88%

**27th Division  
Frains, O. M. C.**

	No. of Rep.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Headquarters	5	14	13	96
Wagon Co. No. 103	5	53	48	90
Wagon Co. No. 104	5	52	49	96
M. T. C. No. 105	5	45	37	82
M. T. C. No. 106	5	50	42	84
M. R. S. No. 103	5	22	19	83
Medical Detachment	5	17	15	86
<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>88</b>	

(3) 86%

**107th Infantry**

	No. of Rep.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Headquarters	5	7	7	100
Headquarters Co.	4	41	26	63
Service Co.	5	95	86	90
Howitzer Co.	3	60	43	71
1st Bn. Hq. & Co.	5	29	26	90
Company A	5	65	55	84
Company B	5	75	56	74
Company C	5	75	68	90
Company D	4	66	61	92
2nd Bn. Hq. & Co.	5	21	17	82
Company E	5	71	61	86
Company F	5	69	60	87
Company G	5	77	73	94
Company H	5	71	67	94
3rd Bn. Hq. & Co.	5	24	22	88
Company I	5	65	47	71
Company K	5	87	74	85
Company L	5	65	58	89
Company M	5	68	58	85
Medical Detachment	5	30	29	97
<b>Total</b>	<b>1161</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>86</b>	

(4) 84%

**102nd Medical Regiment**

	No. of Rep.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Headquarters	5	7	7	100
Service Co.	5	54	49	91
Band Section	5	28	26	93
104th Collecting Co.	6	57	36	64
105th Collecting Co.	5	68	53	79
104th Ambulance Co.	4	49	43	88
105th Ambulance Co.	4	46	39	85
104th Hospital Co.	5	71	63	89
106th Hospital Co.	4	67	61	91
102nd Veterinary Co.	5	36	30	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>84</b>	

(5) 84%

**245th Coast Artillery**

	No. of Rep.	Aver. Pr and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Headquarters	6	6	6	100
Headquarters Battery	6	113	103	91
Headquarters 1st Bn.	6	2	2	100
Battery A	6	80	60	75
Battery B	6	78	65	83
Battery C	6	90	69	77
Battery E	6	109	83	76
Headquarters 2nd Bn.	6	3	3	100
Battery B	6	99	90	91
Battery D	6	81	71	87
Battery G	6	83	65	78
Battery H	6	92	73	79
Headquarters 3rd Bn.	6	3	3	100
Battery I	6	66	54	83
Battery K	6	93	87	94
Battery L	6	86	71	81
Battery M	6	88	81	92
Medical Detachment	6	33	26	78
<b>Total</b>	<b>1205</b>	<b>1012</b>	<b>84</b>	

(1) 91%

**101st Cavalry**

	No. of Rep.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Headquarters	5	6	6	100
Headquarters Troop	5	68	57	84
Service Troop	6	79	72	90
1st Squadron Hqrs.	6	23	22	94
Troop A	5	68	61	89
Troop B	5	50	42	85
Troop C	5	61	52	84
2nd Squadron Hqrs.	5	21	18	83
Troop E	4	82	77	94
Troop F	5	88	84	96
Troop G	5	61	58	94
Medical Detachment	5	45	44	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>91</b>	

(6) 84%

**1st Cavalry**

	No. of Rep.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Troop B	5	72	64	89
Troop G	5	76	66	86
Troop M	5	67	50	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>84</b>	

(7) 83%

**105th Infantry**

	No. of Rep.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Headquarters	6	8	8	100
Headquarters Co.	6	65	51	78
Service Co.	5	104	93	89
Howitzer Co.	5	64	49	77
1st Bn. Hqrs. Co.	3	45	39	87
2nd Bn. Hqrs. Co.	4	34	26	78
3rd Bn. Hqrs. Co.	5	33	29	89
Company A	6	70	60	85
Company B	6	89	80	89
Company C	6	78	73	93
Company D	6	72	63	86
Company E	5	72	54	76
Company F	5	65	59	92
Company G	5	82	59	72
Company H	5	78	66	85
Company I	7	69	56	81
Company J	6	78	62	80
Company K	6	78	42	79
Company L	5	54	70	89
Company M	5	78	70	89
Medical Detachment	5	39	28	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>1278</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>83</b>	

(8) 83%

**71st Infantry**

	No. of Rep.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Regimental Hqrs.	5	10	10	100
Regimental Hqrs. Co.	5	61	48	79
Service Co.	5	103	86	84
Howitzer Co.	5	66	55	83
Medical Detachment	5	29	25	87
1st Bn. Hqrs. Co.	5	21	15	70
Company A	5	72	66	92
Company B	5	69	54	78
Company C	5	75	60	80
Company D	5	71	58	81
2nd Bn. Hqrs. Co.	5	27	15	57
Company E	5	75	65	86
Company F	5	63	50	79
Company G	5	63	51	81
Company H	5	67	59	89
3rd Bn. Hqrs. Co.	5	26	25	97
Company I	5	70	57	82
Company K	5	82	71	86
Company L	5	69	55	80
Company M	5	79	70	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>1198</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>83</b>	

(9) 82%

**165th Infantry**

	No. of Rep.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Headquarters	5	9	9	98
Headquarters Co.	5	69	64	93
Service Co.	5	104	79	76
Howitzer Co.	5	66	51	77
1st Bn. Hqrs. Co.	5	20	18	92
2nd Bn. Hqrs. Co.	5	24	20	84
3rd Bn. Hqrs. Co.	5	18	16	91
Company A	5	64	50	78
Company B	5	57	47	82
Company C	5	65	48	73
Company D	5	63	51	81
Company E	5	60	48	80
Company F	5	72	58	80
Company G	5	63	55	87
Company H	5	65	54	83
Company I	5	75	66	87

Company K	5	63	56	89
Company L	5	65	60	92
Company M	5	71	49	69
Medical Detachment	5	27	22	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>1120</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>82</b>	

(10) 81%

**10th Infantry**

	No. of Rep.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co.	5	83	77	93
Service Co.	5	82	74	90
Howitzer Co.	6	62	47	74
Hq. & Hq. Co. 1st Bn.	5	33	26	78
Company A	5	66	49	74
Company B	5	61	51	84
Company C	5	80	61	75
Company D	4	85	71	84
Hq. & Hq. Co. 2nd Bn.	6	33	23	70
Company E	5	73	57	77
Company F	5	81	69	85
Company G	5	69	54	79
Company H	5	87	69	79
Hq. & Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.	5	38	32	84
Company I	6	82	73	89
Company K	5	84	67	80
Company L	5	75	54	73
Company M	5	77	68	88
Medical Detachment	5	35	26	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>1286</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>81</b>	

(11) 81%

**51st Machine Gun Squadron**

	No. of Rep.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Hqrs. Detachment	8	37	31	84
Troop A	8	101	82	80
Troop B	8	95	71	75
Troop C	8	90	76	84
Medical Detachment	8	9	9	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>81</b>	

(12) 80%

**27th Division Special Troops**

	No. of Rep.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Headquarters	5	13	12	92
27th Div. Hq. Co.	5	58	41	70
102nd Ord. Co.	5	50	42	83
27th Tank Co.	5	69	42	61
27th Signal Co.	4	80	71	89
27th M. P. Co.	5	53	43	81
102nd Motorcycle Co.	5	42	34	82
Medical Detachment	5	24	17	70
Headquarters Detach.	5	49	49	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>80</b>	

(13) 79%

**101st Signal Battalion**

	No. of Rep.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Hqrs. & Hqrs. Co.	5	37	31	84
Company A	5	68	49	71
Company B	5	50	40	79
Medical Detachment	5	10	10	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>79</b>	

