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Not Really, But in a Field Exercise---What was at the Bottom of the Row

(Special to The Rattler.) London, Conn., Sept. 19. Major General Tasker H.



Brigadier-General William S. McNair, Commanding New York Artillery Brigade, McAllen, Texas

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BOYS AND GIRLS

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, JR., CHAIR'M

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News Sent in by Our Division Units.

12TH INFANTRY

During the ten-day hike from which the regiment returned last week the most popular marching song was the following, sung to the tune of "John Browns," Pody";

All we do is sign the pay-roll
All we do is sign the pay-roll
All we do is sign the pay-roll

As a matter of fact the payrolls had proved a bugbear to the company clerks, company officers and first ser geants, and all others concerned. There seem to be ten thousand rules which must be observed in filling them out and to judge from what most men told the men of other companies, the rolls were made over, on the average, something like twenty times. But all of a sudden, when it was least expected, pay call was sounded, on Thursday afternoon. On Thursday evening, the few men who had not yet discovered the following fact about Texas quickly became aware of it. Everything you handle sticks you—not only the cactus, mesquite and other plants; not only the gnats, mosquitoes, flies, scorpions, "tankarillas," and other critters, but likewise and in especial the indigenous specimens of genus homo. Look out for yourselves, you petty tradesment The Dandy Dozen will turn out to be a Dangerous Dozen!

The other day (our compassion for the responsible parties makes us indefinite) retreat was sounded as usual, and as usual, Color Sergeants Hogan and Bajart took the national and regimental colors from their sockets. But where the two color guards supposed to be detailed to assist in furling and casing! Had two men been detailed at all! Anyway there were none. The Color Sergeants, who had never known such a thing to happen in their many years of service, did not want to mar the ceremony by calling out, so they started to furl the colors as best they could when Colonel Johnston, first to notice something was amiss, ran up just in time to prevent a corner of Old Glory touching the ground, and he called to Capt. Mitchell, who had also been standing some distance away. The two officers then devotedly helped furl and ease the colors.

The most enterprising member of the regiment is the barber of Co. H
We won't mention his name, so as no
to make this a free advertisement, but
his improvised shop deserves honor
able mention. It is located at the foot
of the company street, and consists of
a wall tent fly left behind by the Tist
and floored by lumber picked up here
and there by the ''boss.' There are two
chairs, which he built himself. They
have comfortable cushions (of canvas
from disearded tentage, stuffed with
fine hay)' tilting backs and adjustable
cushioned headrests. Plane these chairs
smooth, stain, varnish and re-upholster
them, and they would do for Broadway,
of course there is a stand for the various instruments of torture, which are
almost of Gotham grade and condition.
Waiting customers can sit on a bench
and read the Police Gazette, Life,
Puck and Judge, same as in their home
towns. The only thing lacking is the
sound of a bootblack's "Shine, boss"
But there are plenty of machahoos running around MeAllen who'd jump at
the chance.

General Rumor is out of the gust house once more. This time it is the the Twelfth, having made the best r cord on the hike, won the admiratio of the War Department and Whit House, which will keep them on it Border longer than any other Nationa

An Edison phonograph of flue tone and great carrying power has been bought by one of the officers, and now in the cool of the Texas evenings many of us can absorb good music, from lively ragtime to classic symphony movements. But be it known that the first to make use of a phonograph was Sergeant James Connor, of Company G. He unpacked his little soundbox one or two days after we arrived at Mc-Allen, when we were still sleeping in our shelter tents. Old Jim was always in the lead.

in the lead.

Sergent Louis Goodman of the Headquarters Company is probably the only lawyer by profession among the enlisted men, and the trouble with him is that he lets you know it. Interpretations of W. D. G. Os., international law, reasons why we're on the Border and the correct ''dope'' on when we're going home flow as easily from Loui's well of oratory as did classical orations from Demonsthenes' mouthful of

We have a new Adjutant's office and it certainly is a pippin. No office in the Equitable Building or even at 23 Wall has anything on it. The regimental carpenters made one fine job of it. In such an environment it is no wonder that the workers work like bees in a hive. The motto of the Adjutant, Captain Zorn, is "Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re."

Now we're going home tomorrow.

SRD AMBULANCE CO.

