

TELEGRAPH LINES IN NATION'S HANDS IF NEED REQUIRES

Senate Also Gives President Power Over 'Phone and Radio Services

NEW NATIONAL VIEWPOINT

People Willing to Study Sweeping Changes and Adopt Them If Necessary

CONGRESS ACTS WITH WISDOM

Almost Continuous Session Since War Results in Accomplishment of Vast Amount of Business

By J. W. MULLER, American Staff Correspondent of THE STARS AND STRIPES.

AMERICA, July 18.—The Senate, by a vote of 46 to 16, has passed the joint resolution giving the President authority to take over the country's telegraph, radio, telephone and cable systems for the duration of the war, whenever he may deem it necessary.

Many prophecies had been made during the week, especially through the highly conservative section of the press, that a long contest was to be expected, but as a matter of fact the result was a foregone conclusion.

The Western Union's attitude towards the suggestions of the War Labor Board apparently did much to incline public opinion toward Government control.

Some Fear Public Ownership. The debate in the Senate was based mainly on the fear of continuing Government control after the war, possibly leading to national ownership.

Several amendments were offered, to provide against censorship, but all were voted down.

The ease with which this most important measure was passed illustrates again the rapidly growing new orientation in social and industrial lines.

Instead of an economic revolution, on which Socialism is predicted, we are engaged in a vast, slowly but steadily proceeding revolution.

Like a Great Laboratory. America may be likened just now to a great laboratory.

Music hath charms to rouse the savage doughty, and that is why each regiment's band is to be increased from 28 to 50 pieces.

The change comes as the result of a study of French military band music and a comparison of the French system with our own.

Band leaders, who have hitherto been non-coms, will be made first or second lieutenants, according as they have had more or less than five years' military experience at that job.

The additions to the old time regimental band will be two band sergeants, two band corporals, four musicians first class, six musicians second class and seven musicians third class.

A bugle and drum corps will be created for every Infantry regiment. Each corps will include all the company buglers and not more than 13 drummers.

SHIP CONSTRUCTION STILL GOING STRONG

Government Contracts for 120,000 Tons in Big Chinese Yards

AMERICA, July 18.—Thirty-five keels are now laid at the Home Island shipyards, and the number of workers is 28,500, with 1,500 more coming.

The Government has contracted for building 120,000 tons of steel cargo ships in the Shanghai, China, shipbuilding yards.

Rapid progress is being made in government construction of model towns for housing shipworkers. The country's best architects are cooperating.

There seems some chance for them to succeed, but if they do get the desired increases, it will inevitably follow that municipal control and regulation will become more intimate and strict.

DULL DAYS ON SANDS

AMERICA, July 18.—A lady police corps on the job at Coney Island gives stern moral instruction to lady bathers who think that man wants but little here below or above either.

They spend their time separating many warmly embracing couples and altogether spoil the whole day for ardent sea bathers.

A lady camouflage corps has camouflaged the wooden battleship Recruit, in Union Square, New York City, in black, white, pink, green and blue.

LIQUOR RIDER NEXT BUSINESS BEFORE SENATE

Wets and Drys Both Shout Victory, but Latter Hold Cards

REVENUE MEASURE THEN UP

War Excess Profits and Luxuries May Provide Good Share of War Taxes

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AMERICA, July 18.—The prohibition amendment to the food bill will be the first matter for consideration when the Senate reconvenes on August 24.

Wets and drys both assert that they are sure of victory, but the general tone of the wet advocates is not quite so confident as it used to be.

It should be understood that this prohibition amendment to the food bill is a different thing from the prohibition amendment to the Constitution, already before the nation.

After prohibition is out of the way, Congress will presumably tackle the great revenue measure immediately and may have a battle royal over war taxation.

There will also be a determined attempt to lay heavy taxes on luxuries, with very radical definitions of what may be considered luxuries.

It is impossible to say now whether the women suffrage amendment will be sidetracked by the big fights on these other issues.

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THE NONCOMBATANT



SERGEANT OF M.P.'S FINED MONTH'S PAY; AIN'T IT TERRIBLE?

Louis Goetbloet Ought to Know Better—He's 12 Years Old

MISSES SEVEN REVELLES

Terror of Blois, Long in Service, Collides With Ninety-sixth Article of War

Sergeant Louis Goetbloet is in disgrace.

It is not the policy of this newspaper to hold up before the contumelious gaze of his fellow soldiers every man who fails to answer reveille for seven mornings in succession.

But an example has got to be made. And Sergeant Louis Goetbloet is the son.

There are, sad to relate, no mitigating circumstances. Sergeant Goetbloet is old enough to know better.

His 12th summer is now rolling away into his checkered past. He is four feet, three inches high—his service record says so.

Louis Goetbloet is a Belgian. You can't have the combination twice in one shore name and be anything else.

Louis didn't see far enough, however. The Germans kept coming. Louis kept going. Eventually he got down to Blois with his mother, and there his wounded father later joined them.

And then came the Americans, the M.P.'s in the vanguard, with more to follow them, until now some are coming from the front, via one base hospital or another.

It was Louis's idea of a good time. He fell in love with the M.P.'s right up to the neck.