(14) 78%

**27th Division Air Service**

	No. of Rep.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
102nd Obs. Sq.	5	118	91	77
102nd Photo Section	5	18	15	81
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>78</b>	





(2) 87%

	No. of Rep. Rec'd.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Headquarters	5	5	30	100
Headquarters Co.	5	35	30	84
		40	35	87

(3) 87%

	No. of Rep. Rec'd.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Headquarters	5	4	4	100
Headquarters Co.	5	34	29	85
		38	33	87

(4) 81%

	No. of Rep. Rec'd.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Brigade Headquarters	5	6	5	80
Headquarters Battery	5	46	37	79
		52	42	81

(5) 75%

	No. of Rep. Rec'd.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Headquarters	5	3	3	100
Headquarters Co.	5	45	33	74
		48	36	75

(6) 74%

	No. of Rep. Rec'd.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
Staff Corps and Departments	5	21	16	74

(7) 41%

	No. of Rep. Rec'd.	Aver. Pres. and Abs.	Aver. Att.	Aver. % Att.
102d Ammunition Train	5	67	27	41

**Rifle Team Has Annual Dinner**

The 102nd Engineer Rifle Team, Lt. Col. George H. Johnson, captain, held its annual dinner in the armory on Ft. Washington Avenue, Tuesday, December 9 and to sum it all up—"A good time was had by all" which was not confined to the members but the guests as well. Colonel Frederic Humphreys presided and called on most everybody to say something or tell a story. The team fulfilled their statements of a year ago by bringing home the State Match Trophy for the first time. Besides it was a great year, the team showing its supremacy in many matches and getting the longest number on the National Match Team—five.

**Why Not? They Rule Father!**

**THE WEAKER SEX**

Here is an item which again confirms woman's entrance into man's domain: Miss Dorothy Lee, of Illinois, who is only twenty, has been engaged to teach fencing to the 71st Regiment of the New York National Guard.

What do you—or don't you—know about that? Where will woman go next? We wouldn't be surprised to see one of the dear creatures elected president of the Fathers' Club.—From the Emporia Gazette.

**The Whole Guard on Review**

(Continued from page 18)

**104th FIELD ARTILLERY**

No doubt all other units of the National Guard are working like the very old blazes as this article goes to press, and well they might, the spectre of the Old Boy Inspection is haunting them these cold, dreary days, and they have to do something to keep warm.

At the Armory of the 104th F. A. that something radically wrong that must be attended to immediately is most evident. Battery Commanders go about in a daze; they mutter and mumble lots of cuss words, snarl and growl at everything and everybody, and act as though they had relieved Ajax of his job.

And then comes that eventful night when someone yells "Shun!" and in strides the Inspecting Officer himself! He reminds you somewhat of Sherlock Holmes about to solve another murder mystery, and if you don't get a preliminary cold shiver down the spine, well, brother you ain't human.

And what a guilty feeling you have! My gosh, you know dern well you haven't robbed a bank, tapped a till or raised any checks. Still that feeling persists that you MUST be guilty of something or else—suddenly he stops, looks for an instant in a desk drawer, gives a little yelp of delight and begins to tug at something with short, sharp little jerks.

With a triumphant cry he drags into view the oldest, dirtiest pair of Army socks you have ever laid eyes on. They seem to leer up at you. You long to dash them out the window, any place just to get them out of sight, but you suddenly feel the beads of perspiration starting out all over you. You have a feeling your face is crimson, your tongue cleaves to the roof of your mouth, you feel like laughing one second and swearing the next—consequently you just look as dumb as possible.

you start—no, YES by golly, the voice belongs to you. But a glance at the Sphinx-like visage in front of you is enough to let your innermost being know that it's all in vain.

Well, at last it's over, you reach out a cold clammy hand, grasp his, force a wry twisted smile on your pan and out he goes, the door slamming with a bang, and another inspection has died its death.

But why is it you always promise yourself that NEXT Sunday you will SURELY go to Church?



I have a little wifie,  
She's just like all the rest,  
When I bring home my Drill Check,  
'Tis then she loves me best.

Sergeant Therien asked Private Brennon why they had green lights in front of police station. "Shure now," retorted the nimble witted Brennon, "'tuz because they are Irish Club houses."

Timid Recruit: "Pardon me, Sergeant, but some of the men are shooting craps up in the Battery Room."

Sergeant Longstreet: "What do you think I am, a Game Warden?"

**HEARD BEHIND THE KNEEBOARD**

If you remember, last month we told you the story of the two Scotsmen, Allen and Grey by name, and of the present made by Allen on Grey's birth-



The painful silence is broken by a voice, a poor nameless pathetic thing that resounds throughout the death-like stillness of the room. Suddenly

day of the two homing pigeons. Well it seems Grey read the article and suspected a little larceny, so he made Allen give the birds back. He then

took a pair of scissors and clipped the pigeons' wings off short. Having done this, he turned them loose in the back yard and proceeded to have quite a laugh at Allen's expense.

Imagine his surprise when he went to feed the birds the following morning and found they had disappeared.

About a week later he met Allen and said: "Well ma lad, the birrrrds ye gave me disappeared about a week ago, I suppose they flew back to ye?"

Allen smiled a canny smile and piped: "Well, ma birdies didna fly back, but they arrived back in the coop a wee bit foot-sore!"

Sergeant Ferber lives quite a distance out of town and he always has a few laughs at the different signs chalked on the back and sides of the Ford cars that pass through his village. One Ford coupe had scrawled on it, "Chicken, Here's Your Coop!" while still another had "The Tin You Love to Touch." But the big laugh was on a noisy little Chevrolet that had on it, "What a Whale of a Difference Just a Few Cents Make!"

"Henney" Hazensall burst into the Armory one day last week in a high state of excitement, "A cop just shot Major Thurber's dog!" he shouted.

Sergeant Jacques said, "Why, was the dog mad?"

"Well," answered Hazensall, "he didn't seem very well pleased about it."

Johnson, one of the stable orderlies, said a friend of his came home with a terrible grouch on. He complained bitterly to his wife about the long hours, poor pay and hard work he was doing in order to make a living.

"Harrrrrd wurk is it?" cried his better half. "Shure now tiz meself that has to cook all the meals, do me house wurk and spend sivin to ate hours a day over a hot wash tub in a stuffy little kitchen wid niver a breath of fresh air, while you work down in a nice cool SEWER all day."

During the recent World's Series, the 104th had a playograph in the armory. Five small boys asked the man at the door how much the admission was. He was told 50 cents, but as he and his companions were little chaps, he would let them in for a quarter. The kids held a hurried conference, then one of their number stepped forward and piped, "Say, Mister, I'll sing you five songs if you let us in." The man at the door remained obdurate. Then another council of war

was held, the biggest of the kids finally chasing the rest of the gang away. At last he poked his head in the door and in a real stage whisper said "Hey, Mister, I'm all alone now!" (Yes, he got in.)

## 104th HOSPITAL COMPANY

Encouraged with their last success, the 104th Hospital Company, under command of Major Francis W. Moore, once again staged a very brilliant review on November 28th, even excelling their previous efforts.

The Marcy Avenue Armory was the scene of a very realistic infantry attack, the featured event being the field work of the Medical Detachment. Carrying out the effect of realism, the lights were dimmed and members of the 103rd Wagon Company, under command of Capt. Harold T. Thompson, subdivided into two platoons representing opposing forces, marched upon the scene of battle.