Tears are in our eyes—Tears not of sorrow but of laughter. While the boys from the suburbs (all the other ambulance companies) played around Camp Whitman—instructing each other—The men of the Third Ambulance Company thinking of nothing but suc-

cor—and eats—and heats—parboiled the serves in this Garden of Edin. To the pave the way for aftercoming events and the serves of the serves o

Trips to Hidalgo, Mission and Pharr were of daily occurence beside the routine at McAllen—not forgetting Brownsville and San Antonio, to make things engine

To us this seemed merely in the line of duty and not deserving of self laudation.

Now boys be good-We all want t

Selah.

Speaking of going home, said Rose o Leahy: "Say! let's start a boarding house down here." "Why," sked Leahy. "Why! to take care of he R-umours." Out of the mess hall

Since the completion of our mess hall, the adoption of the Pasdos system of separate table service and the installation of Dawson as head cook with Sassie as assistant, he boys are unanimous in proclaiming a vast improvement in the mess. The meals are better in quality and far more tastily served under the direction of Dawson, and his detail, consisting of Fasenfeld and Barry, are giving table service that

FVI. Clanan, who has spent a full month as detail on the motor ambulance train, reports an interesting, if at times tryig, experience. The train has plied between McAllen, terlings Ranch ad Monte Christo in its transportation work. Calahan speaks highly of the treatment received at the hands of both the Monte Christo and the Steplings Ranch people, having been repeatedly the guest of Mr. Sterling himself. We are glad then to learn that there is something in this talk of outhern hospitality after all.

mine course of the "ord's," transportation work many reports of commendation have come in concerning the
are exercised by individual Ambulance
lrivers when transporting a patient.
Lonsidering the oughness of Texas
ighways and the heavy constuction
necessay to make a field ambulance
ted to its work, it is much to the dedit
of the "3rd's," corps of drivers, mosty recruits from office and other inloor work, that they have been able to
this work to the satisfaction and
ommendation of those entrusted to
heir care, not to mention work of a
cavier nature on the escort wagons.
The "3rd's," drivess are: Ambunees—F. Sabater, Delisie, Cronin,
laughey, McCarthy, Kehoe, W. Moore,
chaeffer, Smith, Sheriden, Ramsey and
heiso. Escort wagons — Downey,
richie Manning and R. Barrows.

THE 71ST ARRIVES AT

The first of the New York regiments to get home from Border duty, the Seventy-first, arrived at Camp Whitman September 11th and marched the mile or more to its new eamp-site. Within an hour the regiment had the lines for the various company streets laid out, with the knowledge that if paratyphoid, the disease which made its appearance at Mission, Tex., started again, the troops period of quarantine would be indefinite. At present the regiment is under military quarantine, that is, no one may pass between the lines of the camp, which by its position is considered isolated by the

army medical authorities.

Although the regiment has been less than five days in a troop train, there had been no sickness to spenk of. Out of an almost perfect record of health, the regiment had one suspended paratyphoid case—that of James Reagan of Company E. According to the regimental Surgeon, Reagan's conditions revealed but few of the symptoms of paratyphoid shown by the three members of the regiment left at the regular army base hospital in San Antonio, and it was hoped today that his case had been misjudged in its relation to paratyphoid, as his condition was im-

Colonel William H. Page of the regular army, in charge of the brigade base hospital, said that he considered the necessity for a quarantine for the Seventy-first only temporary, but the medical examinations imposed on the Fourteenth Regiment, which is due at Camp Whitman within the next few days, would be more rigorous, because, as far as is known the paratyphoid originated an the Fourteenth and the majority of cases had been reported from that regi-

PRIVATE KID MCCOY TO BE CAPT

Norman Selby, better known to the sporting fraternity of the world as Kid McCoy is enjoying a thirty days' furlough from the 71st regiment, with which he enlisted when the first call was sounded for service on the Mexican border.

Mr. and Mrs. Selby are touring i their eight-cylinder Cadiffac autom bile and will remain a few days i the Adirondaeks before returning t New York. Mr. Selby has qualife for a commission in the aviation corp of the United States Army and is hope ful that in the near future he will receive an appointment as captain i that branch of service,

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FUNSTON!

