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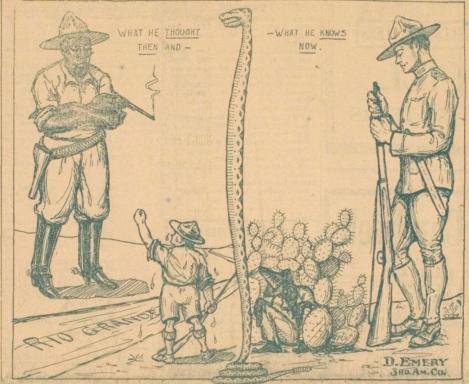
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The Cavalry have their trots,
The Field Artillery have their guns
And fire a couple of shots:
The Engineers build bridges,
And repair the roads as well,
Then send their Demolition Squad
And blow them all to H—I.
Chorus.
As the boys go marching,
And the bands begin to play,
The 22nd Engineers are always ready
To answer to a call at night or day.
SGP. (Pat)

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News Sent in by Our Division Units

7TH INFANTRY.

The Rattler knows a lot of school boys who hated arithmetic and spelling but grew up to be college professors and it believes that on the same principle many of the men who pretend to dislike Texas will swing around some day and possibly settle here.

Cant. J. B. Ridley, ex-shalain of the 2nd Field Artillery, is the first convert to Texas. Capt. Ridley is taking a 30.day furlough and is trying at as sales manager for the Rankin-Hill Co. of McAllen and Corpus Christi. See advertising columns.)

Should his plans materialize, Capt. Ridley will stay in Texas for the venalider of a long and prosperous life. So far three enlisted men have volvational testimony along this line. At the cert is see if it is worth while for us ob be a booster.

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This remarkable rise of a private from the ranks is due not only to Lt. Smith's untiring faithfulness to duty, whether pleasant or otherwise, but to the fact that he is a physician of much ability and experience, having left a billity and experience, having left a bridge will be along the company because of the sanitary management of the 12th broke into the New York Tribune with a three column to the company.

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BUNDY.

Telegrams, orders, letters, bulletins, memoranda, et cetera, ad infinitum, all signed "Bundy" have come down in swarms, schools, flocks, and droves, upon this devoted Division since it became mixed with the mud and dust of the "Magic Valley."

Colonel Omar Bundy, Adjutant of the Southern Department, could give our biblical friend, Job, two to one odds and beat him to a frazzle in the game of real patience. We know because we have tried him to the limit. No matter how grotesquely ridiculous some of our questions or conduct, he invariably treats us like a reasonable human being. But beyond all this we know he is one of the ablest of Uncle Sam's officers and gentlemen, so The Rattler twines itself around this opportunity and to the accompaniment of its seven button rattles thanks Colonel Bundy for his unfailing courtesy to the New York Division, and wishes him all the success he so richly deserves.

BOOZE AND ITS BY-PRODUCTS.

In another column General O'Ryan has summarized some of the beneficient effects of the order prohibiting the use of liquor and frequenting places of prostitution. It has kept the soldiers healthy, and this is the most important part of any military operation because sick soldiers are of no use to themselves or to the army. They fill the hospitals, make work for the surgeons and destroy the fighting efficiency of their regiments.

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If it was necessary to justify the issuance of this order, which some may have regarded as interfering with their personal right to take an eye-opener and a night-cap or two, the sick reports have justified it.

Every other mobilization of troops which the United States has ever undertaken has been noted for the number of sick soldiers it produced. The men were so busy dodging fever that many of them were poorly trained or not trained at all. The ratio of sick and wounded men in the Spanish-American War was 'fever and bullets, 14 to 1.' The mobilization of the New York Division on the Mexican Border in 1916 has been different. There have been less sick men than in any other mobilization camp of the United States troops that was ever established.

Why?

Because the American Army has learned some things about taking care of soldiers, and the New York Division put them in practice, added additional prophylactic measures and got results. About the most important factor in making and keeping the men healthy was the Booze and Prostitution order, that was issued about the time the first man stepped off the train at McAllen.

It inconvenienced some of us. We missed the brass rail, and the water down here was no good any way, and we wanted a cold bottle more than anything we could think of after unloading freight cars all day. But the hard uncultured fact remained that booze and the tropics, and booze and military efficiency don't mix.

The Division Commander knew that. He issued the order, the military police more or less closed up the saloons, and what is more important the men obeyed the order because they were soldiers, and the health of the Division is better than that of the regular troops who have had about six times as much Border experience but who are permitted to drink.

mitted to drink.

The same order prohibits the patronizing of houses of prostitution. The men of the New York Division do not patronize prostitutes when they are at home, and there is no reason why they should when they are in the field as soldiers. But commercialized women go hand in hand with liquor. Therefore prohibition against prostitutes was added to the prohibition against booze, and the military police drove the prostitutes out of Mission, McAllen and Pharr.

The result of this is that we have only four cases of venereal disease in the entire Division. We brought forty-one cases down here among 17,800 men, all but two of these have been cured, and only two new cases have been contracted.

In addition to this, the conduct of the men has been better becaus of this order. Summary court records show that three quarters of the cases brought before those courts had their inception in violation of

cases brought before those courts had their inception in violation of the liquor prohibition.

But the best part of it all is that the men obeyed the order not because they were threatened with disciplinary action if they disobeyed, but because they played the game like trained soldiers. They obeyed because "orders is orders." There have been some offenders, but eighty per cent of them, by official count, were rookies who enlisted after April 1, 1916, and who did not appreciate what was expected of soldiers, officers and men, who belong to the New York Division.