So it was finally decided to admit Louis into the M.P. family. He had all the qualifications. He spoke French, German and the dialect of his native Belgium, and he was rapidly acquiring

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NO FIXED WHEAT PRICE

AMERICA, July 18.—President Wilson has vetoed the bill fixing the price of wheat at \$2.40 a bushel.

Wheat and other crop prospects continue good, though the June weather was not all that was desired.

Furthermore, the War Department order warns the colonels and higher that they must not approve requests for supplies that could be obtained by the needy soldier in France.

Two points are not covered by the bulletins. What about stray units that have no colonels? And what about Christmas?

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Lieutenant Roosevelt was flying with a patrol of five, from which he became separated. He saw two machines and, believing them a part of his group, flew to join them.

He discovered they were Germans, and attacked immediately. They separated, and he pursued one to a point 25 kilometers behind the German lines, where he saw it going down in smoke and flames.

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AMERICAN FLYERS GET FIRST CHANCE IN REAL BIG SHOW

Yanks, French and British Beat Hun to It in Offensive

MOVING TROOPS SCATTERED

Airmen's Machine Guns Convert Truck Train Into Riddled Ant Hill

The opening of the new German offensive gave American aviation units their first opportunity to participate in a major operation.

The bombardment which signaled the beginning of the German attack began shortly after dark Sunday night.

At daylight Sunday morning Allied airplanes in force had crossed the German lines to clear the air, harass enemy movements, and learn as much as possible of German concentrations and artillery positions.

There was no pretense of secrecy. The Allies knew the Germans were on the eve of their attack and the Germans knew the Allies knew it.

In these air forces the Americans were well and gallantly represented.

The American observation planes which, unheralded, had done their share in the preceding days in learning the enemy plans and preparations, went to take photographs and locate troops and guns.

As a gauge of their success, it may be said that during Sunday they located 25 enemy batteries, most of which were neutralized by our artillery before the Joche artillery preparation had got fairly well underway.

Our chasseur squadrons, which heretofore had confined themselves to air fighting, were instructed to fly low and harass enemy troops and ammunition movements with machine gun fire.

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YANKS BATTLE GRIMLY AGAINST HUN HORDES IN FIFTH OFFENSIVE

TO AID SOLDIERS

AMERICA, July 18.—The Red Cross is planning to run 39 great convalescent houses for soldiers and sailors.

The War Department, in cooperation with the Red Cross and the National Bar Association, is working out a complete system for free legal aid for all soldiers and their families.

The Elks, at the order's golden jubilee celebration in Atlantic City, set aside one million dollars for war work.

TWO HUN PLANES DROP BOMBS ON A.R.C. HOSPITAL

Two Killed, 13 Hurt in Deliberate Night Attack at Juilly

FOUR WOUNDED MEN HIT One Is Struck in Spot from Which Piece of Shrapnel Had Just Been Removed

German airplanes on Monday night made a deliberate attack on the American Red Cross hospital at Juilly, 25 kilometers northeast of Paris, and dropped four bombs, two of which fell squarely on the roofs of hospital tents.

An extended report on the bombing has been certified to Col. Harvey D. Gibson, commissioner of the American Red Cross for France, by the organization's director of public information, who conducted a personal inquiry on the ground.

The bombs were dropped on the hospital at 11 o'clock. At least two German aviators participated in the raid. Besides the two bombs that fell fairly on the roofs of hospital tents, one fell seven feet from the wall of another tent, and one failed to explode.

There are no structures of any kind near the hospital and the railway tracks are three kilometers distant. In addition to the usual markings of a hospital, on the lawn immediately adjoining it is a cross formed of white duck, the extreme dimensions of the arms being 30 meters.

Photographs recently taken from an airplane show that this cross is visible 10,000 feet in air.

All questions as to the deliberate character of the raid is removed by the agreeing account of seven witnesses, who stated that the Hun aviators flew back and forth several times, then shut off their engines, came down to within a few hundred feet and dropped their bombs.

Struck in Old Wound. Of the enlisted men killed, one was dismembered as he stood 40 feet from the window of the operating room, which was pierced by two pieces of bomb.

These fragments passed within four feet of Major J. C. McCoy, the surgeon in charge. Major McCoy was holding the exposed femoral artery of a patient when the bombs fell and all lights went out, leaving his own and two other operating tables in darkness.

The other orderly killed was holding up a patient to give him a drink. One of the nine hospital attendants injured in the attack died Tuesday.

One of the four patients re-wounded received a piece of bomb in the identical wound in his neck from which a piece of shrapnel had been removed a few hours previously. He is Private Joseph A. Silino, of Philadelphia, and will recover from his wounds.

Miss Jane Jeffrey, the only Red Cross nurse who was wounded, was struck near the spine by a piece of metal which traversed the entire length of a ward only a few inches above a long row of mostly surgical cases, and penetrated the end wall of the tent outside of which the operating tables were placed.

Miss Jeffrey, whose home address is Dorchester, Mass., is not seriously hurt. C. S. Wheeler, who worked on the installation of the hospital, was on the ground at the time of the raid and directed his first efforts towards getting the personnel out of danger.

The Juilly hospital had until recently 60 German wounded prisoners who received exactly the same treatment accorded other patients and were even given the special delicacies—Including ice cream—provided for the Fourth of July. All were most grateful except one, Lieutenant, who violently objected to being cared for in the same ward with his men.