One of our leading statesmen has said: "I don't want men who are habitually unlucky, because in such cases 'unlucky' and 'incompetence' are synonyms." The converse is likewise true and we have one general officer whose habitual and chronic luck spells ABLE in capital letters. General Frederick Funston has been there with the "Insurrectos" in Cuba, against the "Insurrectos" in the Philippines, during the San Francisco fire, at Vera Cruz, and lastly under a tremendous load of responsibilities, has handled a most delicate international situation skillfully and successfully.

We understand young Mr. Funston was once rejected by the 71st N. Y. Infantry because he did not measure up to physical standards. All we can say is "Now look at him." We had hoped to see General Funston down here; he would have received a hearty welcome throughout the length and breadth of the Division, but we realize how difficult it has been to get away from one of the biggest military jobs since the Civil War.

The Rattler coils to attention and salutes General Funston with all

The Rattler coils to attention and salutes General Funston with all five of its rattles!

HOME!

There is but one source from which an order returning the troops There is but one source from which an order returning the troops of the New York Division to their home station can come. That source is the War Department at Washington. No one here has been consulted, no advice on the subject has been asked for and none volunteered. This is as it should be, for we are soldiers.

The Guard has seen three full months of active duty—an interval of time that was prescribed as the full enlistment period of the Northern soldiers at the beginning of the Civil War.

Both officers and men have brought to the performance of their

Both officers and men have brought to the performance of their work a zeal, resourcefullness and intelligent application that have resulted in big accomplishments. That is the verdict of distinguished experts. The same intelligence which has so actively guided the Guardsman's work, is almost unavoidably employed in determining the need of his further stay on the Border. Not in the spirit of criticism or disloyalty does his mind work, but, as he has an operating mind it overates.

mind, it operates.

For example, he understands that reasons other than those mentioned in the press may have contributed to the decision to mobilize the Guard. He understands that the same reasons may dictate a partial demobilization only, at the present time. He does not question the Government's decisions in matters of policy. But his active mind working with an intimate knowledge of the many circumstances affecting him and his organization is continously asking the question, why not a partial demobilization conducted in a manner to give the Government the greatest efficiency from units designated to remain, with the least inconvenience to the soldiers who have already made so many sacrifices in supporting the policies of their ready made so many sacrifices in supporting the policies of their Government?

Government?

Why for example is not the transfer of men authorized to be made to and from units designated to return? If the 100th Infantry is designated to return to New York, why should not the men of that regiment desiring to continue in active service be transferred to units to remain, while men having substantial reasons for returning, be transferred from such units to the regiments under orders to return.

At least this might be done to the extent of a "man for man" transfer. To accept the transfer of men whose homes are not at the regimental station should not involve difficulties for the returning regiment, because upon arrival at home station, such men could be placed on detached service for regular drills at their town armories. Upon return of a regiment from the Border its old men could be transferred back.

This method would give relief to many men whose absence from home, due to special circumstances, is a continuing hardship at this time. It would leave the Army on the Border largely evacuated of men whose active minds are dwelling on the circumstances which plead for their return—circumstances which through no fault of

theirs they cannot control.

In conclusion The Rattler acknowledges its faith in the judgment of Uncle Sam and pays its compliments to his loyal and obedient soldiers—and to their active, intelligent minds, which make them so

of United Sam and pays its compliments to his loyal and obedient soldiers—and to their active, intelligent minds, which make them so eliminary discovered in action, and so generous and efficient in service, so resourceful in action, and so generous and reasonable under trying errumstances.

A recent news dispatch from El Paso states that from the seat of a wagon. Francisco Villa addressed the population of Statevo, Chilushia, after his forces captured the town about three vecks ago.

"You see before you Pancho Villa, the bandit. But you also see them no namiosity."

As a bandit, Pancho, we like you; you are more interesting and amusing and have more of the timel and glamor of a circus side show than any one we can think of excepting perhaps Geronimo, Aguinal-do, Felizardo and other gentlemen of their class, who have played with us.

Ordinarily we are not adverse to hearing your eloquence, and it is now, each with the same. Pancho, the glamor of your personality will not daze—nor your clapitage only the day only when you approach wearing masks of admiration for us that we have, missing the persons moted alove, feel, in passing, however, who alous the feel, in passing, however, who alous the feel, in passing, however, to allow the person who undertakes the compilation of your biography.