This is a real record. It is what the General refers to when he says we have been making history in greater measure than any of us appreciate at this time. We have demonstrated that United States soldiers can live three months in camp without losing more men than they would lose in three months of fighting.

would lose in three months of fighting.

Now in the parlous times of union strikes let the entire union of independent and liberty-loving American citizens strike for real preparedness and accept no shilly-shallying compromise. If we need an army at all we need an effective one. The federalization of the National Guard as at present constituted is a step in the right direction but it is only one step. The sooner universal service in the Guard is adopted the quicker will America be thoroughly equipped and prepared to stand her ground against all conquest seekers and distributed. pared to stand her ground against all conquest seekers and disturber

If Washington or Lincoln had only been pacifists we wouldn't have to worry over the problems of American defence today.

Seven rattles this week-and they said we couldn't live!

PERSONALS

Lt. Col. William S. Terriberry, M. C., Division Surgeon, has gone on a leave of absence for twenty-one days. He has returned to his summer home at Fisher's Island.

Lieut. Col. Frank H. Hines, 2nd Field Artillery has been relieved from duty as commanding officer of the Military Police and Lt. Col. Reginald L. Foster, 12th Infantry, has been detailed to such position.

Our popular Division Aide, Lieut. Francis J. McCann, was assigned as counsel for the defense of three privates of the 12th Infantry who were called before the General Court Martial Friday. Lieut. McCann is not a disciple of Blackstone but he's some ''defense artist'' despite that.

Lieut. Robert R. Molyneux, our other popular Division Aide, who has several pet names and holds the position of C.O. of the Headquarters Detachment, has been designated as Summary Court Officer for such detachment.

According to latest advices from New York City, the condition of Colo-nel N. B. Thurston is improving daily.

Captain Joseph C. Fogarty, 69th Inrantry, has been granted a leave of absence for one month.

Major James M. Hutchinson of the 71st Infantry, who has been Acting Engineer Officer at Division Headquarters since his regiment returned to New York, has been relieved to join his regiment for mustering out of the Pederal service. Captain Joseph J. Daly of the 22nd Engineers has been detailed as Acting Engineer Officer of Division.

Captain James R. Howlett of the 1st New York Cavalry will go on a thirty day leave about October 7th.

Major Fred C. Ringer, Quartermaster Corps, is serving as camp quarter, master at Camp Whitman. Capt. Raymond T. Moniz, Quartermaster Corps, is acting as assistant.

Lieut. John T. Prout, 69th Infantry, has been granted a leave of absence for fifteen days.

Captain H. C. Woodward, 22nd Regiment Engineers, has been granted a ten day's leave of absence.

The New York State team for the ational match has added Capt. Ernest . Robinson of the corps of Engineers d Sergeant Allexander Joke, Company I, 74th Infantry to its membership.

Lieut. H. R. Fast of the 74th Infantry has been detailed in charge of the Military police at Pharr, relieving Lt. D. J. Cadotte of the same regiment.

WE THANK YOU!

members of the National Guard. The editor is Major Fred M. Waterbury, of this city. It is classy, clean, bright and spiev. It demonstrates that our National Guard is composed of men from all walks of life capable of filling any position in any community.

We salute The Texas Rattler and congratulate the boys on the Border for the chance they have of knowing the appenings about them.—The Saratoga Eagle.

ANOTHER ELECTRIC SHOCK!

Major Olmsted, when interviewed by ur reporter on the subject of the enrivance to obviate the always object onable 'Static,' (that ruthless rufer of radio) mentioned in the Septemer 20th Rattler under Signal Corps ews asserts that the Chief Signal offer must have 'crossed his wires' omehow.

MAJOR GENERAL O'RYAN'S MEM-ORANDUM TO THE ENLISTED MEN OF THE N. Y. DIVISION On September 28th the Division Com-

every company, troop, battery and similar unit commander to the men of their commands, at retreat on three successive days.

The statment referred to the fact that some soldiers were carrying off grape fruit and oranges as souvenirs from nearby orchards and called attention to the fact that "the small value of a single fruit has, perhaps, led some of the newer/ men to commit a serious military offense without full realization of its gravity. Some offenses regarded as trivial in civil life become of grave consequence in a military command on account of the number of men constituting such command. If one soldier may pick an orange, all might do so and orchards would be stripped.

The statement also set forth that "the penalty in the military service for stealing property of nominal value, such as an orange, is dishonorable discharge forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement at hard labor for one year. The Division Commander feels that every man should have specific warning that this penalty will be enforced against soldiers who transgress in the manner referred to.

The Division Commander then goes on to sny that he "takes this opportunity of stating directly to the enlisted men that he has reason to believe that the health record and the conduct of the soldiers of this Division have never been equalled by an organized body of troops of similar size in this country. The soldiers of this Division have been making history in greater measure than any of us can appreciate at this time.

"All reports indicate that violations of the rule prohibiting the use of liquor and trespassing upon property are limited to two or three hundred men out of the 12,000 now here, and that the same men constitute the list of offenders.

"The men should know this and have borde in what is being accomplished by "The men should know this and have borde in what is being accomplished by

"The men should know this and have pride in what is being accomplished by the Division as a whole. The relatively few who have fallen down in these matters should be manly enough to suppress their appetites, resume command of their bodies and 'play the game.'

