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## A PLAN TO PROTECT THE MEXICAN BORDER

With This Arrangement The National Guard Could Have Field Service Annually For Two Months  
THE UNITED STATES WOULD SAVE MILLIONS

By Cornelius Vanderbilt  
Major, Inspector, N. Y. Division.

So many plans have been proposed for patrolling the Mexican border, that one more, which may have merit and is based on modern methods, may be considered at the present time. It is not put forward as a panacea to settle all the questions of the Mexican situation, but rather as a suggestion to be adapted and developed as specific needs require, and as the suggestion is made to military readers the idea is merely outlined, details being left to the soldier's imagination.

The statements from the War Department and from those in authority in Washington have been to the effect that the present mobilization of the National Guard is to protect the border from attempted raids from our neighbors on the South, and that no invasion of their territory is contemplated. It is on the assumption that this is the sole object to be attained that the plan is put forward, though it does not preclude the use of punitive expeditions in cases of necessity, as it leaves the entire mobile army of the United States free for this or other use.

The plan briefly is as follows: First; a permanent highway and series of military entanglements are to be constructed along the frontier. Second; twenty thousand men of the National Guard of the United States are to be used as a border guard or patrol, leaving the United States Army free for any other purpose. This patrol is to be called for a two months tour of duty from all arms of the service, and with the N. G. U. S. at about its present strength would secure two months annual training in the field for all units. It would thus provide active service and opportunity for practical training for all citizen soldiers; it would avoid the indefinite term of service, which is the only real cause for complaint at present, and it would eliminate the "student" family and "student" discharges. The construction of a modern permanent road or highway the length of the boundary, would provide for rapid concentration

of troops at any danger point, and good roads in really modern warfare are considered absolutely essential; as a secondary consideration, it would add enormously to the development of the adjacent country, filling a civil as well as a military need. ("Commoner" please copy). In connection with the construction of the road, entanglements would be built between the highways and the river, of such design as to control and prevent the passage of unauthorized persons, except at specified points. The use of entanglements is a development of warfare adopted by all armies, and greatly resorted to by the warring nations of Europe in the past two years, so developed in fact, that it has been found to be one of the most efficient methods of delaying and barring the passage of disputed lines; it has the advantage of being quickly constructed, and is not subject to barbed wire fence, or fences, electrically charged where necessary, and if not of sufficient strength in that form, can be added to and re-inforced until it becomes a barrier impossible to pass, unless destroyed by mines or heavy artillery fire—as has been proved on the Western front in France. In the present instance, this entanglement would be of simple construction where passage of the river is difficult, hardly more than a wire fence with an electrical "tell-tale" to warn the nearest military post that it was broken, and thus enable the post commander to immediately send, by means of the permanent road, an armed party to the point of interrupted circuit.

The more dangerous points of the line should be strengthened in proportion to the possibility of raids and a little experience would quickly show the weaker positions which the expenditure of a few dollars could make impassable. It requires but little imagination to see how very simple the problem becomes when we apply modern methods, and no attempt is made to point out other advantages, such as increased revenue from customs, a check on immigration, etc. Observed from the financial point of view, the following estimates are given:

FIRST YEAR		
Present Plan.		
120,000 men N. G. U. S. @ \$1,000 per man	.....	\$120,000,000
Proposed Plan.		
Construction of 2,000 miles of road @ \$10,000 per mile	.....	\$20,000,000.
Construction of 2,000 miles of entanglements @ \$20,000 per mile	.....	\$40,000,000.
Electric charging of wires	.....	\$4,000,000.
20,000 men N. G. U. S. @ \$1,000. per man	.....	\$20,000,000.
.....	.....	\$84,000,000.
Saving first year	.....	\$36,000,000.
SECOND YEAR		
Present Plan.		
120,000 men N. G. U. S. @ \$1,000 per man	.....	\$120,000,000.
Interest @ 4 per cent on 1st. year's expense	.....	\$4,800,000.
.....	.....	\$124,800,000.
Proposed Plan.		
20,000 men @ \$1,000 per year	.....	\$20,000,000.
10 per cent depreciation on cost of road and entanglements	.....	\$6,000,000.
Interest @ 4 per cent on 1st year's expense	.....	\$3,360,000.
Electric charging of wire	.....	\$4,000,000.
Maintenance @ \$2,000 per mile	.....	\$4,000,000.
.....	.....	\$37,360,000.
Saving second year	.....	\$87,440,000.
Total saving in two years	.....	\$123,440,000.

The cost of the U. S. Army is the same in both cases, and is therefore omitted. As it is impossible to estimate the amount of entanglement necessary to charge with electric-current, or cost of same, owing to its location, the sum of \$4,000,000. per year is allowed in the estimate. It is to be noted that no credit is taken for civil value of the permanent road, or for its value after ten years, nor for scrap value of entanglement should it become unnecessary. There would be an additional cost for transportation of the border patrol used in rotation if the service extended over more than one year, but this would be more than offset by the cost of providing full complement of ani-

mals, and transportation of same, depreciation of tentage, additional posts required and many other items under the present plan.

Note the results—a saving in first year of \$36,000,000 or 30 per cent of the present cost; if necessary to continue a second year—a saving of \$87,440,000, or about 70 per cent, or a saving in the two years of \$123,440,000, or over 50 per cent.

The construction of a military or semi-military railroad, which would inevitably follow the adoption of the plan involves Government ownership and other questions which may well be left for future consideration.



Brigadier-General George R. Dyer,  
Commanding 2nd. Brigade, New York Infantry  
McAllen, Texas.

## SOLDIERING IMPROVING CITIZENSHIP

The Effects of the Disciplinary Training on Border

### A LETTER FROM MISSION TIMES

In the past few years it has come to our notice that the National Guard does more for its members morally, than it ever did. The day of rowdiness and "boozing" is a thing of the past and the guard today, especially that of New York State, can be classed as one of the best instructive institutions in existence. The young men are taught the harmful effect of drinking alcoholic liquors and the frequenting of ill fame houses and when this present camp is at an end the men will have received a training which eventually, must make better men and better citizens.