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PERSONALS

Lieut. Col. J. M. Wainwright of the Inspector General's Department, N. G., N. Y., who has been at Division Headquarters about two months representing Governor Whitman, has returned to New York City. He enjoyed many of the hikes with the various organizations and was delighted with his service with the New York troops.

Colonel James M. Andrews of the 2nd. Infantry and some of his staff of ficers enjoyed dinner at Division Head-quarters Saturday evening after which the "peerless" 2nd. Infantry Band gave a delightful concert at our open air theatre.

Lieut. Elwood Groesbeck of Co. 2nd. Infantry, who has been ill in thospital a few days, has returned duty.

Major William E. Welsh of the U.S. Infantry, who has been one of the Instructor-Inspectors with the New York National Guard the past two years, has been appointed Lieut. Colonel of the 23rd. Infantry and has joined that regiment at Pharr. He came from San Francisco where he had been on Special duty. We are glad to welcome him back to the New York Division.

Major Walter G. Robinson of the 2nd Infantry, who has been very ill with paratyphoid, is improving. He is at the Base Hospital at San Antonio.

Captain Felix A. Donnelly, Adjutant of the 69th. Infantry, has been granted a leave of absence and has gone to New York City.

Chaplain S. Parkes Cadman and Ma-or John R. Kevin of the 23rd. Infantry ave been granted one month's leave f absence, begginning September 18th.

1st. Lieut. Eugene F. Connolly, Med-ral Corps, is relieved from duty with ne 2nd, Infantry and assigned tempor-rily to duty at the Camp Hospital.

Lieut. R. D. Dumont, Aide to Com-nanding General 3rd. Brigade, has been granted a month's leave of absence.

Captain J. J. Daly of the 22nd. Regt. of Engineers is on leave of absence and has gone to California on business. Lieut. S. F. Weaver and Lieut. C. R. Baines of the 12th. Infantry have been granted leaves of absence of one month.

Captain Rupert Hughes of the 69th., the celebrated author, has been granted a fifteen days leave of absence and has returned to New York City.

Lieut. Thomas E. Hitchcock, 1st. Field Artillery, has been granted a month's leave of absence, commencing

Lieut. Phillip B. Weed of the 1st. Field Artillery will go on a fifteen day leave of absence September 30.

Captain Clarence J. Walker, 23rd. Infantry, has been granted a month's leave of absence from September 15th.

Lieut. John .G Goetz, 2nd. Infantry, has been detailed to duty with the Di-vision Quartermaster at McAllen.

Captain Joseph C. Fogarty of the 69th Infantry has been granted a month's leave of absence from September 15th.

ATHLETICS

Our companion in arms, Major Edard Olmsted, Assistant Chief of Staff, determined to settle the question of ertain insignia, even if the heavens all. We applaud his enterprise even if the heavens all. We applaud his enterprise even it complishment.

Colonel Andrews has threatened us with isolation. We hope he thinks better of the before this edition is circular theorem of the february of the companion which make The and and and an in and all and in leand a lad shores, and and a one mile relay race open to any troop or company in the New York and groping round can find your own own of the time of the before this edition is circular and a one mile relay race open to any troop or company in the New York and groping round can find your own own of the standard and the installing of tropical plants, the Pracio Bandholtz, at Division Head and entires should be forwarded to the athletic committee as soon as a summer sea.

With the dedication of the mess hall and the installing of tropical plants, the Pracio Bandholtz, at Division Head on each side of the proposed garden of plants will be in occupiated and the posture a lease for over a month from any of the tenants.

Lieut. Col. J. M. Wainwright of the cannel of posture and posture



As yet we have not heard of the challenge Squadron A has issued to the 1st. Cavalry for that game of foot ball.

A fifteen round fight is being ar-ranged between Sergeant Anderson of the 1st. Field Artillery and Barney Williams of the 2nd. Field for the championship of the Army and Navy.

WOMEN AND COURAGE

The Soldier's "If"

If you can take your mess tins to the cook shack,

And gulp down greasy spuds and old corned beef,

And at the table keep the boys all smiling

While all the time you're feeling half asleep;

And at the table keep the boys all to the bone,

And the old Gulf breeze just tries to make you shiver,

Don't say, 'Oh, Lord, I wish that I was home.''