"The sentiment of the ninety per cent

master at Camp Whitman. Capt. Raymond T. Moniz, Quartermaster Corps, is acting as assistant.

Lieut. Harry H. Barnes, one of the "good shots" of Troop D, 1st Cavalry, has returned to Syracuse on a thirty day leave.

Lieut. James. Houghton, Medical Corps, attached to the 69th Infantry, was a dinner guest at Division Headquarters Thursday evening. Lieut. Houghton was one of the few survivers of the Lusitania, being enroute to take charge of one of the Belgian Red Cross Units.

Lieut. Wm. J. Gillispie, Troop B, 1st Cavalry, has left for his home in Albany, having been granted a thirty day leave of absence.

Lieut. John T. Prout, 69th Infantry, SOCIETY FORMED TO

SOCIETY FORMED TO AID GUARDSMEN.

M. Capt. Guy Bates, Engineers. Horatio J. Brewer, Spokane Wash. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., Newport,

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Lient. Col. J. M. Wainwright, Insp.
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Capt. Prentice Strong, N. Y. City.
W. J. Comstock, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Lt. Joseph A. Pitts, 2nd Infentry.
Sgt. Herbert T. Slingo, Co. B. 7th.
Lt. W. B. Lester, M. G. Troop 1st Cav.
Homer G. Bell, Motor Truck Co. 35.

INFANTRY, CAVALRY AND ENGINEERS TO PARTICIPATE IN FIELD FIRING PROBLEMS.

record of the field firing of the infantry, cavalry and engineers and signal men having worked on the recipe of Old Doctor Munson was mentioned as being a very satisfactory liet for flies, as effecting their prompt, complete and ample demise.

This has no application in the Radio May Wildman, the well known inventor of the WIRELESS BIRD CAGE that here are no flies on the N. Y. Signal Eattalion.

Bugs, Big And Little

Q the genrul raised the devil with the kernel, so 'tis said,
About a little hitch in the formashun at parade; gi g:
An' the major told the kernel that his handlin' the battalion
Resimbled Ward McAllister a-leadin' a cotillion:
An' the major hauled the cap'en up about some oversight,
Manooverin' the company while breakin' from the right;
An' the cap'en gravely caushuned the lootenant, bar in mind,
An' keep the rear rank well closed up and properly ali'ned.

O them big bugs hev bigger bugs Thet jump on 'em and bite 'em; An' the bigger bugs hev other bugs, An' so on—ad infinitum.

The sargent made a break, an' the lootenant collared him,
Politely intimatin' that he didn't know a dem;
An' the sargent soon an error in preservin' distance spied,
An' got a shot at Darringer, the corpril who wuz guide;
But Darringer said nuthin'—he just waited fur his chance,
An' promptly gev some scorchin' views, on tactics to the lance,
Who opened fire on Private Dean fer spilin' all the wheels,
An' Dean cussed Smith, his rear-rank man, fer walkin' on his heels.

O them big bugs hev bigger bugs Thet jump on 'em and bite 'em; An' the bigger bugs hev other bugs, An' so on—ad infinitum.

'Twas all wound up in barricks when the reg'mint was dismissed,
An' Dean's eyes rayther funnily ran foul o' Smithy's fist,
An' we stud on chairs an' tables, an' we backed 'em fer the beer.
While the clamor o' the battle way de the echoes far an' near.
It was just a rough-an'-tumble, but a most instructin' fight,
Till a sargent an' a detail o' the gyard hove into sight,
An' they tuk 'em, blown an' bloody, an' they locked 'em in the mill,
An' thet's all I remember o' the big review an' drill.

'Cept thet big bugs hev bigger bugs, Thet jump on 'em and bite 'em; An' the bigger bugs hev other bugs, An' so on—ad infinitum.

The Incinerator

Well, well! So this is October!

And there's a line with which we never expected to start "The Incinerator" fires. October on the Border was something like Old Age in the Poorhouse, often predicted but never expected.

In the words of the old song:
"We're here because—we're here—BECAUSE."

Night's Dream'

"A Mid-summer Night's Dream" closed a few weeks ago with all the S. R. O. signs out. It is rumored that the U. S. Stock Co. will next present "A Winter's Tale" to be followed soon after by that charming little cenedy, "Much Ado About Nothing."

"Thousands at his bidding speed, And post o'er land and ocean with-out rest; They also serve who only stand and wait."

From the letter of a British Lieuten-ant, now at the Front, "somewhere over there".-which proves every camp and every battlefield is on speaking terms with a certain doleful Dame.

The Ubiquity of Border Merchants.

ADD - THE GUILTIEST FEELING.

When you fold one pair of "ocks to look like two for inspection.

When you hear the Captain telling the Major a rumor you yourself started. When you present arms on post and find out it was only the Sergeant Major who passed by.

When you discover on the 1st of October that Her Birthday was the 19th of September.

entire Wolf Pack.

The Young Lady,

We wonder what that Young Lady, had to say when she heard the First Field drew the lucky number and was going to find the range of West 72nd Street?

J. Mayhew Wainwright.

The New York Central has given the use of a furnished office in the Grand Central Terminal for the committee work.

A special khaki comfort kit for Guardsmen, modelled after the regular army kit, has been made for the chapter made for the chapter members. The organization of a refreshment station unit is being worked out by a sub-committee. It will be the first of its kind to be installed under the Red Cross in this country.