AMERICAN COW TRUE BLUE AMERICA, July 18.—The American cow will soon be demanding a D.S.C. from your Army.

She has produced nearly one hundred million dollars of milk, butter and cheese for export, mostly to the A.E.F., and is still letting down patriotically.

WANAMAKER 80, JOHN D. 79 AMERICA, July 18.—John Wanamaker has celebrated his 80th birthday and John D. Rockefeller his 79th. Both are doing well.

Americans Part of Target in Major Operation for First Time

FINE WORK BELOW MARNE

Artillerymen at Last Get Chance to See Foie and Fire at Him Point Blank

AVIATORS IN CURTAIN RAISER

Bag of Prisoners Includes Complete Battalion Staff Stranded on Southern Bank of River

The fifth German offensive of 1918, after a month of costly delay, was finally launched on the evening of France's national holiday, launched last Sunday night, by more than 40 of the best divisions the German high command could muster on a 50 mile front that stretched from Chateau-Thierry up around the stubborn citadel of Rheims and eastward into Champagne.

The next morning at dawn the German infantry began its dogged advance. The setting of the same sun that looked down on that advance saw the Allied forces pushing the Germans back through the night reaches of territory that they had gained in the impetus of their first rush.

The great drive was broken the day it began. By the end of the first 48 hours of fighting the offensive bore many of the earmarks of an historic check. By that time the greatest depth of the hostile advance was no more than five miles, and that was a narrow indentation in the unbroken Allied front.

A Grand Style Operation. The offensive was a major, grand style operation comparable in scale to the biggest efforts the enemy has put forth in this decisive year, but, in the sense that all German drives in the west are either a drive for Paris or a drive for the Channel ports, this was a preparatory rather than a direct thrust.

At the onset of an effort to pinch out their Rheims salient, a pair of giant forces, establish a base of operations on the Marne and so prepare the path that leads to France's capital.

The fifth offensive was notable for the utter lack of the element of surprise. For two weeks the evidence accumulated by aviators and observers of the form of a modern army known pointed to Champagne as the scene of the long delayed drive. Therefore, the Allies were ready, and the advance was met with such immediate resistance that counter-attacks were in progress at some points before the first day was gone.

French and American troops met the onslaught, and British aviators in great numbers shared in the fighting that is done in the skies.

Part of Vast Target. This was the first time since the war because the American troops have been part of the target of a major offensive.

Some few American soldiers were thrown into a gap during the later progress of the big March drive, and American troops in numbers that counted jumped into the fight which halted the German in the first days of June in and around Chateau-Thierry. But were Americans ready and waiting.

They were in the thick of some of the most desperate and spectacular fighting on the whole stretch, some of the most desperate and spectacular fighting American soldiers have ever known.

The prisoners of the 48 hours, according to a rough, unofficial guess, numbered about 1,200.

No American troops came in for more violent fighting than those represented in that stretch of the line to the south and west of Rheims—the stretch from Chateau-Thierry to the former salient of Marne. The battle line was the river itself, and the Germans had to cross it first.

They crossed it. They got badly mangled up doing it and afterward. And on Wednesday night the American communiqué announced: "In the afternoon our troops have entirely regained possession of the south bank of the river."

Infantry Comes at Dawn. The Germans prepared the way with a bombardment of high-explosives, shrapnel and gas, and then they came in and compared with fighting against such an attack, walking boldly into an outpouring from rifles and machine guns is like a holiday excursion. Then at dawn came the Hun infantry swarming across the narrow, smooth-flowing, curving stream of the Marne, and the German tanks and bridges. As they crossed, the Allied artillery opened fire against them, the machine gun bearing airplanes swooped down on them, and they were met on our side by men ready and primed for hand-to-hand fighting.

There was plenty of use for rifles and for bayonets, the confused and stubborn battle that followed on the southern bank of the Marne. By sundown on Tuesday the Americans had pushed back to the river's edge the enemy troops that had taken territory in their sector of the battlefield and had left on their side a few scattered demoralized remnants of Docho infantry and machine gunners.

Sticks to River's Edge. It would scarcely be the nicest military accuracy to describe the American action at this point as a counter-attack. As it looked Wednesday morning, it seemed rather the successful outcome of a swaying, unrelenting contest for their own ground by Yankees into whom the rushing enemy had infiltrated, now by eights, now by companies, now by battalions.

It can be said of one American battalion that it never left the river's edge at all, though at one time it hung on alone with Germans all around. And it can be said of one German battalion that, after infiltrating according to the approved and this time not very happy German method, it collected in a ravine and so was all together when it came time to surrender to the surrounding

Yankees, who sent to the rear the entire battalion, major, staff and all. In this swaying battle, Americans would be taken prisoner and then recaptured by their own pals before the enemy could make off with them.

TWO WOMEN SEEK PLACES IN SENATE

Miss Martin of Nevada Is Candidate for Republican Nomination

NEW YORK POLITICS WARM

Candidates Are Thick as Daisies and Air Full of Rival Defiances

AMERICAN FLYERS GET FIRST CHANCE IN REAL BIG SHOW

Continued from Page 1 can aviators during Sunday, Monday and Tuesday believe they destroyed 14 machines. Some of these were confirmed readily, but in several instances the combats took place so far behind the Boche lines that there were no Allied witnesses.