Mothers and fathers need not worry about the training of their sons, they will return to their homes much better physically and morally than you anticipated. One serious drawback to recruiting the National Guard has been that parents believed that their sons would become addicted to the use of intoxicants if they took out an enlistment in a militia company.

There has been very little drinking on this particular trip, thanks to Maj. General O'Ryan and the officers under him. Cafes are closed to the uniformed man and if a soldier is caught going into one he is punished for it. At first this order was a little hard on some of the men but time has taken the desire for drink from them. We might cite the case of two men from one of the companies in camp. These two men were up to the time of their enlistment, what might be termed heavy drinkers, but since leaving home neither one of them have taken an intoxicating drink and these same men informed the writer that they were away from it forever. This is only one instance and there are hundreds of other such cases throughout the guard. One of these men has a wife and seven children at home and that he joined the National Guard, is a God-send to that wife and little family.

Each regiment has its chaplain who looks after the spiritual welfare of the men and when he is not engaged in this kind of work he is staging good clean entertainments. There is always a Y. M. C. A. in a camp where writing material and good reading matter can be found. This is a "dry camp," except when it rains!

brothers at home need not worry about your relatives who are members of the guard. The young men are well taken care of and watched over the same as if they were at home and when these same young men return to you, you will be proud of them and glad they were members of the National Guard.

W. B. INGLEE  
Supply Sergeant, Co. I, 2nd New York.

### OFFER WORK TO GUARDSMEN'S WIVES

The Military Relief Committee of the Anti-Suffrage Association, which has been giving out plain sewing to be done at home by wives, mothers and daughters of National Guardsmen now on the border, announced yesterday that it had now on hand work enough to occupy three women all of next week. The work is plain and can be done on a sewing machine, and a mother, with young children, can earn from \$1.50 to \$2 a day at home. Members of Guardsmen's families requiring the assistance may call any morning this week at room 301, 37 West Thirty-ninth street.—N. Y. Times.

### CORPUS CHRISTI EXCURSION

Those of our readers who get their Rattlers in the middle of their ten-day hike may skip this paragraph until next week. This is an invitation to go to Corpus Christi on Saturday next.

A special two-day excursion has been arranged by the Gulf Coast Lines. The round-trip fare is \$3.50. Mr. H. W. Pinnick himself, McAllen agent, will accompany the party as will also a colonel of the Military Police.

The special train leaves Mission at 9:30 a. m., McAllen at 9:50, and Pharr at 10:00 o'clock Saturday. Arrive at Corpus Christi 4:30 Saturday afternoon. Returning Sunday at 4:00 p. m., the party will be inside the lines shortly after taps.

Better plan to go, brother. Ask the First Sergeant.

### EDISON PRESENTS PHONOGRAPH TO 71ST INFANTRY

Thomas A. Edison has presented the 71st regiment with a phonograph and records. Five representatives of the Edison phonograph works are in the regiment and posed for a group photograph Monday. They are Captain Vogel, Lieut. Callahan and Sergt. Callahan of H Company and all of the agency staff; Lieut. Warner and Sergt. Moss of I Company, the former being chief of the experimental department and the latter chief of the disc mold division.

This is a "dry camp," except when it rains!

## MEXICO CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER FOURTH

Secretary Lansing and Mexican Ambassador De-cides

### SESSIONS AT LONE COAST POINT

Word comes from Washington that Secretary Lansing, after conference with Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican Ambassador-designate, regarding the time and place of the meeting of the joint commission of Mexican and American representatives who are to consider plans for adjusting the existing differences between the two countries, announced that the commissioners would meet the week of September 4. The place will be some point on the New England coast, but not in Maine. This has been decided, on account of the excessive hot weather of the past month. The exact place of meeting has not been selected and the above date has not been definitely fixed.

The American members of the Commission are Franklin K. Lane, George Gray and John R. Mott. Mr. Lane is undoubtedly one of the commanding figures of the Cabinet, he is a lawyer of marked judicial temperament. His long service in the Interstate Commerce Commission has given him practice in listening patiently and deciding fairly. Judge Gray served with great distinction on the Paris Peace Commission and the Joint High Commission of 1908. Mr. Mott is a member of the League of Nations, the North Atlantic Coast Fisheries Arbitration.

John R. Mott, is best known by his labors in many countries for the Y. M. C. A., he is a highly accomplished man and one who will be able to approach international questions with experience and keenness.

The commission is one which can not fail to satisfy the Carranza Government of the earnest wish of the United States to settle the Mexican question honorably and amicably. The scope of the Commission's power will include the subjects of withdrawal of our soldiers and the joint protection of the Border. The members of the National Guard doing duty in the field are very much interested in having these meetings start so they can learn what the finish will be, as the outcome has undoubtedly a lot to do with their stay along the Border.

### DEATHS OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE 7TH INFANTRY

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the death of two of our comrades. The inevitable corollary of a mobilization usually means many deaths among the troops. To date the record has been remarkably low in this respect. On August 22nd First Sgt. Geo. H. Chichester of Co. H, passed away in a private sanatorium in McAllen where the regiment had provided the best care obtainable. As the regiment started the following day, Aug. 23rd, on the hike, Co. H, through Capt. Collins, secured permission to wait over and participate in the funeral services. The Field Music volunteered its services. At about 12:30 p. m. the body was carried out of the local undertakers establishment, eight sergeants acting as pallbearers. The company after presenting arms escorted the funeral cortege to the church where appropriate services were held by the chaplain, Lieut. McCord.

The body was shipped to New York for burial.

After the services Co. H proceeded to Mission by train, there rejoining the regiment. In the death of Sgt. Chichester the regiment loses one of its ablest non-commissioned officers, a soldier loved by his comrades and held in high esteem by his officers.