If in the afternoon you start a naping, When the flies begin to buzz around, don't curse.

Just start to brush, and keep right on brushing
And remember that they might be ten times worse.

If you can do all this and still be merry, and from this lift just get a bit of joy, When you go home o where you'll all be welcome, You'll then know that you're a soldier, boy.

If you can hear your name cailed for some detail,
Fill your canteen and start out on your way,
To hustle bags of oats and clean up picket lines
And still be glad you're getting fifty cents a day;

home.''

As you lay on your cot, the day's work over,
And Taps comes sounding through the cool night air,
Be happy that you're fit to serve your country,
And contented as you say your evening prayer.

The Incinerator

Dame Rumor, that scandalous, facile tongued sister of Mrs. Grundy, has worked her havoe among the boys in dar the search that the state of absence of a two weeks leave of absence. "Charlie" was quite put out the other day while walking through Park Row when a street vendor almost insisted on his purchasing a copy of "How to Become an American Citizen".

A good card of fights was conducted at the 1st. Field Artillery arena These day in the 1st. Field Artillery arena These day in the 1st. Field Artillery arena These day in the 1st. Field forced Cohen of the 2th. to stop in the this? round of a six cound hout. Sergeant Anderson won over Miller of the 5th Regiment, U. S. Regulars. The main bout was between "Sailor." Burman was awarded the fight and forced most of the fight and forced most of the fight and forced most of the fight and forced many and Navy in his class, in a 10 round go for a purse of \$150. Burman and Private Williams, champion of the Army and Navy in his class, in a 10 round go for a purse of \$150. Burman was awarded the fight and forced most of the fight and forced most of the fight and forced many and Navy in his class, in a 10 round go for a purse of \$150. Burman was awarded the fight and forced most of the fight and forced most of the fight and forced many and Navy in his class, in a 10 round go for a purse of \$150. Burman was awarded the fight and forced many and Navy in his class, in a 10 round go for a purse of \$150. Burman was awarded the fight and forced many and Navy in his class, in a 10 round go for a purse of \$150. Burman was awarded the fight and forced many and Navy in his class, in a 10 round go for a purse of \$150. Burman was awarded the fight and forced many and Navy in his class, in a 10 round go for a purse of \$150. Burman was awarded the fight and forced many and Navy in his class, in a 10 round go for a purse of \$150. Burman was awarded the fight and forced his purse of the fig

One young lady up north would like more news in "The Rattler" about the 1st Field Artillery because—oh, well, because He belongs. Wouldn't it be an awful lesson to her if we should print her name right out?

Notre Dame foot ball team must believe in preparedness. They have scheduled a game with one of the Texas Universities.

Frontier day, Saturday, September 30th, and the 1st Cavalry Horse Show October 7th. Who said this was not an exciting life?

A fifteen round fight is being ar-

HOBSON'S CHOICE.

Between a bottle of grape juice and stein of lemonade.

The silver lining of this especial loud will be revealed about six months com now. The scene will be a parlor, ballroom, a restaurant, or any one if a hundred places. There will be itis, lots of them; trim, dainty and

Enersty anyway.

Feeling blue until I got a long letter from Mabel. Wonderful what a letter will do. She said Jim had gone to Plattsburgh to defend his country. Isn't patriotism marvelous?

Deleted By The Censor.

SHARYLAND A GARDEN SPOT OF FARMS AND HOMES AND PEOPLE

New York Guardsmen Surprised to Find a Model Settlement Here on the Border---Crops Include Grape Fruit, Vegetables and Everything But Corn Flakes and Army Coffee

THE STORY OF SHARYLAND, BY FRED B. BARTON, 1ST. N. Y. CAVALRY

We were just a few hours off the train and we wanted to go back. It wasn't that we had mined the long fixed day trip that brought us from the heart of New York City to the edge of the Rio Grande—not that, But some one had bungled in ordering us to All sales, Soudang rass, smillet, vegetables—these are the staples. In addition to want and already we were feeling to be river that day hotter than it has ever fets since.

We were the First Squadron of the First N, Y. Cavalry, and Texas looked pretty poor to us. Our horses were a great fruit. The citrus fruits grown in Sharyland orchards are pronounced the equal if not the superior of those grown aprety poor to us. Our horses were are lacky enough to have dry cigarettes in the country. Imagine picklet, and we did. ''Route order'' was passed along the line, and those that were funcky enough to have dry cigarettes lighted up.