AMERICANS' PART IN BASTILLE DAY

Flags of Both Nations Fly Together in Honor of Great Fete

NEW MOONEY TRIAL SOUGHT BY UNIONS

Request Likely That Case Be Taken Out of California's Hands

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BALLOONS AGAIN BOOST TOTAL OF FRENCH MASCOTS

Lighter-Than-Air Men Now Hold Two Records in Campaign

D.S.C. WINNER COMES IN And He Wears Croix de Guerre, Too—Total of Adoptions Reaches 370

"Pawhuska, Okla."	1
Mobile Ord. Repair Shop, Div.	1
Balloon Company	6
Acro Squadron	2
U.S. Eng.	2
Co. of Balloon Squadron	1
Miss E. D. Stewart, London	1
Previously adopted	356
Total	370

The balloonists were flying high again this week. The atmosphere was clear and the visibility excellent.

The officers of one balloon squadron, already materially represented by the enlisted men, requested one orphaned child of France to father for a year, and a balloon company sent in 3,000 francs for six. Yep, six—and it's a record.

In fact, the happy adoptants of the sausages, by their liberal adoptions this week, broke two records.

First, they take all honors for the largest number of child mascots adopted by a single unit of the size of a company, squadron, detachment and the like. A few Infantry companies and one squadron equivalent to a company, but the Balloon Company, formerly Company A, Balloon Squadron, of A.P.O. 711, is the first to take six. And, as the strength of a balloon company is much less than that of a company of Infantry, for instance, the individual contribution was proportionately heavy. It was equivalent to a good day's pay in the U.S.A. avant la guerre and several days' pay in the Army.

Second, the balloon service as a whole, by virtue of this week's adoption, leads all the other main branches of the A.E.F. in the number of children adopted in proportion to its membership.

Supporting 26 Children
The roll of STARS AND STRIPES parains contains the names of 26 children who will be supported for a year by the balloon men.

"There isn't anybody named Rockefeller or Carnegie or Morgan on our rolls who might have played the angel," says the spokesman for the balloon company. "The deal has been financed by nobody except a crowd of average [which means, of course, high class] aye—co—offers, but just the same we set the record for the aye—co—off."

"We're not at all fussy about the sex, names or color of the six adopted children. The only specifications we make are that they shall be split 50-50—three boys and three girls—and that their names shall be too difficult, because we have as mascots now two diminutive French foxes captured somewhere in the wilds of the S.O.S. and they are going to be honored by being named after two of our youngsters. Of course, we can't name a fox Lucille Cecilia Madeleine or Gaston Claude St. Cyr. Something short and snappy is what we want."

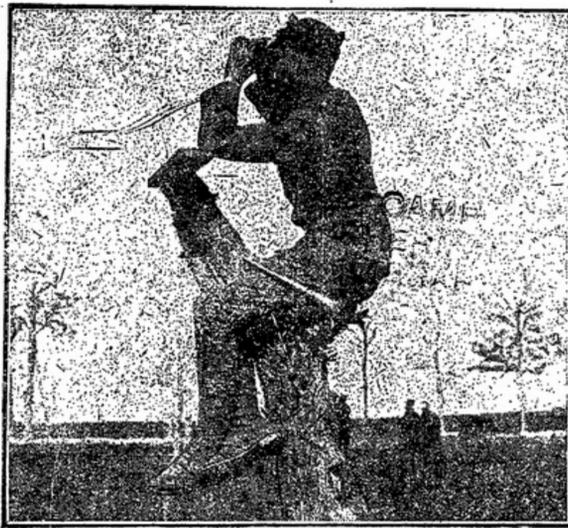
Outside of the activities of the air-men, it was a quiet week for the orphans—at least. The names of the orphans numbered 14, which ran the total of the A.E.F. family of mascots up to 370. But there were a couple of adoptions out of the ordinary.

On the Eve of Battle
"Enclosed," said Company A, — Engineers, in a brief, penciled note, "is 1,000 francs for the care of two French orphans. This is being sent just on the eve of our entrance into battle; we will write more in detail later."

Another fortunate little child gained a very distinguished godfather. He was given the Croix de Guerre for heroic work in an American ambulance unit at Verdun, and he won the D.S.C. a few weeks ago when, although wounded when a shell wrecked his ambulance, and later gassed, he refused to stop his work of succoring the wounded. He was in the hospital and received the decoration a few days ago and, just to observe the occasion, contributed 500 francs for an orphan.

"Credit it to my mother," he instructed, and list it as "Pawhuska, Okla." That's where she lives. And don't use my name."

GETTING A LINE ON THEM



26 MORE D.S.C.'S BESTOWED IN WEEK

Story of Little Lost Doughboy Has Official Sequel

FIVE AWARDS POSTHUMOUS

Infantry, Artillery, Marine Corps All Represented on New List

The story of the "little lost doughboy," told in these columns some two months ago, has its sequel this week in the announcement that Private Glen Hill, Infantry, has been awarded the D.S.C.

The little lost doughboy, a National Army soldier sent to an Infantry company as a replacement, somehow strayed into another company, went over the top with them, bayoneted two German soldiers, and then wouldn't allow himself to be consoling because he hadn't bayoneted them the way he had been taught.