On August 28th Pat Allen Boltmann of Co. L died in the newly constructed Base Hospital.

The regiment and Companies H and L mourn the loss of these men who so unhesitatingly, and unflinchingly offered their lives upon the altar of patriotism; and will cherish their names on its roll of honor for all time.

From Artillery Hill famous as the home of the Wagon Soldiers and being 130 feet high, comes the modest suggestion that The Rattler call the rest of the Divisions attention to the fact that our esteemed contemporary The Philadelphia Record says "The great art of war is the Artillery"—So we do it and pause for a reply—whatever it may be.

Life in the army has one advantage. You can't get indigestion from eating breakfast in bed.

## DROWNED BY DIVE INTO CANAL

Sergeant Arthur Lockwood of Twelfth Infantry Loses life While Swimming

### WAS A WELL KNOWN ATHLETE

Sergeant Arthur Lockwood, of Company L, Twelfth Regiment, was drowned while diving in the irrigation canal near Sharyland at noon on Saturday, August 26. The entire regiment was in the water at the time, but so thick were the swimmers that no one noticed the disappearance of Sergeant Lockwood after he jumped from the bank. He did not rise again, and it was not until his company was dressing and his clothes were found that his absence was discovered. Capt. John J. Dean at once assembled the men and established the fact that it was Sergeant Lockwood who was missing. Thereupon the captain, with the best swimmers in the company, dived into the canal with their clothes on to search for the body. Concluding that it must be in a hole fourteen feet deep at one point in the canal, they dived repeatedly for two hours, but were unable to find trace of it. The water was so murky that it was impossible to see while under the surface.

Meanwhile, the regiment had returned to camp with the word that a man had been drowned and his body had not been recovered. When Private Robert White, of the Supply Company, famous for his water exploits on the Hudson River front, heard of this he jumped upon a mule and galloped to Sharyland. By the time he arrived, Capt. Dean's men fairly exhausted, had come to the conclusion that the body was not in the hole which they had been searching. But White was not of this opinion. Throwing off his clothes he quickly selected his line of search and plunged in. After approximately a minute under the water he rose, bringing the body of Sergeant Lockwood with him.

White, as much at home in the water as on land, was not deceived as the others had been by the fact that the body was not to be found. He dug straight into the mud and discovered, as he expected, that it had already settled there. Sergeant Lockwood had evidently dived with unusual force from the bank, become stunned and his body was imbedded in the soft, clay bottom. But for the timely, expert work of Private White, it might soon have sunk in past recovery.

Special services were held on Sunday evening by Monsignor Conley, the regimental chaplain, with music by the 12th Infantry band. The services were directed by Brig. Genl. George R. Dyer, Col. Gordon Johnston and all the officers of the regiment.

Sergeant Lockwood, who was a member of the regiment for twelve years and had an admirable record, was noted as a half-mile runner, under the colors of the New York Athletic Club. He leaves three sisters, with whom he lived at 448 West Fifty-eighth Street, Manhattan. The body was sent to his home.

### FOR THE MOVIE FANS

On Wednesday, August 30th, the Anussem Airdome located near the 7th Infantry camp at McAllen, will present the Triangle Film Corporation's five reel production of "D'Artagnan" an adaptation by Thomas H. Ince and J. G. Hawks of Alexander Dumas' immortal classic, "The Three Musketeers." Orrin Johnson, the estimable Broadway star will take the role of D'Artagnan. Though it will not be this notable actor's first appearance on the screen, it will nevertheless offer him a romantic part that is believed to have afforded him more splendid opportunities than he has ever enjoyed since he deserted the footlights for the screen. For a strong feature photo drama in which hairbreadth escapes, battles, and romantic scenes follow close upon each other this offering has rarely been excelled.

Mr. T. R. Logan, the proprietor and manager of the Anussem Airdome has made arrangements to secure the best pictures available for the boys at McAllen and he has yet to send an audience home dissatisfied with the show. If you have not yet seen that super-spectacle and crowning triumph of the cinematic art, "The Birth of a Nation," or if you would like to see it again speak to Mr. Logan about it. If enough of the men stationed at McAllen express a desire to see that wonderful living drama of the Civil War and Reconstruction Days, Mr. Logan will arrange for its early showing.

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ball team and are looking for games. Spotlight operator at the movies please take notice our cook has a bald head. Though a small company, we have 2 Morrises, 2 Sullivans, 2 McKennas (1 of whom gets frequent boxes of candy and shares them. Thanks, J.) 2 Fishers and 2 Killarneys.

**MOUNTED ORDERLIES.**—We are so busy breaking bronchos, arriving at the rate of fifteen a week, that we hardly have time for gossiping. Sgt. Griffin, Privts., Cole, Foley, Cohen and Gallagher are constantly flirting with eternity, though that isn't the way one of 'em put it.

**SUPPLY CO.**—The teamsters and wagoners enjoyed a princely repast last Sunday evening, the piece de resistance being Chevre rotie, obtained at no little risk by the valiant Wag. Farmer. They are looking forward to work even harder than the usual arduous routine, because during the hike they will maintain communications between the base of supply and the marching column. Harry Johnston hasn't yet been kicked by a mule. That's true: he's the cook Wag. McEntee is putting boxing gloves on a mule's feet and training the animal. Sgt. Walt Simpson is a sure enough life saver: When he's not cautioning his men against getting kicked he's saving them from drowning.

**MACHINE GUN CO.**—The soon-to-be gunners are disconsolate over the failure of their mounts to arrive from the factory. "Factory" is right, for the mounts are to be five Ford trucks. On account of this they cannot take part in the hike, and there's no gossip going the rounds but the mess shack was the first one up in the Regiment.

"A"—Top Sgt. Drake asserts the men are all gaining weight. It may be on account of the chicken and ice cream dinner last Sunday, for which eight and forty birds were sacrificed. Most of the boys declare they want to stay.