It is only five miles from Mission to McAllen, but soft as we were, we halt ed the more lughted to the worder was a preservoir for water during the heavy layer of silt over everything it irrigates, Sharyland soil never needs a heavy layer of silt over everything it irrigates, Sharyland soil never needs a heavy layer of silt over everything it irrigates, Sharyland soil never needs a heavy layer. What's that the sign says?—SHARYLAND!''

Whatever Sharyland was, we had no idea, neither then nor for weeks to home. It wasn't anything cool to drink

SHARYLAND!? Whatever Sharyland was, we had no idea, neither then nor for weeks to come. It wasn't anything cool to drink or anything to sell at advanced prices to soldiers so we rather lost interest in

it.

But I'm here to admit that on that day, July sixth, Sharyland looked mighty inviting to us of the New York Cavalry. Even from the road it looked well-kept, as if some one with ambition and organization had stepped in to make Sharyland the garden spot of the Rio Grande Valley.

When we came to know Sharyland better; we found this was exactly the ease.

limb into the Ford and let us make of inspection. 30 Square Miles of Farms



cres of shade trees along Shary Boule

vard;
—Dug 90 miles of irrigation canals and built up an irrigation system second to none in the entire Rio Grande Val-

to none in the entire Rio Grande Valley;

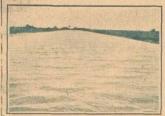
—Invested four million dollars in developments which are already bearing fruit and which will make Sharyland actually the garden spot of Texas.

Maybe you think all this has been easy—that Sharyland grew of itself.

Well, you're nearly right. Things happen in Sharyland. Just get a gang of 500 Mexican "thombres," a few dozen teams of mules with scoops and wagons accompanying, add a few carpenters and engineers and quite a little brainwork in directing the whole—and in two years you can accomplish what would require six to eight years in any other part of the country.

An astounding statement, but Sharyland proves it. You can buy a 20-acre farm in Sharyland at the modest cost of two hundred dollars up to a thousand dollars an acre, the price depending on location, watch it come out or the brush under the laborers' hand, and inside of a few months have a home and a farm that pays you a living.

Sharyland claims to have the richest soil in the whole Southeastern part of the country, and again results tell the tale. Crops here have a natural advantage of one to two morths over crops grown elsewhere in the state.



Veritable Lake in Itself and is used by the Good Folk of Sharylan for Swimming.





The Shary Organization.



if he wants it, and rural free denvery to his door."

In a few months Sharyland will be enjoying 24-hour electric light service from the new Ice, Light and Water Plant at Mission.

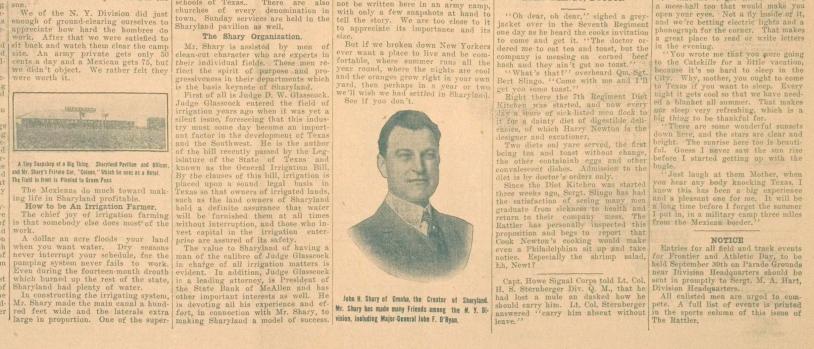
And yet some people up north pretend to pity the poor settlers who live here on the Mexican Border.