The Commander-in-Chief doesn't seem to care about the method, however, in this particular instance, as Private Hill's citation awarding him the Cross testifies:

"Having recently been assigned to the regiment and hearing order for counter-attack being given in adjoining detachment, he joined the latter and himself killed two of the enemy with his bayonet."

The Men Honored
The week's awards of the D.S.C. total 26. The names of the honored, with a summary of their citations, follow:

PRIVATE WILLIAM R. DAVIS, Infantry. Remained at post and continued fighting until he was severely wounded.

PRIVATE JOSEPH J. CANNON, Infantry. Voluntarily went with comrade to hold back enemy advance until companion was killed and he himself severely wounded.

PRIVATE ELMER L. LANE, Infantry. Stood on parapet of trench in heavy fog and threw grenades at enemy until severely wounded.

PRIVATE JOHN J. COURTNEY, SERGT. LEE P. T. JACQUES, PRIVATE 1st CLASS WALTER J. McCANN, PRIVATE 1st CLASS LEO J. LANE and PRIVATE CHANGES MARINO, all Infantry. All went through shell-swept area to bring wounded in to place of safety.

PRIVATE 1st CLASS KENNETH E. PAUGH and CHARLIE M. DODGE, Infantry. Carried mortally wounded officer to dressing station through shell fire.

PRIVATE 1st CLASS WALTER J. McCANN, Infantry. Battalion Scout Officer, exposed himself constantly to shellfire and worked for 24 hours after being wounded. When finally sent to a dressing station he collapsed.

CORPORAL JAMES R. TIORNLEY, Infantry. Aided in defense of his position by climbing a tree and shouting out the enemy's location.

PRIVATE H. R. JOHNSON and PRIVATE J. C. PARENT, Field Artillery, re-established telephone communication although severely wounded.

PRIVATE EDWARD L. DION, Infantry. Surrounded by enemy, fought them off with grenades and machine gun, and carried a wounded comrade to safety through shell-swept area.

PRIVATE JEREMIAH TRYON climbed out of his trench and killed a troublesome sniper.

LT. COL. LOGAN PELAND, Marines. Led his troops into action through heavy artillery and machine gun fire.

MAJOR J. S. TURRILL, Marines. Led his men into attack.

FIRST SERGT. BENJAMIN JAMES, Field Artillery. Cared for other wounded when shell struck gun pit, though himself seriously wounded, and declined aid until all the others had been cared for.

SERGEANT WILFRED S. FALEY, Machine Gun Battalion. Maintained communication between firing line and headquarters by visual signaling. Knocked down twice, remained at post for several hours under heavy shell fire.

The following awards are posthumous: SERGT. JOSHUA H. BROADHEAD, Infantry. Wounded early in engagement, he continued to keep his gun in action and was later killed.

PRIVATE 1st CLASS FRANK P. GORDON, Infantry. Went to aid of wounded comrade. Both were killed.

PRIVATE JOSEPH R. BLAIR, Infantry. Declined to seek cover during bombardment, awaited enemy attack, and fell in action.

CORPORAL RUSSEL A. HOYT, Infantry. Held back enemy in communicating trench with one comrade until killed.

PRIVATE HOWARD P. FITZGERALD, Infantry. Dug out buried comrade while under heavy fire, receiving mortal wound.

60 MEN, ONE COOK

It takes nine tailors to make a man; it takes one cook to make 60 men contented.

Such in brief is the appointment of G.H.Q. with regard to the messes at Army schools and corps schools—one cook for each 60 student soldiers, at least, with one cook for each separate mess of less than 60 student soldiers. It is also stipulated that in cases where that ratio does not accurately apply, it is up to the commander of the school to straighten it out.

One cook for every 60 soldiers on duty at the schools (but not as students) is also provided for, in case those soldiers are not already in an organization that has its own cooks. And there will be one mess sergeant to every 250 students.

TAKE OVER SULPHUR MINES

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, July 18.—The War Industries Board has taken over the country's sulphur mines.

AIRPLANE MAIL MOVES FAST

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, July 18.—Lieutenant Torrey H. Webb carried 250 pounds of mail by airplane from Philadelphia to Belmont Park, N. J., a distance of 90 miles, in 47 minutes.

Y.M. AND RED CROSS CHECK OVERLAPPING

Division of Labor Plan to Become Operative November 1

In order to keep their work from overlapping, the Y.M.C.A. and the Red Cross have each contributed two members to a liaison committee, and this committee has already decided on the division of labor in certain fields.

Take the canteen service. The Red Cross will furnish its regular canteen service on all railway lines of communication for soldiers in transit and also emergency service for troops in transit. It will provide such canteens as may be necessary in connection with ambulance service at the front and it will continue its present canteen arrangements at Issoudun. But all other canteens will be run by the Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A., on the other hand, will withdraw from all hospitals, turning over to the Red Cross all huts now being operated there as soon as the Red Cross is ready to take charge of them. But these changes will not set in before November 1.

The Red Cross has planned to construct and equip, but not to operate, certain rest rooms for Air Service officers in the Z. of A.

KICK AT FORM OF D.S.C.

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, July 18.—The National Sculpture Society is fighting hard against the retention of the designs of the present Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, and the Distinguished Service Medal.