"B"—A recalcitrant recruit won for himself the name "Awkward A.;" he simply couldn't, or wouldn't do anything. When last Friday's storm broke he fled to town and returned the next day. Confined to quarters for one month but again ran away. Today he is no harder worker. Reason: Capt. McCoy had a barrel filled with "gumbo" and had our hero roll it up and down the Company street which was lined by the members thereof.

"C"—Sgt. Macklin has written a song, "We'll Never go to Hidalgo Any More." The mascots are 3 burros, 2 birds which Ye Corr, not being an ornithologist cannot classify, one colie that would look well at a bench show and one beloved vagabond, a pure blooded mongrel.

"D"—Top Sgt. Shussler has a beautifully fenced in, shrub-decorated and tile paved tent. He's getting baldier every day. No, there's no connection. The Co. prides itself upon its entomological and reptilian museum: 20 scorpions, 30 horned toads, 3 rattlesnake skins, etc., etc.

"E"—Supply Sgt. Bruno is fond of a girl who clerks in a McAllen hardware store; he is accumulating a stock last time he brought back a potato masher.—Masher is the word, say we.

"F"—First object met Ye Corr's eye as he stepped out of the mess shack was a crate stencilled "Societe Anonyme Dubonnet, Paris, France." C'est tres bien, Jacques. In a recent pinocle game, the chief winner came away richer by the tremendous sum of fifteen cents.

"G"—Top Sgt. Joe Connor is receiving congratulations on the arrival of a third son. Pvt. Ray Dyson appointed himself official Co. photographer, but has not yet succeeded in producing any pictures. Zeke Gallagher's nocturnal recreation is defending himself with his bayonet from at least hundreds of tarantulas, etc. Artful Artificer Schworer says the mess shack roofing, which he's bossing, will be completed, if all goes right, by next St. Patrick's Day. Jack Gunn broke record for speed in getting canteen checks used up. Louis Urell can write a Descriptive List on a two cent stamp. Geo. Anderson sheds glory on the Co. by his brilliant occupancy of the office of Regimental Carpenter. Mike Mollo saw a rattlesnake a few nights ago and woke up the whole camp. Earlier in the evening he had gone to McAllen on an errand for the Capt. They say he brought the snake home with him.

"H"—Sgt. Clabby is getting a reputation as a handwriting expert; several of the boys bring him all hastily penned letters they receive and he deciphers them like Champollion. We think he must be good at keeping secrets. Mud-bath Healy was so named because of his adopting that mode of treatment for his numerous ailments. He did not have to go to Carlsbad.

"I"—The Co. boasts the only company street palm drive which is also a Riverside Drive, on the banks of Kluge's Canal. Patsy Bower started to work on the mess shack roof, but he worked through it and it took several hours to make the repairs. Fortunately, his rotund anatomy did not require repairs.

"K"—The boys are proud of the honor Col. Johnston conferred on them when they mounted guard last Friday night and Saturday. Twice they say, did our C.O. commend their appearance and efficiency, as "the best yet."

## AT LEAST ONE SCRAP TO HIS CREDIT

### Plucky Second Field Artilleryman Has Chance to Show His Metal

#### A CREDIT TO THE MILITARY POLICE

Private James Ferris, of Battery A, Second Field Artillery, recently gained considerable distinction among his comrades of the military police at McAllen and in his regiment, by handling a dangerous, and wily Mexican in a skillful and fearless manner. Although fired upon several times at close range—in fact the shooting took place within the flimsy walls of a Mexican mesquite shack—he stuck to his game, and by quick use of his club alone, disarmed his man and put him under arrest.

The trouble started over a tiny brown boy from over the border who somehow or other got into a quarrel with the greaser. Ferris was standing on a corner of his post in the Mexican quarter when an argument drew his attention. The shrill cries of the boy and the threatening although unintelligible language of the man who was driving a team of diminutive mules disturbed the usually peaceful manner of the street and even the slovenly, lazy looking, reddish brown huts seemed to awake at the noise.

Ferris and the onlookers were inclined to be amused at first but in a few moments the scene changed from ridiculous to serious, for the husky Mexican driver began to slash the boy with his rawhide whip, so cruelly that the victim screamed with pain and terror. The guardsman promptly ran toward him, and as he did so the boy snatched a long bladed knife from beneath his ragged shirt and darted at his assailant with the rapidity of a snake's lunge. The steel flashed before Ferris's eyes. He struck it away with his club.

The mule driver—who might have been stretched full length in the muddy street but for the artilleryman's nerve and skill—made for a house a short distance down the way, with Ferris in pursuit.

Straight through the door of the mesquite shack he chased the greaser but as he entered a shot echoed in his ear, and across a delapidated table he saw the Mexican standing with a smoking six-shooter raised. Ferris sprang to one side and missed another piece of lead. Taking advantage of the smoke he jumped for his man, and as he struck up the gun another bullet splintered a beam overhead. Grappling his man Ferris succeeded in wrenching the weapon from his hand and then overpowered him and placed him under arrest.

The whole thing took place so quickly that the men who had seen the affair from the start, and many others attracted by the sound of the shots, were at the shack only in time to aid the policeman in tying up the prisoner, who was then jailed with much gusto. The boy had disappeared as completely as though the grey-black mud of the streets had swallowed him; or it may be he was hiding in that mud, for he was dirty enough and tiny enough to play at mudturtle, even though quick as a snake. Ferris has searched for the boy in vain, for he wanted the knife as well as the revolver for a souvenir.

Sgt. Gaffigan's father writes him that though not a devotee of Milady Nicotine he gratefully accepts cigars from friends "for my boy down on the Border." Kelber's recent sleepwalking stunt was very amusing, but unfortunately the details can't be printed. Nagle must have felt jealous for he attempted something similar when he grasped a leggin strap and shouted "I've got a snake!" Company Clerk Griffin has invented a hatrack. No admission charged to see its operation.

"L"—Company L is mourning the loss of Sergeant Arthur Lockwood, on account of whose regretted demise will be found on page 1.