OUR HONOR ROLL

Yearly subscriptions in the order received:

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Maj. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Div. Staff. Maj. S. F. Corbett, Corps of Engineers.

Lieut. Leo F. Knust, 7th Infantry. Capt. Edward F. Dillon, 69th Inf. Col. George Albert Wingate, 2nd Field Artillery.

Maj. George E. Roosevelt, 12th Inf. Capt. Charles E. Fiske, 1st Cavalry, Lieut. Hamilton H. Barnes, 1st Cav.

We wonder if there will be any fixed by the wonder of the committee of the use of the day before the Idee and ecided we are still American citizens we really should study up on the political questions of the day before the Idees of November. Now that They have decided we are colled to still American citizens we really should study up on the political questions of the day before the Idees of November. Now there's the initiative, referendum and recall. We don't pretend to be ecleved the prevailing mode, took up the light tan shirts that were first two but knowing what the recall sounds like when blown on a bugle, we declare the first two but knowing what the recall sounds like the proving what the recall sounds like the first wo but knowing what the recall sounds like the proving what the recall sounds like the polytical questions of the day before the Idea of November. Now there's the initiative, referendum and recall the same of its concept the prevailing mode, to

The "Incinerator's" fires are burn, ing low. Did you notice how carefully we laid the fuel on and how the cinders were restrained in their swirling flight? That's all on account of the anti-smoke ordinance and repeated instructions from Them not to rake things over the coals.

"It looks like an Olive Drab Christ

Why I am Glad I am Here

Racine.

Attention!

A cooling, nourishing, delicious Food-Drink can be instantly prepared in camp by briskly stirring Horlick's, the Original Malted Milk in cold water. Served at all fountains, too, but be sure to ask for and get "HORLICK'S" the Original, Malted Milk, and thus avoid cheap substitutes that cost You the same price.

"HORLICK'S" is composed of rich milk combined with an

Extensively used in the Cuban, Phillippine and European wars. Obtainable in sealed glass jars from all druggists.

Also put up in convenient Tablet form, ready to eat. Send 25 cents for a 24 Hour Emergency Ration Tin of Horlick's Malted Milk Lunch Tablets. We will mail these tins, postpaid, upon

Horlick's Malted Milk Co.

extract of malted grains, reduced to powder form.

(Continued from page 1.)

SOLDIER'S MORNING IN CAMP.

As jor Vanderbilt has entered his horses in several events and other officers of the Division will enter their rown mounts now in the service of the army. Horses that have competed and won their class in the greatest horse shows of the country are entered and never in the hitory of Texas has such an array of horse flesh been shown. The great Madison Square show will be most attractive this year but the Cavalry horse show history as being one of the greatest shows for saddle horses and the greatest novelty on account of the existing conditions.

The horse critics claim that if the therizes continue to come in the classes will be so large that it will be more take a three-ring circus than a regulation losses show. Every one is waiting with expectation and a good day is promised for all. The show will be held regardes of the weather.

DAILY TRAIN SERVICE

Trains leaving Pharr for MeAllen and Mission: 10:35 a. m., 12:35 p. m., Leaving MeAllen for Mission: 10:55. m., 1:45 p. m., and 4:55 p. m. Leaving MeAllen for Pharr: 8:16 a. n., 1:45 p. m. and 5:10 p. m.

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ARMY DOES NOT

Secretary of War Baker Says Professional Soldier Sincere Seeker of Peace

TALKS TO ST. LOUIS BUSINESS MEN

l efficiency.

"For three years the greater part of the American army has been on the Mexican border. The army has been put to the severest tests ever put upon soldiers. It has had a waiting job. It is easy to be a soldier when there is inaction; difficult when there is inaction. While we have heard criticism and complaints from the participation of the sources, I want to say that there never has been a word of complaint relative to condition or service from any member of the regular army.

"The militia was mobilized on the border a distance of 1800 miles—twice the distance from St. Louis to New York—with great success and efficiency. Notwithstanding the fact that the men came from all walks of life and are doing service in a strange climate, the efficiency is such that the sick report is less than that of the regular army.

"The time has come when there must be the power on the part of the government to mobilize all the forces of the country for the common defense."

BUT FOUR CASES OF VENEREAL DISEASES AMONG THE 12,000 MEN OF THE N. Y. DIVISION IN TEXAS.

We Want WANT TO FIGHT Your Business---and We're Getting It--on

Mosquito netting Socks Handkerchiefs

Anything else you would expect to find in a military dry goods

Soap and toilet articles

Watch our Windows

If you don't see what you

want, perhaps we have it inside.

Zachry & Cawthon McAllen.

Rodriguez & Cia. Confectionery - - McAllen



Just received a splendid lot of Mexican jewelry, guaranteed hand made and imported by us from Mexico City.

Cocoanut shell rings, horse-hair novelties, delicate silversmit h's souvenirs, etc.

Call at our confectionery store, just across from Crow's Lumber yard, and look over our stock. The prices are surprisingly reasonable.



McAllen, Texas

Chicken Dinners

The Mission Hotel begs to remind its many friends that we continue to serve the best dinner in the Valley every day. Price 50c. a plate. A wide variety of dishes.

Chicken dinner, every Sunday noon and Tuesday night. Biggest treat since you left mother's Kitchen.

Remember, the ban is off Mission and you are welcome here any time. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Reilly, Proprietors, extend you a personal invitation to come here to dine.