It wants new competitive designs by the best artists in the country, subject to the approval of the National Commission of Fine Arts.

The society's secretary protests strongly against the present designs as unworthy, and says they must have been gotten up by camouflage artists.

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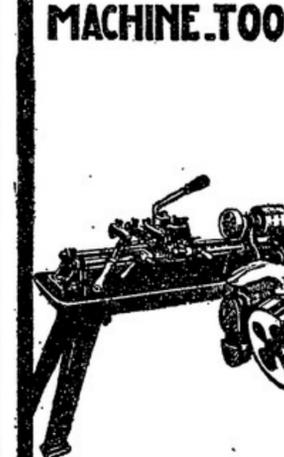
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DOUGHBOY TROUPE SHINES IN CHORUS

Base Section No. 1 Stages Show That May Go on Tank Circuit

A theatrical troupe composed of impulsive young volunteers from all the outfits more or less permanently stationed to duty in Base Section No. 1 gave its first performance last Friday evening in the biggest theater in that neighborhood. It will repeat the performance by special and clamorous request tonight, and is already considering flattering proposals to tour the tank towns of the vicinity. There are lots of tank towns in that vicinity.

The most striking success was scored by the cluster of doughboys who revealed hitherto unexpected talents as chorus girls. They were so good that one young lieutenant of very recent vintage in the audience, who, in the old days, knew every stage entrance on Broadway, absent-mindedly dashed behind the scenes between the acts. He emerged to report that even at close range they weren't half bad.

British Provide Program
The troupe is enrolled from various regiments of Engineers, Motor Transport sections, Medical Department detachments, M.P.'s Signal Corps battalions and Y.M.C.A. huts. The Y.M.C.A. got up the show. The program was contributed by the British Army in that the first piece, "Man proposes, God disposes," was founded on an Ypres corporal, and the second, "The Crimson Cocoon," was written by Ian Hay (Capt. Ian Hay Bell), author of "The First Hundred Thousand."

But no one in the British Army wrote the music the jazz band played.

OLEO PAINTERS SUFD

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, July 18.—Over-artistic oleomargarine producers have been sued by the Government for coloring their oleo in lifelike imitation of the best creamery butter.

Boston wool merchants have been sued for \$2,000,000 by the Government on the charge of dodging taxes.

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THE GREAT INVESTMENT

The father and mother of one young American killed in action wrote recently to a mother outside whose window back home hangs a two-starred flag, and it is our privilege to quote this passage from their unlined letter:

"We now know what Lincoln meant by 'the last full measure of devotion.' Our soldier was killed in Flanders under the roar of the cannon. He is buried there; and from our point of view, there can be no more glorious resting place for a true patriot, fighting for the world-old cause of liberty, than in the consecrated soil of France.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

At the convention of the International Dancing Masters' Association held in Chicago, plans were announced for a "dancing masters' unit" soon to embark for France "to instruct American soldiers regarding the newest steps."

IS SPANKING TOO GOOD?

"Where did the field clerks get the right to put on service stripes? They have them on at G.H.Q. All the soldiers are taking them off. They say they won't wear them if the field clerks do."

A LETTER HOME

Abel Katz, late of Salem, Mass., and more recently of Battery D in a certain regiment of Field Artillery, A.E.F., wrote a nice long piece about the war in the form of a letter to his mother. As Mrs. Katz showed it to someone on the home town paper, and as the home town paper immediately printed it with a picture of Abel taken by the best photographer in Salem, we are privileged to reproduce some of its choicer passages. Les voilà:

"Dear, dear—a gross flattery of the Army mess, an entirely false claim for Abel's division, a baseless slur on the regulars,

and a witless libel on the American Army, all in one well-meaning letter home. What are we to think of the mental powers of Abel and his like who pen such rubbish? What are we to think of the mental powers and sense of responsibility of the censor who passes such rubbish and so transmits it to gullible Salem? And what, oh, what are we to think of the mental powers and sense of responsibility and general right to remain in the newspaper business of whatever editor of the Salem Evening News scatters such rubbish through the homes of a New England town that has not been queer in its head since the days of the Salem witchcraft?

THANK YOU, GERMANY

The A.E.F. doesn't talk about itself. It may think about itself, it may even think well of itself, but it says nothing itself. One unit may say of another, "Say, they fought like hell, didn't they?" But it won't say it of its own particular unit. Still, the A.E.F. appreciates compliments. We like it when the French speak well of us. And we like it when the Germans speak well of us, especially when what they say is embodied in a confidential report that we were never intended to see.

"The — American division may be considered a very good division," it says, "perhaps even an assault division. The various attacks of the two regiments upon Belleau Wood were executed with dash and intrepidity. The moral effect of our fire was not able seriously to check the advance of the troops. The nerves of the Americans are not yet worn out."

"The report is speaking of one division, rather of two regiments in that division. It just happened to be the — Division. It might have been some other. Do you think the report would have read any differently? It goes on: 'The quality of the men must be characterized as remarkable. They carry themselves well, are well developed physically and are from 18 to 28 years of age. At present, they require only the proper training to make them formidable adversaries. The spirit of the men is fresh and full of naive confidence. The following statement by a prisoner is characteristic: 'We kill or we are killed.'"