"M"—Sgt. Kirby didn't want to be interviewed until Ye Corr, told him the answer to the inevitable question "When are we—" the reader knows the rest. Nevertheless when asked about the company mascots he answered "Our mascot is General Rumor. Can't you hear what a rousing reception we give him whenever he arrives?" The Co. has decided to hold annual dinners in New York, and plans are being made for the first, in 1919. Asked if anything funny or interesting had happened recently, a non-com replied "No, we're broke."

We trust no one will confuse the name of 1st Lieutenant Francis J. McCann, Aide-de-Camp to the Major-General, and one of the "best fellows" in the Division with "Tin Pail" McCann whom we mention in another column.

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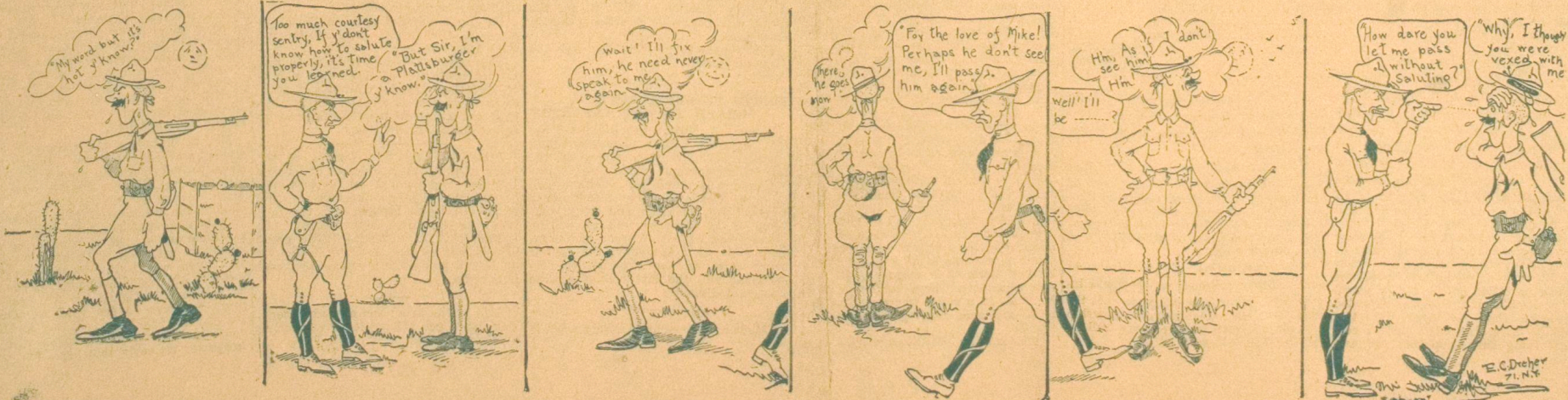
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The American Navy's Mighty Mimic War Brought To a Close  
**ENEMY PAYS DEARLY FOR VICTORY**

The American Navy has been engaged in a mighty mimic war on the Atlantic Coast, the most elaborate war game ever undertaken by our Navy. It commenced on Tuesday morning, August 22nd, at 6 a. m., when Rear Admiral Helm on his flagship, the Rhode Island, received word that an agent of a State Department aboard a ship bound from New York to Gibraltar had reported fifteen battleships of the "red" fleet 600 miles due East of Cape Hatteras, with thirty transports bringing an army of invasion to be landed somewhere between Cape Hatteras and Eastport, Maine. At the time the report was received the Navy Department, on a war footing, was involving every agency to aid Rear Admiral Helm, commanding the "blue" defending fleet, which was sweeping seaward behind a line of scouts nearly 600 miles long to repulse Admiral Mayo's "red" battle fleet.

The wires have been down so that our telegraph expert could not keep in touch with all the moves of the big sea fight, but upon getting a wire Sunday we learned that on Saturday the defending squadrons under Rear Admiral Helm had been destroyed by the hostile fleet under Admiral Mayo and that Saturday afternoon an invading army was being landed in theory on the shores of Long Island.

Later dispatches to the navy announced that the defending submarines had failed to stop the transports; that the theoretical invasion of New York by a foreign foe was accomplished, and that the war game was over.

Admiral Helm's submarine flotilla, which has already sustained severe losses, was the only portion of the defending fleet remaining to contest the landing. The submarines were concentrated at Fire Island, 25 miles from the scene of the theoretical landing operations, at 9 o'clock this morning. Four of the 17 underwater craft in the defending squadron are known to have been destroyed previously. The remaining 13 are thought to have set out shortly after 11 o'clock to attack the enemy transports and no word of that action reached the department during the afternoon.

The annihilation of the defending fleet was reported to the navy department in the following wireless message from the chief umpire: "Discontinued battleship engagement at 11:10 a. m. Red forces gain control of the sea. Can not call problem yet."

Other messages showed that Rear Admiral Helm's battle squadron steaming in column formation, struck the hostile column at right angles and at approximately the center of the Red line. Admiral Mayo, the Red commander, stood his ground, concentrating the fire of his ships on the leading defending battleships, which were forced to bear off paralleling the Red column to avoid collision.

As each defending ship rounded the turn the fire of half of Admiral Mayo's ships was concentrated upon it, duplicating the incident in the recent North Sea battle, in which several British battle cruisers were sunk. The umpire ruled that the Blue battleships had met the same fate and ordered the action discontinued.

The Red transports then moved in toward the southern end of Long Island to effect a landing with the majority of the Red battle fleet still intact to meet the submarine attack.