Mission Hotel

"15 minutes by train from

ies --- Pies

Wisconsin

Anything from a Planked Steak to a Ham Sandwich. Try our Chicken al la King

Delmonico Jr. Cafe Next to Commercial McAllen

We have on hand a large supply of screen wire and screen doors. Why not screen up your tent and be comfortable while on the border? Call and see our line.

Hammond Lumber Co. -

News Sent in by Our Division Units

22ND REGIMENT ENGINEERS

SPARKS FROM RADIO ISLAND.

4TH AMBULANCE COMPANY

McALLEN MILITARY POLICE.

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Do You Spend Money in McAllen?

Y lasting memory of McAllen is one of a hot and crowded ice cream parlor with clerks working at fever heat; of perspiring waiters rushing vainly to fill twenty orders at once; of hardware and grocery clerks worked to the point of exhaustion, and lumbermen and bank clerks and express agents tired out.

Let's admit that McAllen has earned the money its soldiers have brought it. Army trrade is exacting, insistent, unreasonable. We have owned the town, and the townspeople'have fought sickness and weariness to care for our daily trade.

THE RATTLER speaks for an attitude of fairness toward the following enterprising firms of McAllen:

F. G. Crow, Lumber A. P. Hall, Grocery McAllen Drug Co Zachry & Cawthon Delmonico Jr. Cafe

The Palace

Rodriguez & Co.

Columbia Theatre

Rankin-Hill Co Model Ph armacy Gregory & Cardwell McAllen Creamery Louis Gerlts, M'Al'n Hotel January & Storms Rio Grande Public Service Corporation Jack Madison, Barber East Side Hotel

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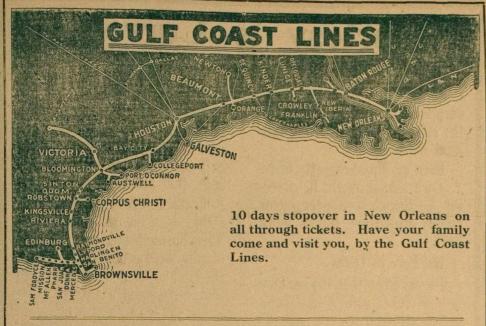
Division Camp Exchange Wells Fargo & Co., Express

McAllen Bottling Works **Gulf Coast Lines**

Valley Mercantile Co. D. Guerra & Sons First State Bank

FRED B. BARTON.

Business Mgr., THE RATTLER



Road to Everywhere

Don't be content to see just the barracks side of Texas. See her cities, her beaches, her stores and her people. Most of all, enjoy a good time, for everyone of her hospitable towns opens its doors to New York's manly troops.

The 1:45 train today brings you to Corpus Christi tonight or to Houston and Galveston tomorrow morning. Will you go?

Special excursion rates, Friday to Tuesday. Investigate.

OIL-BURNING PASSENGER SERVICE---NO SMOKE

- J. S. PYEATT, Pres. and Gen. Mgr., Houston C. W. STRAIN, Gen. Passenger Agent, Houston
- G. M. McCLURE, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt. Houston

We now have the most complete stock of any store in McAllen, Mission or Pharr

January and Storms, McAllen

We are agents for English wrap puttees for the Valley. Leave your orders here.

Mexican Drawn Work

See our fine stock. Makes splendid gifts to send home. A few Stetson hats also officer's insignia, hat cords etc.,

Call any time to examine our stock

Catering to the Boys of the N.Y. Division

McAllen Hotel Baths | Gerlts Pool Room

A real bath in a real tub, with hot water and soap and a towel. All for a quarter. Individual bath room provide. Makes you feel like a gentleman again.

"Costs a quarter but lasts a week." Come here and get really clean.

Five Brunswicke and Balke tables and two splendid bowling alleys at your service. Soda fountain in connection Makes a handy place to spend an afternoon or evening and a good place to meet a friend.

Location, next to D. Q. M. office, across from McAllen

Under the Management of Louis Gerlts

The National Drink

WELCH'S is healthful. It's a natural tonic. It is not a manufactured drink, not a make believe, but one of Nature's inimitable products pure and wholesome. The Welch Process is clean and quick and gives you the unchanged juice of premium price New York State Concords.

T canteens and soda fountains insist on Welch's

THE individual "Junior" bottle sells for ten cents. Add water, plain or charged, for a long drink.

SEE THAT IT IS COLD.

THE WELCH GRAPE JUICE COMPANY, Westfield, N. Y.



Buy Your Ice Cream In McAllen

We are increasing our capacity to 500 gallons a day. Storage brine tank for 200 gallons insures firmness of the cream up to the moment it leaves our door. We use only pasteurized cream and guarantee the purity of our product.

Don't Be Bothered With Late Trains or Muddy Roads

Leave your standing order with us for ice cream and be sure to get it. Our cream is a treat for any Company mess. The trade of canteens especially solicited.

McAllen Creamery

McALLEN, TEXAS

AVIATION TRAINING CAMP, HEMPSTEAD

First and Second Aero Companies of New York National Guard Assist

WOULD BE GREAT ASSET ON BORDER

Work at the Hempstead Plains Aviation Camp has progressed as fast as inadequate facilities and equipment would permit. Until the Army Appropriation Bill was passed and signed almost no money was available and training at the Hempstead Plains camp was greatly handicapped. Now things should be better, though erroplanes, proper personnel and organization cannot be obtained immediately. One of the most difficult problems is to obtain an adequate force of expert aviation an adequate force of expert aviation mechanicians. There are no great number of such men in this country, and they are high-pay men who cannot often be enlisted on army pay but must usually be engaged as civilian employees.