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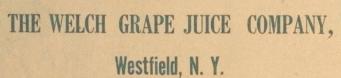
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LETTER FROM PLATTSBURGH MAN

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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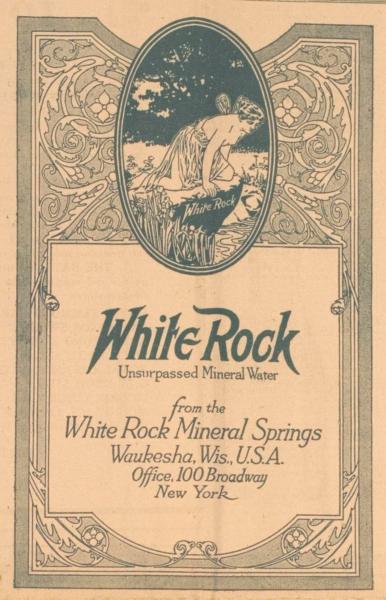
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(By Scoutmaster, No. 20660, Boy Scouts of America, with Battery F, 2nd Field Artillery, U. S. N. Y.) Various criticisms of the Boy Scouts seem to be implied from the phrases frequently used in different organiza-

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White Rock freshly bottled at the Spring, is procurable of all the grocery, drug and bottle trade in all the encampment points.

DRINK



News Sent In By Our Division Units

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18T. BATTALION SIGNAL CORPS.

"Wireless is alright, but we must talk;" but let's have straight talk. The story on Page 6 of "The Rattlet" for September 6th, gave just prominguee and fair service at the terminals, but got its central credit connections badly cross-plugged. Sergeant MacLean, in charge of the entire survey, lay-out, construction and erection of the McAllen Camp telephone system, belongs to Company A., New York Signal Corps, and not to the outfit to which his activities were attributed in these columns one week ago, and whose hat cords resemble ours. His detachment was detailed from Hendquarters, Companies A and B, of the New York Signal al Corps. The system has now been completed, so that every unit headquarters has an instrument on the line; some, who at first wanted none, having since requested, and obtained, two stations. The central, in a snug frame house within the Signal Corps camp, is run centinuously on eight hour shifts. (Would-be date-makers are reminded that the operator, being on duty theoretically at least, wears a pistol at all times.)

The Engineers, besides claiming out telephone work, have anticipated, with their night-burning white lights, an other of our ways of delivering the goods; the successful display of our Very pistol signals, in white and green, last Friday evening may satisfy them



Signal Corps Radio Station

that there are other star shows beside their own.

Since the camp telephone has been tied through with a commercial trunk line, long-distance connections have been made through our Central for talks from New York City with the New York Division, and with local representatives of the New York newspacers.

Beyond the limits of the McAllen camp, the telephone construction and connection has followed the various regiments in their change of station; as, for example, connecting the 69th and 2nd at Sterling's Ranch with Division Headquarters.

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An alarm at Madero on Septembersh, over the Signal Battalion's wire direct to Headquarters at Mission, was handled so promptly that the local detachment of the 3rd Cavalry, accompanied by our Signal Corps men, with buzzer and relephone, was turned out and on the road for Madero in accepting the an amount of the 3rd Cavalry, accompanied by our Signal Corps men, with buzzer and relephone, was turned out and on the road for Madero in accepting the sensitive of the Head of the first of the road for Madero in accepting the perform one duty before another one overtakes him, but has resulted in Company I of the the Madero; and they have been connected by telephone and telegraph with Mission and thence with Division and Regimental Headquarters at McAllen.

The New York Signal Battalion operates and maintains a streeth of the Border line, from Mission to Los Ebanos, west of Sam Fordyee, and has this twenty-mile section under constant partrol, under charge of Sergt. Plyan, Company A. Company B has charge of the Pharr McAllen-Hidalgo branch of the Border line,

The radio sections under Sergeants Upson and Wadelton, stationed for the past three weeks in the interior at Stering's Rameh and Young's Ranch may the past three weeks in the interior at Stering's Ranch and Young's Ranc

Captain Wm. C. Whitener, 36th U. S. Infantry, when inspecting the Signal Battalion on September 7th, sent trial messages of inquiry to the wireless sections at Young's and Sterling's

ranches, and the wire stations at Mission and Phair, and got answers and reports from all in less than one hour's time for the "round trip".

The work of the corps has been greatly facilitated by the arrival early this month of the full quota of horses and pack animals. Now each man is individually mounted and can move quickly to whichever place he is most needed, and the table Guard is getting its much-needed exercise by the light of the moon. The chief nurses under "Doctor" Holton are Sergeants Carsey, and Twining, who are ably assisted by Sergeants Frawley and Rowe, and private Roden.