**RIFLE, PISTOL AND REVOLVER PRACTICE**  
New York Division Builds Rifle Ranges at Sharyland and Pharr  
**FIFTEEN THOUSAND HAVE SHOT**

Since the latter part of July the New York Division, including the troops at McAllen, Pharr and Mission have been participating in rifle, pistol and revolver practice. The Division Ordnance Officer built two ranges at Sharyland of 50 rifle targets each for the troops at McAllen and Mission. These ranges are separated by fourteen "L" targets used for pistol and revolver practice. Captain Charles E. Fiske, 1st Cavalry has been serving as range officer at Sharyland assisted by Lieut. Kunst, 7th Infantry, Lieut. Molyneux, 1st Cavalry, Lieut. Dreher, 71st Infantry, Lieut. Kreisman, 2nd Infantry, Capt. Robinson, Corps of Engineers has been the range instructor on the rifle for the McAllen troops and Corporal Pollock, 2nd Infantry for the Mission troops. The schools held on the range for pistol instruction were conducted by Lieut. Wooster, Squadron A. for the McAllen troops and Lieut. Carroll, 69th Infantry for the Mission troops.

The men leave camp about 7 a. m. and march to range, a distance of about four and one half miles. One third of a ration is taken and the men spend the entire day on the range, marching back about 4 p. m. The rifle practice is on an "X" target one and one quarter inch bullseye at 50 yards, prone. There is a coach for every target and both slow and timed fire is participated in. Men making fifty per cent of the "possible" are credited as "good," thirty-three per cent, "fair," the balance "poor." It has proved very instructive work and given the range officers and instructors a general idea of a "follow up" system that will improve the poorer shots of the Division and lead to greater fire discipline and control.

All officers and enlisted men armed with the pistol have had an opportunity to study their pistol, learning how to take it apart and re-assemble, the essentials in keeping it in serviceable condition and how to become proficient marksmen. Fourteen "L" pistol targets, the regulation 6x4 with 5 inch bullseye have been used at 25 yards, with the same per centage and classifications as those armed with the rifle. The officers have been very enthusiastic over this instruction and the results obtained, many of the men never having had an opportunity to learn how to effectively use the new 45 calibre Colt's Automatic pistol.

All the troops at McAllen would have finished practice August 20th, if it had not been for the heavy rain and rain storms, flooding the firing points and wrecking the target construction, which has been rebuilt twice at Sharyland. The past week has been devoted to the 1st Cavalry, two troops going each day and practicing both with their rifles and their pistols.

The Ordnance Officer also built a similar range at Pharr, one and a half miles from camp. It was constructed on the site of a small government range, the width of the strip of land available being so small that but twenty-five of the rifle targets could be furnished, this made it possible for only two companies to practice each day. The entire Brigade consisting of the 3rd, 23rd and 74th regiments of infantry have finished with the exception of a small portion of the last two companies of the 74th Infantry, held up by Saturday's hurricane. The same system was employed on the Pharr range, Lieut. D. J. Cadotte, 74th Infantry acting as range officer, assisted by Lieut. Pierce, 23rd Infantry, Lieut. Kneubel, 74th Infantry acted as instructors for the rifle and Captain Mohler, as instructor on the pistol. The practice was greatly enjoyed and proved most profitable.

A further course in rifle practice for all units of the Division is being arranged to follow up the present work.

**PITY THE STORE-KEEPERS**  
Sad is the lot of a merchant in a border town. Why, they can't keep the goods on their shelves. Every day a new raid from the columns of men stationed here cleans out hardware and grocery stores and fountains. So far the incoming supplies have failed to meet the growing demand.

E. O. Scott, who with his partner, M. F. Armstrong has taken over C. P. Wright's clothing store in Mission, had his troubles locating a few chevrons and hat-bands, which he thought might "go well" among his soldier trade. Having finally raked the country and located a dozen pairs of each—all there were—he had the pleasure of seeing them disappear like Coney Island hot cakes on a summer's night. Who will sell Mr. Scott some more chevrons?

Pity the poor ice cream makers. The Humason Ice Cream Co., which opened its doors last week, as announced exclusively in the columns of The Rattler, sells out its 250 gallons daily. The Palace of Sweets, also in Mission, doesn't dare advertise its ice cream for sale. The influx of troops toward Sterling Ranch brings them daily orders that they cannot fill.

Saddest of all is the case of the McAllen Hardware Co., of which the general Mr. E. D. Cable is the manager. Mr. Cable was literally forced to open his doors a week before the store was ready for business. For two weeks he has been selling dishes, carpenter's tools, rope, wire screening and most of all, guns until his shelves are practically stripped. "It's no use for me to advertise in your paper," he told our advertising manager, "I can't get enough goods together to even dress the windows."

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**Sat., ,, 2nd:** Red Feather: "The Way of the World" 5 Reels.  
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**Mon., ,, 4th:** Triangle-Keystone; "Better Late Than Never" with 3 reels of Universal pictures.  
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## News Sent In By Our Division Units

### 1ST CAVALRY

Payday starts out as the red letter moment in the week's history. It at least broke down the rumor that the government was going to let us keep our identification tags in lieu of money. The principal gainer was the regimental canteen, but although we are still bankrupts we are bankrupts on a smaller scale. The government evidently has a line on who is doing the work down here for more than one private staggered away from the table with \$8.25 while his corporal staggered after him with \$7.70.

Joe, the truck driver of I Troop, who has been walking around with his pockets inside out for a month, had a messenger boy stand in front of the pay tent for several hours so that he would be first in line. When that time came there was only a glassy stare for Joe. Immediately after the bunch disappeared. It is rumored that he sold it in McAllen for \$3.80, refusing to take more than was coming to him from the government.

Following on the heels of payday we were given a physical examination, doubtless to find how we had stood the shock. The examining officers, a hospitable crowd, asked us how we were. We replied fine and hoped they were enjoying the trip. An exchange of cigars completed the formality.

"We are still just about to move camp. We have been crouched like a panther ready to spring until our backs ache. A detail went out this morning to lay out the new camp site. Their labor consisted of watering their horses, smoking a few packages of cigarettes over a few more rumors and returning to mess. Under these conditions we are giving credence to stories about 1917 and expect great things from our new home.