"It was impossible to obtain any facts. The prisoners scarcely indicated the place they had occupied in the line." Under "General remarks—morale," the report says: "In general, the prisoners made a good impression. Their manner is alert. At present, they still consider the war from the point of view of the 'big brother' who is coming to the assistance of his oppressed brothers and sisters and who is received everywhere in a friendly manner. Their opinions have a certain morale basis; most of the prisoners express themselves with an understandable naïveté and declare that they came to Europe to defend their country."

PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS?

It is an infamous libel to say, as some do, that the only French the Yank has learned is "Fini." He can say "C'est la guerre" and has been known to do so on occasions. He can say "Camouflage" and does say it just about every other sentence. Above all, he can say "Liaison" and uses that elegant expression for every imaginable form of contact, juncture or union. It seems not improbable that when he goes home at last, he will surprise and grieve the old folks by referring to the Liaison Station at Washington, singing "The Liaison Forever, Hurrah, Boys, Hurrah" and upsetting the genies' furnishing store around the corner by demanding a liaison suit of underwear.

WE, THE ENVIED

Your old pal who is cussing his luck because he is on the Mexican instead of the Lorraine border writes to you: "Gee, but you boys must be going fine, from all I hear! Gosh, how I envy you!" That friend of yours who is fighting the war on the Navy side writes: "Gee, but you guys are lucky to be able to get a crack at 'em at first hand! Gosh, how I envy you!" Your kid brother writes: "Gee, I wish I was a soldier, too, with the A.E.F." And so it goes. There never was an Army in history more envied by the people that sent it forth than is the A.E.F. There is not a single American in the service or out of it, who would not change places with any one of us at a moment's notice. There is not a single soul in the States but looks to us, every day, for inspiration and example. What do they envy us? Not our good looks or our youth or our clothes, but our opportunity for service, where service will count the most in the deliverance of the world. It is a pleasant thing to be thus envied. It is pleasant still to be worthy of it and the admiration that provokes it. To be worthy of it lies within the reach of every man of us.

The Army's Poets

BILLETS

Dedicated to the gallant peasants of sunny France, who own them, and the officers of the A.E.F., who made the selection for the proletariat. I've slept with horse and sad-eyed cow, I've dreamed in peace with bearded goat, I've laid my head on the rusty plow, And with the sick done table d'hôte. I've chased the supple, leaping flea, As o'er my outstretched form he sped, And heard the sneering rooster's crow, When chased the rabbit from my bed. I've marked the dog's contented growl, His wagging tail, his playful bite; With guinea pig and wicket owl, I've shared my place at night. While overhead, where cobweb lace Like curtains drapes the oaken beams, The spiders skipped from place to place, And sometimes spun their airy dreams. And when the morning, damp and raw, Arrived at last as if by chance, I've crawled from out the rancid straw, And cussed the stable barns of France. And sometimes when the day is done And lengthening shadows pointing long, I dream of days when there was sun, And street cars in my daily song. But over here—ah! what a change. The clouds are German-silver lined— Who wears them when we get the wind? What boots it if our shoes are shined? The day speeds by and night again Looms up a specter grim and bare: We trok off to the hen house ladder there— Another biologic night. Spent in a state sans peace, sans sleep; And as I soothe some stinging bite, I mark the gentle snore of sheep, The smell that wots of grassy dell, Of hillside green where fairies dance, The vision's past . . . I'm back in Hell— An ancient stable barn of France. We've slept with all the gander's flock, By waddling duck we've slumbered on— In fact, we've slept with all the stock, And they will miss us when we're gone. We've seen at times the nocturnal eyes Of playful mouse on evening spree, And the cowbird's love at night he flies With Brother Louie on a jambouree. We've scratched and fought with fox unseen, And with the candle hunted wide For the lug that thrives on Paris green, But cashes in on bichloride. Perchance may come a night of stars, Perchance the snow drift through the tile, Perchance the evil face of Mars Pecks in and shows his wicked smile; 'Tis then we dream of other days, When we were free and in the dance, And followed in the old time ways 'Far from the stable barns of France.

LETTERS

My buddy reads his letters to me, and, say, he sure can write! I have to sit and chew my pen and even then The way it reads when I get through I know it's pretty sad. As far as composition goes; the grammar, too, is bad. But talk about—gee, he can sling the ink to beat the band, And picture everything he's seen a way that sure is grand. I got him to write a note to my gal and, golly, it was fine and signed my name, but, all the same, It didn't seem to please her, for she wrote in her reply She'd read it several times and it didn't sound like I Was sayin' exactly what I meant, and I hoped I hadn't said a word that she would. MRS. RYDER.