At a signal, a succession of rifle shots burst through the air, with the result that at the conclusion of the skirmish, many of the men were seen prone on the ground wounded. Immediately the 104th Hospital Company's ambulance was rushed to the scene, and under command of Sergt. Philip Schoenthaler, the medical men strikingly demonstrated skilled and dexterous first aid work. Wounds were dressed and splints applied to fractures, after which the wounded were placed on litters and carried to the waiting ambulance. From there they were rushed to the Field Hospital established by Capt. Louis Newfield and Lieut George Reis. Incidentally, this demonstration of medical work on the scene of battle is the first Brooklyn has seen in many a year.

Colonel Lucius A. Salisbury, commander of the 102nd Medical Regiment, of which the Brooklyn Hospital Company is a unit, was the reviewing officer of the beautiful and colorful ceremony which preceded the infantry exhibition. Notwithstanding the fact that usually the drills of the medical men consist mainly of lectures and demonstrations, they performed the infantry maneuvers fault-

in recognition of his ten years of faithful service in the National Guard.

Retreat was sounded by a bugler from the 102nd Field Music, and, as the colors suspended from the roof of the armory were slowly being hauled down by Sergt. William McKenna, the members of the command were standing at salute.

## 245th ARTILLERY

WITH their massed colors proudly carried before them, three hundred and fifty blue and gray clad veterans of the Spanish American War were escorted by the Thirteenth Regiment Band on Monday night, November 23rd to the post of honor at one of the most imposing reviews seen at the Sumner Avenue Armory this year. Marching with firm stride to war time strains of that day, the veterans of '98 received an ovation as they swept across the floor to a position opposite the Reviewing Officer, Colonel Frank K. Ferguson, Coast Defense Commander of the Long Island Sound Coast Defenses and Commandant of Fort H. G. Wright, Fishers Island, New York.

As the reviewing party was escorted through the long lines of men standing at attention by Colonel Sydney Grant, Commanding the 245th Artillery (Old Thirteenth Regiment of Brooklyn), and the Regimental Staff, a wave of applause burst from the 11,000 people who thronged the galleries and overcrowded onto the large drill floor. The bright uniforms of the veterans made a splendid foil for the dull drab worn by the Artillery who were aligned column upon column on the armory floor.

The evening opened with a concert by the Regimental band, Mort Willdig conducting, and was immediately followed by an exhibition of massed calisthenics which showed the efforts of rigid training given the men of the Second Battalion, commanded by Major Edward J. Reilly. Under the direction of Captain Edward J. Reihl, the men performed a series of movements rapidly and in perfect unison.



lessly. At the conclusion of a splendid litter drill, Evening Parade was held. At this ceremony, Sergt. Frank Bedell was presented with the State decoration

A speedy five eighth mile relay race was captured by a five man team of athletes from Fort Wright who, with a liberal  
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handicap, breasted the tape before the Second and third battalion which finished in the order named. H. Brown of Battery F, finished first in the 1,000 handicap run, defeating F. Dineer of Battery L and W. McLaughlin of Battery G.

Features of the evening were an exhibition close order drill by the Provisional Battery of the Third Battalion, Major Robert P. Orr, Commanding an extended order drill under the direction of Capt. John D. Humphries, and a set of massed athletic games of a humorous nature by the men of the First Battalion, Major Gleim Commanding. The colorful program concluded with a demonstration of sea coast firing and a brilliant evening parade. The remainder of the evening was devoted to receptions in the Company rooms and dancing on the drill floor to the music of the Regimental band.

Colonel Ferguson commended the officers and men of Colonel Grant's command at a collation held in the officers' council room, saying that the exhibition was one of the best he had ever witnessed.

A dinner was tendered Colonel Ferguson and his staff at the Hotel Bossert, by Colonel Grant prior to the Review. Among the guests were Felipe Taboda, Cuban Consul General at New York, Past Commander William A. Dawkins, chairman of the Brooklyn Council and Mrs. Dawkins, Department Commander John L. Fitzpatrick, of Albany, John Delaney, Senior Vice Commander, Major Charles P. Shinn, past senior vice commander who was Marshall of the Veterans and Mrs. Shinn, Colonel C. A. Thompson, Colonel and Mrs. Washington I. Taylor, Mrs. Frank K. Ferguson, Mrs. Sydney Grant, Colonel and Mrs. Bryer H. Pendry, Major and Mrs. C. O. Schudt, formerly Regular Armory Instructor of the Regiment and now stationed at the Militia Bureau, Washington, D. C., Major and Mrs. Thomas Fleming, Major Guy Rowe, Major and Mrs. Edward Reilly, Captains F. S. Christian and B. Bowering aides to Colonel Ferguson.

More than 10,000 tickets have been issued to the members of the Old Thirteenth Regiment by Colonel Grant for the Novice Boxing Bouts to be held at the Armory. The battalions held their bouts on separate nights. The first affair being that of the Third Battalion. The Second Battalion held their bouts on December 2nd and the Second Battalion on December 9th. The regimental finals were held on December 9th.

Fall Games and the next Regimental Review will be held at the Armory January 6th. One of the most important athletic events of the New York National Guard will take place on Washington's Birthday, February 22nd, 1926. The

Brooklyn Queens Marathon (Distance 26 miles, 385 yards) will be held under the auspices of the Regiment. The start, finish and last half mile will be held at the armory. During the time the runners are on the road a select program of special events in which Worlds, National and Metropolitan champions will compete and entertain those awaiting the triumphant entry of the leading runners in the Marathon classic. National Guardsmen from all over the state will take part in the marathon.

## HEADQUARTERS TROOP 51st CAVALRY BRIGADE

PERHAPS the most successful of the last twelve annual paper chase events held by Headquarters Troop, 51st Cavalry Brigade was held on Sunday, November 22nd when the troop turned out in full force for their yearly frolic. Leaving the "farm" at ten A. M., the troop was marched by the Commanding Officer Captain William H. Morris, to a point beyond Victory Boulevard where instructions were given as to the day's business. During the instruction the three "hares", under Lieutenant Everett C. Cary, quietly made their getaway with bags heavy with paper and with a five minute start for the hares the troop was let loose to track them to their lair by following the trail of paper. Within the first fifteen minutes the body of the troop was hopelessly confused due to several cleverly laid trails and about twenty valuable minutes were lost before the right scent was picked up. After this first setback the men seemed to have a better idea of the situation and followed the trails through to a successful conclusion.

The "successful conclusion" in this case was the troop field range set up by Supply Sergeant Harry Kettner in the woods back of Great Kills, upon which was steaming the beef, potatoes, peas, coffee and mince pie to be fed to the hungry troopers. The forward elements of the chase spotted the kitchen at 12:30 P. M. One group, whose powers of observation were not so keen, arrived an hour and a half later and six men missed the spot altogether with a consequent loss of food.

The horses were picketed and fed in the vicinity and after a good meal and some impromptu entertainment the men hiked back to the farm arriving at five P. M. The whole troop was on hand for the event and the final test of the day's good time was proved by the fact that the men trailed along the last long mile with the good old Cavalry songs on their lips.

The troop football team has certainly made a name for itself this season. Out of five games played so far the troop lost one game to the only team that has so far scored against them with a score of six to nothing. All other games have been de-

cisive troop victories and the clean playing and interesting games put up have drawn a following of about a thousand fans per game.

At one of the recent drills Sergeant Neville and Corporal Snedeker were presented with the Rifle Marksmanship Medals, having qualified in the A course. Sergeant Cassidy, the regular army instructor assigned to the troop has been spending several days a week on the farm laying out a sabre course. It is expected that this will bring a flock of swordsmen medals to the troop at the next summer encampment.

## 14th INFANTRY

Direct Fire From Company M  
By INDIRECT FIRE

At the last review in honor of Brigadier General Wingate Company M put on a Machine Gun demonstration. Although the men had no advance notice they went to it with a vim and every one did their best.