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In the organization of the Hemptend Plains Aviation Camp the First and Second aero companies of the New York National Guard have quietly performed a very valuable service. Except for them this army training camp certainly could not have been started this summer—probably not before next spring. The part played by such men as Captain Bolling cannot be too highly commended, for these men have done things on their own initiative, not waiting for nor receiving encouragement from the authorities. Even with the small amount of equipment available and the inadequate facilities at hand, twenty men have been trained to the point of flying alone, and some twenty more are well advanced in their training. Many of these should progress to the point of passing the reserve aviation officers' tests before autumn is over. Already three or four have passed these tests and are doing cross-country flying.

The experience of the two New York National Guard aero companies should prove of great value in the development of an aviation reserve. Much that could hardly have been foreseen has been learned from their experience.

The Rattler is in receipt "with the compliments of the authors" of a sheet of music entitled "For Our Great Big U. S. A. (Soldier, Soldier, Soldiering). The words are by P. P. Blackburn, Lt. U. S. Navy and the music by J. F. Kutz, paymaster, U. S. N. The editorial force hope to be able to sing it by Christmas day when we celebrate the holidays on the Border.

Division Headquarters has moved into the new mess hall, which is most com-fortable and a great improvement on the hurricane scarred old tent and

The fleld firing range at La Gloria for the infantry, cavalry and engineers has been completed after a week's work by Lieut. Palmers company of the 22nd Regiment Engineers and a squad of electrical artists from the Signal Bat-talions.

talions.

The regiments of the First Brigade will commence hiking to the range this week. They will go into camp and spend several days with the first field firing problems of any account the New York Division has been privileged to enjoy. 'Back home way' we cannot get enough wild country.

The New York State team will prob-bly leave for Jacksonville Florida, this ably leave for Jacksonville Florida, this week. All the preliminary team praetice will take place there on the state range, where the national match will be shot October 24 and 25th. The organizations which will be represented on the team are the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 23rd, and 74th regiments of Infantry, 1st Cavalry, Squadron A, 22nd Regiment Engineers, Ordnance Department, Medical Corps and Quartermaster Corps

The Second Regiment did not go to Camp Whitman when they reached New York State but proceeded to their home stations. Troy, Schenectady, Cohoes Gloversville, Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs, Glenn Falls, Hoosick Falls, and Whitehall, where they are to be mustered out of the federal service.

The 3rd Infantry and 71st Infantry have been mustered out. The first comprises former separate company organizations in Western New York and the latter has headquarters at Park avenue and 34th street, New York City.

In order to comply with telegraphic instructions from commanding General, Southern Department, under date of September 21, 1916, and upon the rec-ommendation of the Division Surgeon, ommendation of the Division Surgeon, a Board of Officers is appointed for the purpose of having individual finger print records made of all the members of the command. Detail for the board: Major William H. Steers, Division Sanitary Inspector; Captain Charles A. Brown, 1st New York Cavalry; First Lieutenants Lefferts Hutton, 7th New York Infantry; First Lieutenant James T. Houghton, 69th New York Infantry; First Lieutenant John W. Abbott, 12th New York Infantry; The board is anthorized to act by means of one or more members at a time under the option of the President of the board.

D. GUERRA & SONS, MCALLEN

We welcome to our advertising col-umns the firm of D. Guerra & Sons, gen-eral merchandise, of McAllen. The Guerra store is one of the landmarks of the "Mexican Village" and its prop-rietors are known throughout the com-try. Just now D. Guerra and Sons are catering to a large proportion of the 10,000 New York troops stationed in McAllen.

"I am sorry to hear of the loss of your husband Mrs. Maggs."
"Oh, 'tyas no loss, ma'am. He was insured for one thousand dollars."

News Sent in by Our Division Units

12TH INFANTRY.

Books which have been written about Famous Rivals of History are no longer up to date. Another chapter has been written in the history of famous rivals, and it awaits the master pen of a great historian. The 12th Infantry numbers the two most famous rivals of to-day. Needless to add, they both are in that liveliest of all companies—the Supply Company, and it goes without saying that theirs is the most picturesque and romantic calling: mule-driving. They are not rivals for the hand of some fair lady; indeed we doubt whether in the heat of competition they have time to think of fair dames or any other dames. The prize cach is after, the trophy each thinks he has within his grasp, the honor to which each thinks he is already entitled is the coveted title of Best Teamster in the 12th Regiment. Close is the race, and great the interest it arouses throughout the New York Division. The result is uncertain, but we may safely predict that Tommy Mae will get the blue ribbon. Now, reader, if you are so ignorant that you will need to ask the names of these renowned masters of the lines, you will learn that they are Tom McEntee and Tom McNaughton.

At last the Hospital Corps of the 12th have buried the hatchet, and now, like gentle lambs, eat off the same dish. In other words, Cook Goddisart runs the whole double mess—and a damfine mess it is!

Somebody sprang the rumor (rumor, rumor—what does that strange word mean?) that you get pie at least once a week in G and F. This accounts for the rush of applictaions to be transferred to those two companies. We never heard of any such rush, but we heard the rumor and therefore explain what must be the inevitable consequence.

Talking about rumors, it is an interesting fact about the 12th that no wild rumors about going home originate there. The men of our regiment know what a serious thing it is to give false hopes, or to dash justified hopes, when the length of our remaining Border service means so much to most of us. Nevertheless, nowhere do rumors, once they are born, travel fas

is slow.