Major Hallahan has given over his study of "Proper Care of the Feet", and abandoned his endeavor to adapt the infantry pack to Signal Corps needs, by including five miles of wire and a 117-pound generator, which engaged his attention the first five or six weeks of our stay in Texas, in favor of the more brilliant, if clusive, problem of how to water 230 animals from 22 feet of trough in 20 minutes. The four-footed answer so far is, "It can't be done".

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In passing learns the arts of all the schools?
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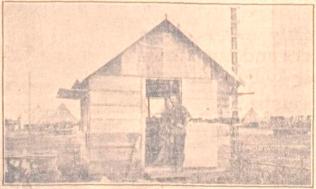
The Signalman, A. S. H.

1ST. CAVALRY.
Since the appearance of the last
Rattler the 1st. Cavalry has moved in
from its summer home in the beautiful from its summer home in the beautiful reseaca swamp to its winter home in the suburbs of McAllen. The new camp was layed out from U. S. army specifications and is in many respects a great improvement. It commands a view of almost a mile of cactus of the beautiful Rio Grande Valley (Valley in the Mexican sense—signifying flat as a pancake.)

There is talk of organizing a maline gun troop for each squadron of Cavalry. Whether or not this troop would be divided into three parts, a platoon to be assigned to each troop, is not yet known. The necessity for more machine guns is being felt constantly. It is the general opinion that it would be beneficial for each troop to have a machine gun platoon attached to it at all times. In this way all the men would become familiar with the operation of the guns.

Troop K, tired of looking through the back of their tents at the I troop palms, have opened up the season by installing a double row of 12 foot date palms. We await with some anxiety the actions of L troop. If this decorative competition becomes keen it is possible to conceive of L troop setting themselves up to lofty cocoanut palms and M troop importing a flock of the famous Geneseo wild oaks. (Fancy sowing wild oaks in Hidalgo county!) In this way we might wake up some morning to find ourselves living in a jungle.

It is rumored that K troop bought



Camp Telephone Exchange

Serggaats Strider and Schutta bave made the Headquarters office look almost like Park Avenue and 34th Street. They are too busy to join even the Rumor Club', and have changed phone namber from "Vanderbilt is nu coms over umber if they desire speech with their southern brothers.

They sleep now in the place where we used to hang our rifles and, open mouthed, soak up information like sponges droppen into a bath tub. It is nuts for the boys who are not non come but are never the less bubbling over with useful military information.

A supply troop and a headquarters roop have been organized in the regiment. The former of the more brilliant, if clusive, problem of how to water 230 animals from 32 feet of trough in 20 minutes. The four-footed answer so far is, "It can't be done".

Company B left at 6.00 A. M. on September 15th, for the "Ranch Route", to be out on hike three days, and ordered to lay wire from Sterling to La Gloria, for wire communication with the Field Artiflery.

Major Leonard D. Wildman, Signal Corps, U. S. A., well known to many

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In Justice to Mission!

THE RATTLER records with grief the fact that MISSION, the most hospitable city of the Valley, now contains not a single New York Guardsman, save for its mounted guards.

The withdrawal of the New York troops from Mission must be laid to expediency. Three regiments were subtracted from the division. It was necessary and advisable to concentrate the remaining troops in two camps. Mission drew the unlucky

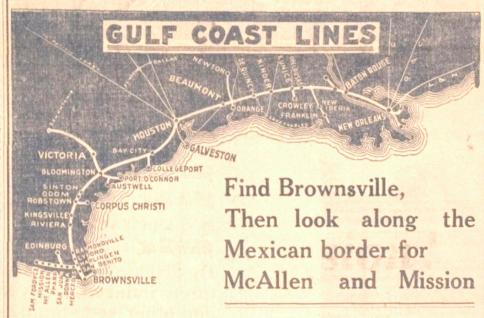
We can do little toward correcting the "typhoid" rumors, the "yellow fever" and worse rumors which, circulating over the country, have done the ambitious city of Mission incalculable harm.

But we can help Mission by aiding its stores to unload their shelves of goods bought for the New York trade---goods marked at fair prices --- goods which you and your friends want.

THE RATTLER urges all officers, company supply sergeants and individuals to lend their patronage to the following Mission stores:

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