Every man is now working his hardest for the annual inspection scheduled for the first week in January. Last year we had 100% attendance.

Pvt. Laurence Raben is welcomed into our midst. He has been assigned to Corp. "Grin" Hopkins' squad who promises to get him out of the recruit class in no time.

Howard Elstadt made a big promise to the Captain about recruits. The best time to function along that line is NOW. He has always lived up to the rest of his promises.

Following the Regimental Review on November 13th a reception was held in Company H room. An orchestra had been hired for the occasion and played dance music until "taps" was sounded for the closing of the armory. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

## 10th INFANTRY

Headquarters Detachment and Combat Train retained the pistol championship of the Binghamton State Armory, where there are six National Guard units stationed, by defeating Battery C of the 104th Field Artillery, 1,044 to 1,015, Thursday night on the State Armory range.

The teams fired from 25 and 50 yards, slow fire, and from 15 and 25 yards, rapid fire.

The Combat Train team was composed of First Sergeant Ward E. Brown, Staff Sergeant A. J. Sinnock, Sergeant Leo P. Berry, Corporal D. H. Mains and Private Roy B. Tanner. Battery C's team was composed of Sergeant Homer Merritt, Private E. J. Ross, Lieut. D. M. McCallum, Mechanic B. C. Allen and Lieutenant John R. Cavanaugh.

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## The Declaration of Independence

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The Fourth of July, the day the Declaration of Independence was adopted, thus became the birthday of the nation, and it has been celebrated every year since as our chief national holiday.

### TODAY AND TOMORROW!

The Declaration has behind it the dreams for human freedom. It represents America's part in that age-long struggle. For nearly one hundred and fifty years its moving story, its courageous daring, its lofty ideal of civil liberty, basing human rights on simple manhood, have been an inspiration to the men of many other nations in their struggles for free and righteous government.

Shall it be less to us, now, to whom it brings home the long, heavy toil, the unwavering faith and the bitter sacrifices that were needed to found our Republic? When its high principles alone can inspire new progress in the development of this government of ours?

As men labor and endure and progress in self-government, the same abuses forever keep coming back in new forms, and for these old returning wrongs, the truths of the Declaration are a sure remedy, because they are the very elements of democracy.

Jefferson wrote in this immortal document—and his words have been compared with the greatness of Lincoln's Gettysburg address: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We are born equal, not in brains or fortunes, but equal in a common humanity, equal in certain natural rights—equal before the law, entitled to the same opportunities of life.

As long as human justice is imperfect, the struggle to reach the high ideal of this equality can never end. Civilization advances, yet there is always some outstanding injustice to fight. But there are no equal rights without duties; and in our modern democracy, rights and opportunities rest *increasingly* on the performance of a citizen's duty by each one; so that, now, duties often become more important than rights. Equality of duty done guards equality of rights!

Today, in our struggle with political and social evil, the enemy is no longer a King and his tyranny. It is the indifference of citizens, their lack of interest in our precious heritage of the past and in our common welfare of the present. It is

because the citizen, the voter, is faithless to his duty that we will know "taxation without representation." It is because of him that we still have forms of "oppression." It may be that of a corrupt political boss, or that of a well organized and powerful minority, often a small group, who are able to impose their will, or the burden of their interests, on the whole people. Even when these are lesser abuses, the old vital principle is still perilously at stake.

Governments, say the Declaration, derive "their just powers from the consent of the governed." Without active consent, without the right to consider and discuss and dissent, there can be no democracy. The representative, democratic government given us by the Constitution fails unless it is the actively organized will and interest of the people. The mighty need today is that everybody in this broad land—old Americans as well as new—know the facts of our political life, care about it and take an active share in it. That they awake to the keen interest and discussion of the old days. We need the old New England town meeting made national!

The Declaration of Independence makes the majesty of the law supreme. The King was not above it. None is above it, now. All owe it reverence. In our close-knit civilization of the twentieth century, the freedom of the individual, of necessity, is based *increasingly* on obedience to law. The prompter the obedience to the spirit of the law, the less need there is of new laws of restraint. Let the law be supreme!

It has been the purpose of all our history to give living strength to the principles of the Declaration of Independence. Through them every form of unfair power can be abolished and this Republic of free men made to fulfill the dream of our Fathers. The Declaration is a challenge to present duty!

Read it!

*"May this immense Temple of Freedom ever stand a lesson to oppressors, an example to the oppressed, a Sanctuary for the rights of Mankind."*

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## Father Duffy's Jubilee

AN impressive social affair was held at the Hotel Plaza at 59th Street and Fifth Avenue on the evening of November 22nd, when a reception in honor of Reverend Francis Patrick Duffy, D.D., was tendered to him by the New York Chapter of the Rainbow Division Veterans and the 165th Infantry, U. S. A., on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as chaplain of the 69th Regiment and his Silver Jubilee as Chaplain in the United States Army. This brilliant gathering of notables, including church and civil dignitaries was held under the auspices of the Catholic Writers Guild of America.

Father Duffy was escorted from his pastoral residence on West 42nd Street to the Plaza by the entire 165th Regiment headed by Col. Phelan and his Staff. Arriving at the hotel the Regiment was drawn up before the entrance and a regimental salute was accorded the Chaplain-Major who returned it before entering the building.

A musical programme was rendered in which Internationally famous operatic stars participated, including such splendid artists as Louis Bave, Lucreza Bori, John Carrol, Ellen Dalossy, Rafelo Diaz, William Gustavson, George Liebling and Giovanni Martinelli. Following this a buffet supper was served.

Addresses to the guest of honor were made by His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Hon. Odgen L. Mills, Col. William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan, Mr. Otto Kahn, Mr. Peter J. Brady and Mr. Melville E. Stone, who upon the completion of his speech presented him with a substantial testimonial.

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## Armory Communications Practice

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then controls all the means. It is therefore evident that this scheme as shown in fig. 1 gives a complete Communication system to each C. P. including Message Center, Telephone, Radio, Buzzerphone, Messengers, Airplane, Panels, Visual, etc.

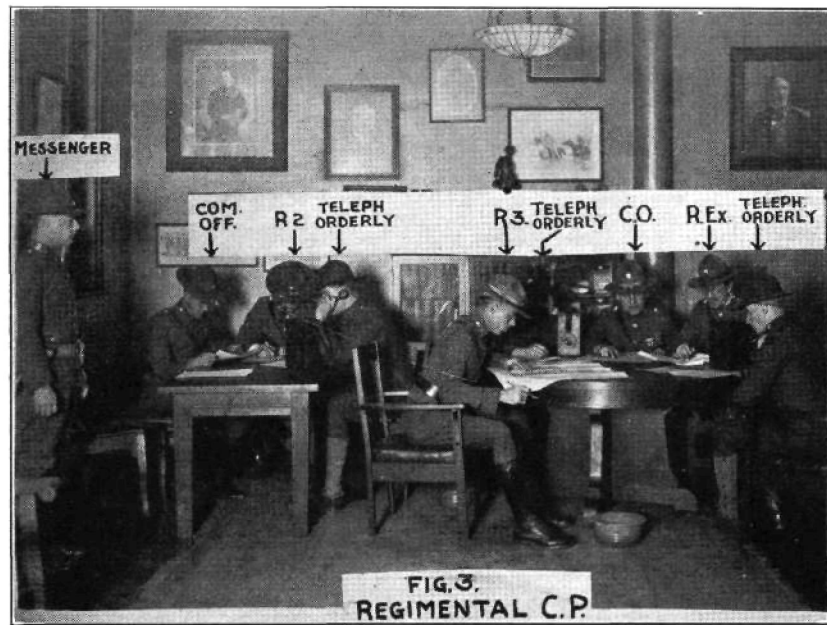


FIG. 3.  
REGIMENTAL C. P.

each carrying on its own activity with the degree of thoroughness required in the field.