Social note—Quite a number of the summer residents on the shore of Lake Quackenbos (shown on the map by a dotted line) left the attractive colony of Col. Johnston's last Friday evening for Brownsville, where they remained until Sunday evening. The road between "Dandy Dozen Hollow" and the seashore were crowded wift their Rolls-Royces and Flats. Perhaps some of these machines broke down on the return trip, for several of the excursionists failed to answer check roll call at taps on Sunday evening.

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Another social item—Thomas Meloughton, Esquire, of West Fifty-somed Street, drove a team of six in the rentlemen's events on Saturday aftersoon at Division Field, in a way that would make some of the east-sixty some-odd-between-Madison-and-Fifth young bloods whose pictures adorn the pages of "Town and Country" take notice. The fashionable assemblage who witnessed the exhibition did NOT include Thomas McEntee, Esquire. This well-known M. F. H.

Pugilistic note—See current biography of Sammy Berger.

Obituary—The rumor that we are going home a week after the 2nd and 3rd

nfantry.
Birth—A new hope every time a new

Birth—A new hope every time a new rumor strikes camp.
Wedding—Sergeant Major Martin Ryan, to Miss Certainty-that-we're-staying-here-one-year. Best man: the god of joy; bridesmaid: the goddess of jubilation. (We're just putting this in as an experiment. Please omit flowers at our funeral.)
Financial item—Invocatat financial

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Financial item—Important financial transactions took place in the last tent of a certain company street. The scene was as animated as the Chicago wheat pit last July. One glance at the excited group revealed nothing but posterior portions, as all were crowded close, facing toward the center, whence peculiar sounds of clicking and rolling proceeded, accompanied by mysterious exclamations as "Shoot a dollar" and so on. We've purposely headed this "Financial item" in the hope that some fiscal expert will tell us why a dollar should be shot.

Literary note—The correspondents of

be shot.

Literary note—The correspondents of
the 12th have (or has) formed a union,
for the purpose of securing working
hours. If we can't get working hours,
we'll be satisfied with a few working
minutes that we can give to The
Rattler.

Journalistic note—Hereafter, companies will have to send in their stuff, through a company correspondent. Don't tell us that in this famous regiment, every company cannot produce its star reporter! star reporter!

TROOP "A" NOTES, 1ST N. Y. CAV.

Bill Olsen better known as the "Slippery Swede," has just completed his latest novel "Why I Don't Need Work." Bill has requested that his estamed contemporaries. Private Russell

his latest novel "Why I Don't Need Work." Bill has requested that his esteemed contemporaries, Private Russell, Heatherton and Ettelson (all of whom have received their degree of D. D.,) be given due credit also. We refer them to Sergt. Brewster for same.

Much credit is due to Private "Bill" Coppenger, Ed Durney and Jim Balen for the splendid work they did in building the saddle house at the foot of the troop street. As a result the atmosphere is not so full of x x (censored words) so often heard when we used to carry the saddle equipment down from the tents in the morning.

William Stegman, or rather Pinochle Bill, played a good one the night of the recent heavy rain storm. It was his sturn to go out and put down the flaps. Bill foxed his corporal. After the squad to searched for 2 hours, some one clse had to do it. When reveille blew next morning, everyone had their eyes peeled to see where he was. All of a sudden one of the gun boots fell over and out crept do our hero from its depths. Moral. "It tapsys to be short, sometimes even in the

army."

A very pleasant trip to Corpus Christiwas enjoyed by Mess Sergeant Hughic Oram, Corporal Carl Busch, Private Alfred and Arthur Busch, Judging from some of the remarks one of the party made during his sleep, bathing at the resort with the ladies must be worth the trip alone. Why even Hughic is off his feed since the trip and seems to be able to take liquid refreshment only. What kind of a place is this Corpus Christif Resolved that a committee be formed to take it up with our captain that the next hike be there,—and eyes right.

right.

Rumor has it that Sergt. "Bill" Grange has worn out 2 pairs of riding breeches sitting up nights practing his "Fifth Ave. Gimp." It is reported that "Doe" Powers when asked about Bill".

"Fifth Ave. Gimp." It is reported that "Don' Powers when asked about Bill's injury, made the remark that the hamstring was injured. Perhaps we know now what was meant when "Doc' said, "Bill, dont tune up too fast-when you get back to the city."

Private Schoenberg better known as "Skinny" had a very rare experience a few days ago. Skinny stands about 6 ft 2 inches and tips the beam at 111 pounds the eening being dark Skinny stood in the center of the tent debating whether to go down to curry his horse to re keep out of the kitchen police. Duras ing this lapse of unconsciousness, in rushed the 5th squad from a heavy detail. Taking Skinny for the tent pole they piled gunboots, sabres and canteen on his perfect hirty-six. Why continue, this sad episode. Look at his field glasses. The left support is broken and a new pane is needed.

INTRODUCING MOTOR

INTRODUCING MOTOR TRUCK CO. NO. 35

TRUCK CO. NO. 35

While we are not technically a unit of the New York Division, the fact that we have been closely associated with it since our arrival in Mission, July 26th, has led us to take a more than easual interest in the Division and it's affairs.

So we did not feel that we were trespassing when we asked the Editor for a little space in the Division's official publication. The fact that our genial and efficient commanding officer, Lieut, J. W. O'Mahoney, comes from the Corps of Engineers should alone secure our recognition.