"Most of the regiment know the handsome Brownie, well known mule valet. It is a privilege to sit beside him on the box of his open carriage and increase one's knowledge of the language of the beast (but not the flowers). Meeting in the middle of the bridge near the Division dump the other day with Mr. Roberty, a cursory discussion followed which was only terminated by lack of breath. Whereupon Brownie whispered confidentially to the trooper at his side. "The trouble with that—Roberty is that the— ain't got no natural refinement."

"Sergeant Jeff Richardson who has recently been appointed Mess Sergeant of Troop 'I' wishes to have it stated that he is boarding at Jack's Restaurant, McAllen and wishes his mail sent there.

"A baseball league series was started on August 16th. Troop C defeated Troop I 18-9 in a game featured by Butler's twirling and C's heavy batting. As finally arranged the schedule provides for each squadron to play off for its individual championship and for the winners of the various squadrons to compete for regimental championship. The schedule is as follows:

Wed. Aug. 16—"C" vs "D."  
Thurs. Aug. 17—"E" vs "F."  
Fri. Aug. 19—"A" vs "B."  
Sat. Aug. 20—"G" vs "H."  
Mon. Aug. 21—"I" vs "K."

"When the series is completed the squadron winners will draw for opponents in the semi-finals. It is hoped that the Machine Gun Troop will enter a team providing four teams in the final contest. The game between "E" and "F" was cut short in the 5th with "F" leading 16-6. Both teams played well considering the heat and lack of practice. "M" and "L" played 6 innings, "M" winning by a score of 12-4. Menges was the batting and fielding star of the winners.

"The hurricane broke up the schedule until Monday August 21st. When "I" and "K" met in the first of the upstate vs. downstate matches. The game was shortened because no one wanted to be called out on the first of our few rare paydays. Troop "I" playing steadily won by a score of 9-3 in a featureless game.

"The winning troop has been challenged by the Squadron A team and by the champions of the 7th Infantry league. It has been suggested that the officers form a team and challenge the winning regimental team.

"Cook Hungler, (the L is silent) Troop "M" is now installed in his new fly proof kitchen. He has asked permission to be allowed to cook out of doors so that the flies may at least have a chance to take side trips once in a while. Cook Hungler picked up his fly swatter the other night and stalked 9 little flies who were sitting on the edge of his kitchen table swapping lies. Swat there were eight, swat! another raisin for the pudding. Swat! now six, now five, four—three. Great drops of sweat stood out on his face and he determined to let the other two go until morning. When morning came there were 3,000 flies on the table.

"A rumor went round the camp the other day that one of the Machine Gun Troopers had succeeded in assembling a gun. The matter was reported to the Officer of the Day who realized the danger but could find nothing about it in the guard manual. The tension was relieved when it was found in the assembling, a piece of string had been used to get the thing together.

The Machine Gun Troop leads a life of nomadic luxury. Unencumbered with tents, mess hall, cooks or any of the other military milestones which drag us down, they wander genially from troop to troop, picking up a meal here and a cot there. If this condition continues a fund will be raised by the regiment for the erection of a permanent Asylum for Homeless M.G.'s and other wandering organizations.

"It is rumored that the Q-M's of the various troops are going to take away the uniforms of the men consigned to the Machine Gun Troop. This will leave them with their underclothes only for a few months. They are very game about it, however, and claim that this will give them more freedom of arms and legs for packing mules. Packing the mules is one of the most serious things in the life of those careless fellows. This work has been suspended until an extra supply of chloroform can be obtained.

Rafts have been provided for posts number four and five of the interior guard. This will eliminate the necessity of the sentinels on these posts hanging from the mesquite trees whenever it

rains. Before we received orders to move the camp it was planned to purchase a Ford motor-boat for the guard to be used in posting reliefs. In this way men who are unable to swim would be made eligible for guard duty.

"Trooper Baldy Orr of "I" Troop submits the following. This is not characteristic of the man and should not be used against him in a general court martial. He claims to have slipped one over on the government by passing his physical examination before he wrote it. Orr's family will doubtless be much grieved when they learn what he has done.

### Subject: Why Is a Horse?

1. Remember always that the horse is an intelligent animal although he has no brains. The horse ranks next to the sponge in the animal kingdom.

2. Never strike the horse with a foreign implement as a rake or a field anvil. Reason with him. If necessary carry a short length of lead pipe in your hip pocket for this purpose.

3. Never allow hard objects to get under your horse's blanket. After you are through saddling always unsaddle again to make sure that there are no rifles, mess-kits or tin cans under the blanket to irritate the skin.

4. If your horse shows signs of weariness on the march, relieve him of the weight of the saddle and pack by carrying them yourself and riding bareback.

5. If the horse continues to grow tired, make a sedan chair with another trooper and carry the horse. Long troopers are always taken on long marches for this purpose.

6. In mounting, use the left foot for placing in the stirrup. Do not place the right foot or both feet in the stirrup. This is the swaboda system of mounting and is not recommended for beginners.

7. During a halt, always look at your horse's feet. Do not do this from the saddle. The best view may be obtained from a distance of 30 paces. A horse may be trained to lie on his back and hold his feet in the air for inspection.

In such cases a camp chair, carried in the blanket roll may be placed on his stomach and all four feet observed without moving.

8. As every ill of man is cured with pills, so is every ill of a horse cured with iodine applied internally or externally. This remedy will be found infallible with sunburns, hardening of the arteries, chapped lips, heartburn or housemaid's knee.

9. When applying iodine externally use a broom, mop or white-washing brush. Paint the horse thoroughly from head to foot.

10. Serve internally in the form of a capsule. Place on the end of his tongue and force it gently down his throat with a rake handle. If he refuses to swallow, bite his ear until he cries, the tears running into his mouth will wash down the capsule unnoticed.

11. If all these methods fail, break the capsule and apply externally where it will probably work just as well.

12. When feeding a horse always force the nose bag over his nose so tightly that he cannot breathe. In this way the horse gets the full benefit of his oats, absorbing a few through the nostrils, and sprinkling the remainder over his back like a shower bath. This is highly beneficial for the skin.