In the Command Posts of Regiments and Battalions, see fig. 2 and 3, the map problem is handed to the Commander. He issues his orders, requiring each member of his staff to perform the required function. Orders, reports, messages, requisitions etc. are then transmitted at will to and from the various C. P.'s by the Com-

munications means at hand, and all should be used.

To make the scheme more interesting and for the practice of the message center in rerouting business, there are many schemes for interrupting the telephone, radio and other means and these interruptions should be injected continuously.

The ultimate benefit derived from the scheme is proportional to the intelligence,

imagination, initiative and ingenuity put into it by all concerned and it is surprising how much coordination and good for officers and communications specialists are derived from such systems when pushed forward with real "pep".

The illustrations accompanying this article were arranged and posed by the 27th Signal Company, N. Y. N. G., Captain Edward B. Esbach Commanding, at their armory in Brooklyn.

## Another Famous Chaplain for 107th

Bishop Herbert Shipman has been appointed chaplain of the 107th Infantry New York's oldest Infantry regiment of National Guard, of which Col. Wade H. Hayes is commander.

During its 120 years of existence the 107th has been fortunate in having the services of many distinguished churchmen as chaplains. Bishop Shipman is the second clergyman of his ecclesiastical rank to fill this office, one of his predecessors having been Bishop Greer.

Bishop Shipman has had exceptional military service in which he achieved distinction comparable with his brilliant career in the church. He was chaplain of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point for 10 years, after which he became chaplain of Squadron A, Cavalry, N. Y.

N. G. At the beginning of the World War he reentered the service as chaplain of the 104th Field Artillery of the 27th Division, with which he went overseas.

During his service in France he was on the firing line, and he successively became chaplain of the 1st Army Corps, under General Liggett; then chaplain of the District of Paris; and finally chaplain of the 1st Army, under General Pershing, which position he held until the end of the war. Upon his return home he reentered the service and became chaplain of the 61st Cavalry Division (Reserves), from which he is retiring to become chaplain of the 7th Regiment.

"At any rate, Mrs. Murphy, no one can say I'm two-faced."

"Faith, no, Mrs. Jones. Sure, an' if you were, you'd leave that 'un at home.

—Torch.

## Mounted Basketball in Binghamton

Binghamton's first Mounted Basketball League has been organized by the 104th Field Artillery, New York National Guard, with six teams, and opens its season on the State Armory rink November 17. The teams of the league are B Battery Yankees, C Battery Browns, C Battery Grays, Headquarters Detachment and Combat Train, B Battery Giants and Officers.

The opening game will be played by B Battery Yankees and C Battery Browns. While the game of basketball on horses is not new to National Guardsmen of the Field Artillery, this is the first time a league has ever been attempted in Binghamton. The 104th Field Artillery team has played match games with Syracuse and New York City, defeating the former, and with a league season completed, hopes to meet and defeat next spring both Syracuse and New York City mounted basketball quint.

Bleachers have been erected at the rink and the league games are expected to attract considerable attention during the winter. The schedule follows:

Nov. 17—B Battery Yankees vs. C Battery Browns.

Nov. 20—C Battery Grays vs. Headquarters and Combat Train.

Nov. 24—B Battery Giants vs. Officers.

Dec. 1—C Battery Browns vs. Headquarters and Combat Train.

Dec. 4—C Battery Grays and B Battery Giants.

Dec. 8—B Battery Yankees vs. Officers.

Dec. 11—Headquarters and Combat Train vs. B Battery Giants.

Dec. 15—C Battery Browns vs. Officers.

Dec. 18—C Battery Grays vs. B Battery Yankees.

Jan. 5—Headquarters and Combat Train vs. Officers.

Jan. 8—C Battery Browns vs. C Battery Grays.

Jan. 12—B Battery Giants vs. B Battery Yankees.

Jan. 15—Officers vs. C Battery Grays.

Jan. 19—Headquarters and Combat Train vs. B Battery Yankees.

Jan. 22—C Battery Grays vs. B Battery Giants.

## 174th Infantry Insignia Approved

SHIELD: Argent, a saltire gules, in dexter fess a castle with corner towers, murrey, and in sinister fess a giant cactus vert, over all a fleur-de-lis of the first, on the field fimbriated of the second. The insignia is the shield of the 174th Infantry. It will be manufactured in bright metal and enamel in one size, as the organization may select, but not in excess of 1 1/4 inches in height.



### Telling Things

*Sunday School Teacher:* Now, Albert, tell the class where men go who drink whisky.

*Albert:* They go to my father's place.  
—Paul S. Powers.

### A Sturdy, Fast

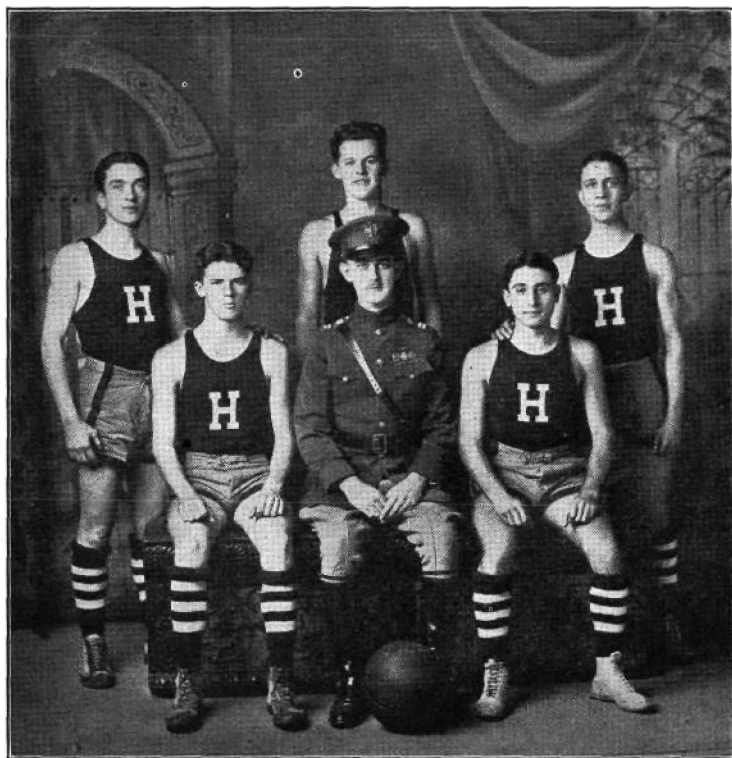
#### N. G. Five

We present herewith a picture of the recently organized basketball team of Company H, 14th Infantry. This Company not content with being among the foremost in machine gun work, has developed a very speedy team, and a victorious one at that, for out of the nine games played since the team was organized in October, seven of them have been victories. The games have been played both on the home court in the armory and on the outside.

Sergeant Frank J. Moore, formerly of the Eagle Five, and a member of Company H for the past five years, is the Captain of the team. The remaining members are James Holland, William Clark, Arthur Bellinzoni, Anthony Ventimiglia and Peter Rollins. Rollins, due to a slight illness was unable to be present when the picture below was taken. Captain Walter S. Mullins, the company commander is the team president and booker of the games.

If you are interested in seeing a fast National Guard team in action, pay a visit to the Fourteenth Armory when Company H is playing.

The team invites engagements with other National Guard teams.



### "TURNIPS"

Turnips, you cannot say good-bye  
Or firmly grasp my hand,  
But the company made up of you and me  
Is ready, I fear, to disband.  
You have broken your leg, old fellow,  
You have sped on your final trot;  
I can't stay to see you suffer  
Nor remain here until you are shot.