Motor Truck Company No. 35 came to the Border with the intention of making a record for itself, and at the same time demonstrate that motor transportation can be just as efficient as any other branch of the service. And we take pride in saying that so far we have lived up to our ideal.

Our success in transporting the Second and Sixty-ninth Infantry and their supplies to Sterling's, and again transferring the Second to Pharr and the 69th to McAllen, was notable, although part of the time we worked under adverse difficulties and suffered greatly from lack of proper equipment, which was no fault of ours. The fact that we did so well was due to the ability of

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September 24th, we moved our head-quarters from Mission to McAllen, and are now comfortably located in our new camp across from the First Field Artillery. Our health report is excellent, and we are as jolly and contented a bunch as you could wish to meet, and work—that's our middle name. We work every day in the week and some more on Sunday.

Lieut. J. W. O'Mahoney is our commanding officer; H. H. Beeson, is truckmaster, in charge of section One; David Barelay, assistant truckmaster, in charge of Section Two, which is located at Pharr; and Robert King is company clerk.

CONVENIENCE SOMETIMES

Rattler dropped in over at the Division Camp Exchange to see how things were

progressing.

He was surprised to find such a complete stock of just the things the men in camp need and have needed since being here but could not get heretofore. The layout of the store impresses this on the mind of the visitor as being arranged especially for his convenience. While there the Rattler reporter overheard a conversation which Manager O. K. Schwind afterwards told him occurs fifty times a day. As nearly as

an remember it, the conversation

was like this:

Mr. Schwind in his cusomary affable Mr. Schwind in his cusomary affable manner approaches the P. P. (prospective purchaser) with, "What can we do for you today?" "What do you get for your locker trunks?" "\$9.50 sir," "Holy smoke, the Government issues them for \$4.03, you must want to make a peachy profit (only peachy was not the word he used.) over here." was not the word he used, over he can we noticed a peculiar expression come over Mr. Schwind's face, but he kept right to the same line of affability and answered. "Do you for a minute think the can have a gheanly as the Goy. that we can buy as cheaply as the Gov-ernment? And besides that just stop to think for a minute that the Government charges you men no profit and no overhead for handling. We have to pay today more than twice what the Gov here and have to pay the freight and then make a small profit, so you see it is really unfair to compare our prices with issue prices on anything."? The prospective purchaser, after this explanation, saw the difference and left his order before going out of the store.

explanation, saw the difference and left his order before going out of the store. If Mr. Schwind and his able staff have to do that kind of work all day they can have their jobs and we'll stick to ours on The Rattler.

TONY'S MENU

Tony Orlick, the chef of Troop D, Ist Cavalry, whom the boys brought down with them from the Farm in Syracuse, has found that goat makes a fine substitute for roast beef. It's just a theory as yet for Tony hasn't the nerve to try it on the tired troopers. When he gets back to Syracuse where the

Courtesy is Currency"

Perhaps you too have been surprised at the courtesy and the efficiency of the First State Bank of McAllen.

Back in Massachusetts or N. Y. such a bank might be expected - - though I've seen some mighty disobliging Banks down East.

But here in Texas--

Do you know that the banking laws of Texas make a small bank just as safe as if it were insured? Ask the bank about that Guaranty Fund. Find out what it means.

Do you know you can get a check cashed here without red tape---without paying exchange, an almost unheard-of thing?

Do you know that this bank is handling dozens of short term, small balance accounts on which it does not even earn its extra clerk hire, and does it willingly? Consider how the State Bank of McAllen makes the town.

Judge Glasscock, the President, is an irrigation specialist who knows land values. When he lends money on a land mortgage, that money is safe.

Frank G. Crow, the Vice-President, is a figure among Mc-Allen business men and a man of rare keenness. R. E. Horn, the Cashier, is a man hard to find in a small town, a man who knows banking and who knows the depositor's side of the fence as well.

This Bank has extended every courtesy to officers and men of the New York Division.

It requests but two favors:

Treat it Honestly, for every individual man controls the reputation of the entire Division.

Put your account here of one hundred dollars or over. For details call and see Mr.

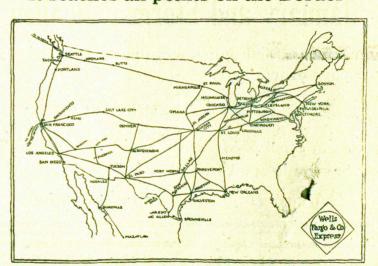
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A Guaranty Fund Bank C. D. Zachry, Asst. Cashier

R. E. Horn, Cashier J. R. Glasscock, Asst. Cashier

Wells Fargo Follows The Flag

It reaches all points on the Border



Wells Fargo takes this opportunity to extend its good wishes to the boys at the front.

Wells Fargo, too, is in the field.

Wells Fargo is here to serve you, not only with speedy, responsible, efficient transportation service, but with its specialized, personal service as

Do you want to send a package---a souvenir perhaps? Wells Fargo will carry it for you swiftly, safely, and at low rates.

Do you want to know how money can be transmitted in the safest possible way? A Wells Fargo Money Order is both safe and convenient.

Do you want to carry money so that no one but you can get it, and yet so that you can always get it? Wells Fargo Travelers Checks are issued for

Do the folks at home wish to send you a package? Wells Fargo will bring it to you quickly and safely. Tell them to ship it via the Fargo Way.

Send by Wells Fargo-Have It Come Wells Fargo