13. In grooming care should be taken to distinguish between lumps of mud and corns, on the horse's leg. Removing a corn with a grooming brush is slow and irritating to man and beast.

(Next week:—Field Hygiene by a Well Known Beauty Doctor.)

The members of Troop "L" are arranging a benefit for "Mike" Sullivan, sometime member of the great and glorious hospital corps and now major-domo of the troop cafeteria. Mike volunteered as first assistant to cook Pete Gordon when Jack O'Connor went home on a married man's discharge. They do say as "L" is getting good home cooking now.

Sergt. Edgar Shaw of "L" gets the second largest medal which will be cast from aluminum provided there is any metal left when the troops gets done putting dead man's identification tags on all the troop horses. Edgar stood guard all alone during the night of the big hurricane. The other non-coms of the troop thank him for the good night's sleep they got as a result.

Corp. Jim Lynch, Joe McIntyre and Harry Hart of "L" got a hankering for line work and tendered their resignations as members of the stable squad. They got away with it, too.

Troop "L" has a handsome flicer which was given to it by a loyal veteran member back in New York. Quartermaster Sergt. Sheppard and Mess Sergt. Jack Greason make daily trips to Mission to load up the troop commissary. The advertising manager of The Rattler is hoping they will put their car on a schedule as he is tired of hiring a "muchach" to hold his horse when he trots over to Mission to sell a few ads.

Benny Protector of "K" troop announces that he has ben on "Hard Luck" as a permanent detail. His theory is that life is what one makes it. The resulting K. P. service has won him the title of "Lord Kitchen."

We are beginning to wonder is all the officers have their birthdays in the winter time.

The First Cavalry is accumulating some excellent picture postals which show how delightful the bathing is along the Maine coast.

The Rochester troop says it will move back into a new army when the "war" is over and the five SBrooklyn troops expect the new Squadron C Club to be all ready for their reception when they get back. The ivy ought to be in bloom by that time, too.

### 2ND FIELD ARTILLERY

New mess shacks and shower baths and the handsome new type of latrine disturbing the sky-line. Some energetic person starts an eight page, nickel weekly called the Battler so that a lot of other people, not so energetic, have to rattle the keys of a typewriter.

But speaking of going home there's a man in Battery A who refuses to go home. He is private Jack Akerou, recently returned in good condition from hospital at Brownsville where he was operated on for appendicitis. At the base hospital he was offered a discharge and refused to take it. Says he'll go back with his battery or in a

pine box and he doesn't look as if he would have the luck to do the latter. He'll probably have to stretch his legs the other victims. That won't be so bad though—going East. Incidentally he says that the feeling in Brownsville over the Mexican situation is rather intense which is a rather pleasing thing to note while talking of going home.

It has been suggested by some Battery D men that a good sort of punishment for such as this Mexican would be to have his teeth extracted by Dr. Oeder assisted by Lieutenants McGroan and Cox. This trio recently withdrew a troublesome molar from Capt. H. E. Sullivan's upper jaw, after two hours of laborious and painful work. Wonder which of the four people concerned suffered the most pain.

Life in Battery D, by the way seems to be rattling along at a high rate of speed. What with a mess sergeant Tullington protesting he never handled a gun in his life. With Corporal Terrill and Private Friederich killing five-foot rattlers; with Sergeant Willson importing Canadian O. D. handkerchiefs and Serbeant Ryan having the extremely hard luck of being unable to turn in his stripes—with these and many more people getting into trouble and out of trouble, buying rattlesnakes and fighting, and running laundries and so on, the battery street is an interesting place.

Battery B distinguished itself recently by giving a farewell dinner to Major Matlock. Captain Lohr who has gone also and Captain Fox, Lieutenants Albrecht, Miller, Brennan and Hereth entertained royally with the essential aid of "Louie." Louie is the new chow dispenser. Besides this event the Battery has derived considerable pleasure betting on whether or not Private Harry Ogdien's new baby wild cat's mother ever walked the back-fences of dear old Brooklyn.

Walter Burke, stable sergeant of Battery F, has a boast to make. He has lost but one horse since going into camp. This sets the mark for lowest mortality rate in the regiment and probably for the artillery as a whole. Battery E has lost three which is a small number considering the terrible storms. The last storm was a mighty bad one, and as a result there has been a new drill command put into effect: "Under the Pieces—Crawl In." There is a certain sergeant who has been practicing it lately, with great success.

Battery C, senior of the regiment, has other worries than the storms. The resignation of Major Matlock presents an important problem and is the signal for Old General Rumor to get on the job. Who will be the new major? R. W. F.

The stable sergeants of the Second Field Artillery are justly proud of the fact that in the whole regiment only 17 horses have died or have been shot because too sick to live, since entraining at Van Cortland Park. The regiment has approximately 475 horses all told. Considering the extremely poor conditions of, traveling and the encampment directly following in an entirely strange country, absolutely strange so far as concerns climatic conditions, the sergeants are considered to have done very excellent work.

"Al" Schermerhorn, the Battery C Sergeant, who has soldiered with the regulars all through west and south-west, reports the loss of four horses from unavoidable causes such as gangrene and the development of cancers. Battery A, has also lost four according to stable sergeant Rehil. William Bender of B, gives the number for that battery as three. In the Bronx batteries the loss has been slightly smaller, F, Battery boasting the record of only one horse. Stable sergeant Walter Burke is a very old hand at the game of shipping horses and before he came with the outfit transported horses in large numbers from St. Johns, New Brunswick to Brest, France, with great success. On one trip he claims to have turned over 673 horses out of the original 680. He soldiered with Battery D, of the 3rd U. S. Field Artillery and at Fort Mever with the 15th Cavalry. Battery E, lost three horses according to sergeant Hesse's report and Dan J. Mahoney of D, gives the number as two.



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