Turnips, I'll miss your glossy neck  
And your love, which I know was mine,  
When with towel, curry comb and brush  
I came to the hobble line;  
And I'll miss the friendly whinny,  
The hoofs that were neatly shod,  
And the turning head as I neared you,  
Which would always seem to nod,

Turnips, the sugar in my hand  
Was meant for tomorrow's gift,  
But take it today, old faithful,  
Before you are cut adrift.  
Don't look at me so strangely  
Or with pleading in your eye.  
Steady, be quiet, old fellow,  
You're soldier enough to die.

Turnips, I'm holding down your head  
'Til the farrier ends your pain  
And hastens your noble spirit  
To the land of the battle-slain;  
For there'll be a place in the shadows  
Where you can impatiently paw  
As you pine for a phantom rider  
In the charge of a phantom war.

—FREDERICK T. CARDOZE.

### A Challenge to Play Ball

We have received the following challenge for publication in the New York National Guardsman:

We challenge every company, battalion, regiment or part of regiment that maintains an indoor baseball team to a game or series of games on their court and at a time most suited to them. Co. A, 71st Veterans. Communicate with Jas. C. Ryan, at 2327 Eastchester Road, Bronx. Tel. Olinville 6051.

They claim they have a good team and defeated a large number of the military teams around New York City last season.

### A Correction

The November 1925 issue of The New York National Guardsman contains an error on page 19 in the account of the 245th Coast Artillery.

Battery "K" won the Military Athletic League Trophy for this Regiment as a reward for general efficiency as a Military unit. The inscription on the Trophy reads: "AWARD OF MERIT WON BY BATTERY "K" JULY 1925."

## Horsemanship in Brooklyn Artillery

JUST about a year ago the First Battalion of the 105th Field Artillery formed an organization called the Clermont Artillery Association Incorporated to buy or sell horses. Since this organization was formed several thousand dollars has been spent for the purchase of horses. This money was obtained through the donation of 50 cents per week by the enlisted men of the Battalion. Practically all of the so-called "Klucks" which were in the stable have been replaced by horses of a much better calibre.

The improvement in the stock of horses increased the membership of the Battalion, as many recruits were attracted by the fine animals they were permitted to use for road riding. Some of the horses were entered in horse shows of the past

awarded medals for long and faithful service in the National Guard. Battery B presented the mounted drill, while Batteries A and C fought out a well played game of Mounted Basketball which the latter outfit won. The roughriders also performed under the direction of Lieut. Lionel Elwin and the Officers of the Battalion were defeated in Polo by the Crescent Club.

Battery B now has plans underway for their annual Christmas Dinner and Dance to be held December 30th. Lieut. Siemon who heads the committee is plugging to make the affair a success. Capt. James H. McSweeney who commands the Battery is anxious to see the affair beat that of last year's, which was the best ever held by the outfit. The Battery talent under direction of Corp. Shaw and Private Barnett, the ukulele wizard, have composed numerous ditties which are sure to make quite a hit with the boys.



and were awarded prizes. The outfit now owns about 12 polo ponies which are used by both the officers and enlisted men, and has increased enthusiasm in that game. Plans are now underway for the purchase of many new horses as soon as arrangements have been made for additional quarters.

On October 28th, the Battalion was reviewed by Major Clarence Higginson who commands the outfit. At the ceremony Capt. Brennan and Capt. Podeyn of the 52nd Field Artillery Brigade were

Battery C now has arranged for a mounted drill and dance to be held Saturday, November 21st. The members have several new ideas which they intend to entertain their backers with, and have challenged Battery B to play mounted basketball that night.

The Battalion was reviewed November 25th at which time several other long and faithful service medals were awarded. Recently the Clermont Artillery Association purchased ten bridles and saddles for the enlisted men of the First Battalion.

## Losses From World War

After several years' work the League of Nations has finished the first complete assessment of the material losses of the World War, officially compiled from all the nations that participated.

Here is the net result of the shot fired eleven years ago by a gay Austrian officer:

9,998,771 known dead.  
2,991,800 presumed dead.  
6,295,512 seriously wounded.  
14,002,039 otherwise wounded.  
\$186,333,637,097 direct cost of the war.  
\$29,960,000,000 property loss of the war.  
\$33,551,276,280 capitalized value of loss of life.

## The Militia Bureau Insignia

A great many inquiries having been made regarding the insignia of the Militia Bureau, it is thought that a description of same and its significance will be of general interest.

Army Regulation 600-35, paragraph 13, b, (2), (5), provides that the insignia shall be:

"Two crossed fasces of the same material as the eagle, superimposed on an eagle, one (1) inch in height."

The significance of the insignia is as follows:

Fasces were carried in Roman ceremonies by the lictors who were civil officers; the fasces themselves being a bundle of rods tied together representing strength and union. The symbolism in this case is the citizen soldiery of the several States, united in a Federal organization represented by the American eagle.

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# National Guard Convention in Florida

**C**APTAIN WILLIAM J. MANGINE, the energetic Secretary of the National Guard Association of New York, has just forwarded to the editor some pertinent paragraphs regarding the National Convention to be held at St. Augustine, Florida, for which he is making the arrangements for the itinerary of the New York National Guard delegation, which we believe will be of interest even to the shut-ins (or shut-outs) who for various reasons may be unable to attend this gathering and must remain in the frozen, soft-coal North.

Think of the forty-five delegates from the Empire State disporting themselves among the mermaids of St. Augustine, Hollywood, Miami, and other resorts in the clear limpid waters of the Gulf Stream—here is another recruiting argument—"Some day you may be a delegate, too."

Twenty-two thousand guardsmen (more or less), one delegate for every 500, exclusive of the Adjutant General, properly figured out entitles US to 45 delegates to the Big Convention in the Sunny South.

Can you imagine the feelings of the various delegates when they hear the good old conductor sounding off "all aboard" to the place of perpetual sunshine, vigor and last but not least a "winter sunburn?" The existing coal crisis, etc., will be nothing but pleasant memories as we "stretch out" in our special compartment cars with more than the comforts of home, and hum that sweet and melodious melody, "And let the rest of the world go by."

New York's delegation will leave the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in special compartment cars, which will be attached to the Havana Special, on the forenoon of Tuesday, January 12th,



CAPTAIN WM. J. MANGINE

1926, at 12:30 P. M., and will arrive in the convention city the following afternoon at 3:45 P. M. The return will be made on the same train on the forenoon of Saturday, January 16th, 1926, at 12:15 P. M., arriving at the Pennsy. Station at 3:30 P. M., the day thereafter.

The railroad and Pullman fares from the Pennsylvania Railroad Station to St. Augustine, Florida, is computed on the following basis:

Round trip winter tourist.....	\$68.49
Straight fare, one way, 1 person.	37.89
Compartment, one way, 2 persons .....	31.50
Drawing room, one way, 2 or 3 persons .....	40.50
The winter tourist fares on sale	

at St. Paul's School and at Yale University, from which he received the degree of A.B. and M.E.

Since 1901, when he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the New York National Guard, Gen. Vanderbilt has been active in military affairs, in addition to his financial and engineering interests. As a Major in the 6th Division, he served on the Mexican border and, in December, 1916, was made Colonel of the 22nd New York Engineers (102nd U. S. Engineers) with which organization he served in

October 1, 1925, to April 30, 1926, are good to original starting point until June 15, 1926, carrying therewith liberal privileges as to stop-overs. These tickets are now available and can be purchased at any railroad ticket office or depot.

As the headquarters of the National Association is to be at the Hotel Ponce-de-Leon, which by the way is one of the finest of the entire system of Flagler hotels, we are booking all reservations there, and take pleasure in quoting their rates, which are as follows:

Hotel Ponce-de-Leon—American Plan

Room occupied by one or two persons, with bath, per person, \$12.00 per day.

Single rooms with bath between, for two persons, each, \$11.00 per day.

Double rooms, with bath between, per person, \$11.00 per day.

Single or double rooms, without bath, per person, \$9.00 per day.

Taking into consideration the great deal which has been said throughout the country about excessive hotel charges in Florida, it will be noted that the rates given at this hotel with meals, is hardly more than has been paid for room alone, during recent years, where the conventions of the National Association have been conducted.

Secretary Mangine writes: First of all, if you have not notified me regarding hotel and train reservations, it is vital that you do so immediately. The final date in which we have to make all hotel and train reservations has been set for Tuesday, December 15th, 1925. If your request for reservations is on or before the 15th, you have no worries! Please see to it that this important item is settled before the expiration date—December 15th.

## Honoring General Cornelius Vanderbilt

**T**HE current issue of The Military Engineer contains an article on the coming election of officers for the Society of American Military Engineers for the year 1926. The Nominating Committee has presented the name of Brig. Gen. Cornelius Vanderbilt to head the society as President and gives his biography as follows:

Brig. Gen. Cornelius Vanderbilt, O. R. C. Gen. Vanderbilt was edu-

cated at St. Paul's School and at Yale University, from which he received the degree of A.B. and M.E. He was Acting Chief of Staff, 27th Division, for a short time before he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and ordered to command a new brigade which was then forming. For his overseas service, he was decorated with the distinguished service medal and received citation.

The members of the guard will be pleased to learn of the new honor coming to one of the former members of our military family.

## Invite Them to Join the National Guard

THE following soldiers have just been honorably discharged from the Regular Army and all reside in the State of New York. If local unit commanders get in touch with them they might be interested in "carrying on" in the National Guard. They have had training and would aid the organization and the organization would reciprocate by giving them a good armory club for recreation hours.

At the time these men were discharged they were informed concerning the advantages of identifying themselves with the National Guard unit nearest their place of residence.

Michael J. Hennessey, 359 East 19th Street, New York City; M. T. Cole, 150 Claremont Avenue, New York City; Rudolph A. Masarik, R.F.D. 2, Hill Side Park; Antonio Guerrero, 45 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn; Harry A. Willard, 121 15th Street, Brooklyn; Charles L. Chapman, Hammondsport; Frederick B. Schoener, 306 Clinton Street, Jamestown; John Doherty, 466 West 43rd Street, New York City; Thomas Maddox, 310 East 38th Street, New York City; Bernard C. Murney, 55 Lafayette Street, Geneva; Harry F. Tunney, 1 Broadway, Rochester; James T. Condon, 160 Newell Street, Brooklyn; William E. Bailey, Lawrence Avenue, Lawrence; Constant Barney, 1351 Union Street, Brooklyn; Matthew Brady, 568 Amsterdam Avenue, New York; Michael Carrigan, 2420 8th Avenue, New York; Patrick Connelly, 2794 8th Avenue, New York; Loran E. Converse, 15 Wayne Street, Rochester; Joseph Davis, 108 Moore Street, Brooklyn; Paul J. DeMasso, 333 Lincoln Avenue, Lyndhurst; Albert DiTuro, 203 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam; Frank Drzevicki, 9095 5th Avenue, Brooklyn; Francisco Esteraz, 159 East 106th Street, New York; Joseph Fader, 408 Vermont Street, Brooklyn; Benjamin Feigenbaum, 336 Henry Street, New York; Timoteo Gonzalez, Fort Hamilton; John Gozdecki, 609 Marcellus Street, Syracuse; Dave Gross, 460 East 145th Street, New York; Charles J. Hans, 36 Astoria Avenue, East Elmhurst; Carl Hopseker, Lowville; Martin J. Hannan, 602 10th Street, College Point; William Jeannot, 2549 Cooper Avenue, Brooklyn; Conrad Joos, 307 West 70th Street, New York; Harry Juroe, 134 Saratoga Avenue, Brooklyn; Edward Kirk, 277 Allan Street, Rochester; James Lawrence, 142 South Knox Street, Albany; Robert E. Leiter, 3495 3rd Avenue, New York; Hugh Macpherson, 6517 125th Street, Richmond Hill; John J. McTernan, 163 8th Street, Troy; Michael Marder, 25 Riverside Drive, Saranac Lake; Louis Muniente,

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## Merry Christmas

Our idea of the true Christmas spirit is the college man who sits down to write and thank his country cousin for those "beautiful lavender arm-bands."—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

A wonderful bird is the Albatros  
It hasn't found out about Santa Claus.  
—Scream.

Teacher: "Johnny, if you don't behave, I'll have to send a note to your father."

Johnny: "You'd better not. Ma's as jealous as a cat!"



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**165th INFANTRY**

A radical policy has been introduced in regard to the selection of candidates for commissions in this regiment. Heretofore this matter has been left entirely in the hands of the company commanders and entailed a great deal of work on these busy gentlemen. In order to relieve the captains of this duty an Officer-Candidate School has been organized under the direction of Major Crowley of the First Battalion. The names of Non-coms who appear best qualified are submitted by their respective company commanders and they are entered on the lists of the school. These candidates meet on the first Wednesday of every month, when they receive instruction in military subjects. Particular stress was laid on Military Courtesy, Deportment, Carriage and Behavior during the first lecture by Major Crowley. A distinctive insignia for the Officer-Candidates has been planned and great hopes are entertained for the success of this new work. Sgt. George Dowd of A Company has been appointed First Sergeant of the school and he in turn has appointed an executive committee. The plan as evolved is to have the school function by itself under the direction of the Executive Board and supervised by Major Crowley. The bulk of the work will be conducted by the students themselves and lecturers will be assigned to tutor them in the various courses.

As an incentive to perfect the drill movements, a beautiful and artistic mantle clock has been presented to the First Battalion by Commander Stevenson Taylor, who was a member of the Advisory Board to the late President Wilson during the World War. This clock will be awarded to the company of the First Battalion which has the best record for general excellence in competition during the period beginning on December 1st, 1925, and ending March 1st, 1926. Major Crowley, on behalf of the officers and men of the First Battalion, wish to express their sincere thanks to Commander Stevenson for his gift, evidencing as it does his deep interest in the 165th Infantry.

"A" Company continues to be the center of great activity, both social and military. This is in keeping with the best traditions of the outfit. The latest event to be held was a party tendered by the sergeants of A Company to the recently commissioned 2nd Lieut. Edward Marcel. The affair, which was informal, was held on Saturday, November the 28th, in A Com-

pany room. 1st Sgt. John Nagle was in charge of the arrangements assisted by Sgt. George Dowd.

In line with Colonel Phelan's suggestion for the unification of regimental interests a Non-Com's Organization has been started and is functioning quite smoothly.

Attendance at drills continues to be uniformly good but Capt. John F. Moran and his officers had decided to make a drive to get 100 per cent. attendance on every drill night. This company will also make a strenuous effort to gain possession of the prize for excellence in drill which has been offered to the First Battalion.

Literary talent being rampant in "B" Company, they have proceeded to edit a comic weekly for members of the Company. The cartoons and caricatures are made by artistically inclined members of the company. Captain Healy is sponsoring this activity and it is hoped that good copy for the National Guardsman will be forthcoming.

The officers and men of "D" Company have presented a beautiful set of dishes to Lieutenant Van Steenburgh who has recently joined the ranks of the benedicts.

In an effort to boost recruiting and make the company an attractive place for both members and prospective members, "F" Company holds a dance every two weeks. Music is furnished by the Hudson Ramblers and great company spirit is thereby engendered. The Press Committee was requested to observe this column that Sergeant McNamara must be up to the minute on Ancient History—especially Roman—and so we dutifully observe it.

Sgt. Peter O'Connor, President of the Non-Coms Association of G Company, was the moving spirit of a dance run by that organization on the night of November 11th. Music was furnished by the Original Santa Fe Five and the guests of the company were entertained by performers from the Broad Social Club of 105 Broad Street, New York. A number of promotions have been made among the members of this company. Among those to receive higher ranks were 1st Sgt. James T. Ballenbacher, who was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant; Sup. Sgt. Joseph Dwyer to 1st Sergeant; Peter O'Connell to Supply Sergeant; Privates Parker and Ennis to Corporals and Corporal Le Strange is now a line Sergeant. The members of this company note with great delight that a former member of this company is now a Major—none other than Major Meany.

"I" Company, commanded by Cap-

tain McIntyre, is completing arrangements for a minstrel show to be held in the gymnasium on the evening of Wednesday, December 9th. The show is being staged by members of the company under the direction of Joe Williams. Mr. Williams is a coach of long experience, having been associated with the Moorehead Producing Company, Klaw and Erlanger, The Aborn Opera Company and many others. The cast included Messrs. Mitchell, Merker, Pontrella and McGullan. End Men and the soloists are Privates Butler, Hinman, Blanchard, Farrell. A buck and wing specialty will be given by the Donahue brothers. Mr. Mitchell will render "Ukulele Lady"; Mr. Merker, "Loud Speaking Papa"; Mr. Pontrella, "Down by the Winegar Works"; McGullen, "Sonia." Messrs. Butler, Hinman, Blanchard, Farrell will sing "Cecilia," "Remember," "Charleston," and "When the One You Love Loves You" respectively, while specialties will be rendered by Mr. Knople.

"K" Company commanded by Captain McNulty and holding itself to be the best dressed company of the outfit, has recently acquired a new Second Lieutenant in the person of former Sergeant Frederick J. Moran, who succeeds Lieut. Arthur Feuter, promoted to First Lieutenant; Vice Lieut. H. Westerman resigned.

It was with genuine regret that the news of the resignation of Lieut. Westerman was received by the members of "K" Company who recognized in him a true type of the officer and soldier of the 165th Infantry. Lieut. Westerman completed over five years of service with the 165th Infantry where he progressed through every rank from private to his commission as First Lieutenant. His enthusiasm, punctuality, general ability and his boundless loyalty to the 69th sets an example for every man of the Regiment. Lieut. Westerman resigned in order that he might pursue his studies at night and his company wishes him every success in his new line of endeavor.

"L" Company, despite the spirit opposition offered it by "A" Company, still continues to maintain its athletic supremacy. On the occasion of the last review tendered to Brig. Gen. Franklin Ward, it was presented with the handsome bronze trophy which was won in open competition during the track and field meet held at Camp Smith this last tour of duty. As usual, the Hoctors were largely accountable for the presence of the trophy in the company room. Capt. Hoctor won the shot put, Sgt. Hoctor won the 440

handily, while Pvt. Hcctor, a brother of the other two, won the 300 yard dash. Lieut. William Lynch took both the half mile run and the 500 yard swim. To cinch the events a relay team composed of Lynch, Lizardy R. Hcctor and "Tut" Hcctor, cleaned up in that event. We almost left out the fact that Lizardy, "The Spanish Flash," accounted for the 50 yard dash. Continuing the winning streak, Lieut. Lynch took the 440 yard dash at a recent meet held by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

It is also to be noted that our Capt. John Hcctor has succumbed to the archery of Daniel Cupid who ought to qualify as expert in the 69th. The gallant and handsome skipper of "L" Company will be united in bonds of matrimony on December 26th to Miss Teresa Doyle of Ossining, N. Y. The officers and men of "L" Company extend their heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the future happiness of the bride and groom to be.

By the time that this issue of the National Guardsman gets into print Headquarters Company will have completed its decoration and will be making a strong bid for the title of having the best company room in the Armory. The non-Coms., working under the direction of the First Sergeant, have converted the room from a bare chamber to a beautiful draped meeting room. Side brackets and indirect lighting systems are featured. The general color scheme is a rich turkey red. The non-Coms. have their own place which is off the company room proper beyond which are the officers' quarters which follow the general scheme of decoration and are cozy beyond description. Great enthusiasm and an ability for hard work has marked this latest company effort and the effect certainly justifies the labor and time expended. To Capt. Fergus Mullins and his non-Coms congratulations are in order.

#### 105th INFANTRY

MANY recent changes have been made in the regiment. Capt. Ogden J. Ross, for some time past Regimental Plans and Operations Officer, has been appointed to succeed Frederick A. Huessen, who recently was made Major, has taken over the command of the First Battalion. Col. Ransom H. Gillett has named Capt. William H. Innis of Company F, Schenectady, to succeed Capt. Ross as Plans and Operations Officer. First Lieut. D. A. Ruddy was put in temporary command of the Service Company according to the official order.

Capt. Ross possesses an enviable

military record, dating from his enlistment as a private in Company A, 2nd New York Infantry, in September, 1910. He was made Corporal in July, 1913, and a Sergeant in September, 1915. He went to the Mexican border in 1916, and in March, 1917, after the regiment had been mustered into federal service for participation in the World War, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He was elevated to the rank of First Lieutenant in August, 1918, while overseas and served as Adjutant of the First Battalion of the 105th Regiment in France from April, 1918, to March, 1919. He was made a Captain in February, 1919, and served as head of Company A from May, 1919, to December, 1923.

#### 108th INFANTRY

THE officers of the 108th Infantry on the evening of November 21st, 1925, held a very enjoyable dinner and dance at the Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y. Fifty couples, including officers of the regiment and their ladies and other invited guests attended the event. Colonel John S. Thompson presided and called on the following for short addresses: Maj. Harry H. Farmer, of the 108th Infantry; Brig. Gen. Franklin W. Ward, of the 53rd Infantry Brigade; Maj. F. M. Armstrong, U. S. A., Inspector-Instructor with the regiment; Colonel O. R. Wolfe, U. S. A., Chief of Staff of 98th Division (reserves); Lieut. Col. John B. Tuck, a former officer of the regiment; Capt. Donald Stuart, Regimental Chaplain.

During the evening there was presented to Major Farmer an oil painting of himself and to Mrs. Armstrong a buffet set of two silver candle sticks and silver fruit bowl. While the dinner was in progress and afterwards dancing was indulged in until one o'clock. While it had been hoped that perhaps the event could be made an annual one, such a good time was had by those attending that the officers in conference on the following

morning voted to make it a semi-annual affair.

A unique seating arrangement was instituted at this dinner by separating all wives from their husbands. The unmarried, however, were permitted to remain with their ladies. The juniors of the Regular Army Instructors and Medical Officers heartily like this arrangement, while the more staid officers are convinced that Major Elliott is a firm believer in that ancient Chinese proverb: "The greatest life that ever was lead was always to woo and never to wed."

The Onondaga Chapter, Reserve Officers Association ran a benefit dance for the American Legion Club House at the Armory Saturday evening, November 28th. The grand march was featured by a battalion drill of the units stationed in Syracuse. All in attendance allowed it to be a great success.

First Lieut. William F. Butler, Adjutant of the Third Battalion, has tendered his resignation to Colonel John S. Thompson. Several weeks will elapse pending transfer of accountability. Lieutenant Butler will be furloughed to the National Guard Reserve and will continue to hold a commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army.

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