"DIRECTED TO PROCEED"

There's a vacant spot on the billet floor Where he'd spread his blankets after mess; No side arms on the dusty floor— "Suh! gear," one friend the less. There where his gas mask used to swing Another guy has hung some pants; The hooks that held his hat an' sling Wear nothin' but the rust of France. I lie on my bunk, an' I watch a spider Weave a web in the billet room, An' I think of the time when we'd drink cider An' promenade 'em out our 'ood. Gosh, the times we had together! We was a pair darn hard to beat Out on grass, an' I remember, Dolled up to give the girls a treat. On guard we'd get on the same relief, At drill he'd fall in next to me, An' we'd scheme to share the doughboy's grief An' cuss together on K.P. We'd talk of the time when the gang would go Up the line to meet the Hunns, An' the kinds of stuff us two would show With our bombs an' bayonets an' guns. But orders came, an' he left today, With his eyes aslow an' his chin held high; An' I grinned at him as I said goodbye. An' I grinned at him as I said goodbye. A partin' joke an' a good handshake— "Goodbye, ol' kid, an' take the well." An' he showed the spirit that'll make The Hunns run plumb through the gates of Hell. Well, I won't erub an' fret an' pine, For, about ten years or so from now, They may take me up on the line With some outfit, somewhere, somehow. CIVIL JAMES STEVENS, Inf.

BEEN THERE?

Did you ever hear a bullet whizz, Or dodge a hand grenade? Have you watched long lines of trenches dug By doughboys with a spade? Have you seen the landscape lighted up At midnight by a shell? Have you seen a hillside blazing forth Like the furnace room in Hell? Have you camped overnight in a ruined town With a rafter for a bed, With the horses stamping underneath In the morning when they're fed? Have you heard the crump-crumps whistling? Do you know the dud-shell's grunt? Have you played rat in a dogout? Then you've been there! EDGAR C. ORTNER, 1st Lieut., F.A.

OUTSIDE!

Oh, I've had a turn at shov'lin'! And just now I'm workin' heavy, And I'm thinkin' of the trials Of a (Railway) Engineer. Yes, I wonder as I thunder On my knees underwood, If all these From: To: Subjects: Are a-doin' any good. While the battles are a-ragin'! Here I sit alone and think: "How many battles were there Ever won by pen and ink?" Oh, the airplanes are a-whizzin' "Way up yonder in the clear, And things are a-gearin' "Somewhere." While I'm sittin' way back here! Yes, they're fillin' rowdy Heineles Up with bullets—not like me— Who am sittin' here and fillin' Figures in on form N-2. Sure, there must be thrills in wartime, But I want to put you wise That you're never goin' to find 'em In the Service of Supplies! I don't claim that I'm a hero, And I may not be worth much, But I think that I'd be able To do something to the Dutch! Oh, some other Genies get there, And they let 'em know it, too, When they drew a bead on Heinele And they let the daylight through! But when all things are considered, I'm not sheddin' any tears, For there's always some chance for us Of the (Railway) Engineers! C. R. T., — Engrs. (Ry.).

THE HAND OF MANKIND



FROM THE FLEET

When Bishop Brent, chief of the chaplains of G.H.Q., paid a visit recently to the fleet, he carried with him a letter from the Commander-in-Chief to the Commander of the fleet. In that letter General Pershing wrote: "Those of us who are privileged to serve in the Army and Navy are to one another as brothers. Spaces of land and sea are nothing where a common purpose binds. We are so dependent upon one another that the honor, the fame, the exploits of the one are the honor, the fame, the exploits of the other. If the enemy should dare to leave his safe harbor and set his ships in battle array, no crews would be more ringing, as you and our Allied fleets moved to his defeat, than those of the American Expeditionary Forces in France."

"I understand from the Bishop that he read this letter to the assembled crews of our battleships now serving with the Grand Fleet. I doubt very much whether you can really appreciate how much this means to our men and what an encouragement it is to them to know that you appreciate their efforts as much as they appreciate yours. "I take every occasion to impress upon my forces that they are really a part of the American Army; that they are practically a part of the essential line of communications. I feel quite sure they all understand this thoroughly and that their hearts are with your boys in the field who are hearing the brunt of the fighting. "We have all been immensely cheered up by the excellent reports we have of the success of your men on the western front. Of course, we knew the kind of record they would make when they had the opportunity, but we also knew that our Allies did not feel so sure of this. "The result of the recent fighting has been entirely to disabuse their minds of the idea that the American soldier would not prove the equal of any soldiers in Europe, and the record they have made has undoubtedly acted most favorably upon the morale of all the Allied troops, and has been a hard jolt to the Hunns. "In this war, so far as actual fighting is concerned, the Navy is necessarily condemned to comparative inactivity. We so earnestly want to help that if you could suggest any way in which we could be of assistance, we would be very grateful. In the same vein, Bishop Brent carried a letter to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet of the Royal British Navy, in which General Pershing wrote: "We of the American Army wish you to know from our own lips our admiration for and trust in you. Here in France we are near enough to stretch out a friendly hand and pledge to you our best in the common cause. Side by side with you we propose to see this struggle through to a victorious end."

A HOME IMPRESSION

Accept my sincere congratulations upon the excellent issues of THE STARS AND STRIPES which we are receiving each week from our associates who are in the service "somewhere in France." Each issue brings with it so many messages describing the sincere service and splendid sacrifice of our soldiers that in many homes in America there is a renewed loyalty to our Government, and a stronger determination on the part of those "over here" to stand by you all, as we read the columns of your inspiring paper. The stories of heroism, the poems of fact and fancy, the witty sayings and humorous doings, so well written by your contributors, help to make a publication of remarkable interest and value. At my last conference with the principals of the public schools of Districts 6 and 7, including the great East Side of New York City from 14th Street south to Houston and Rivington Streets, I made favorable mention of THE STARS AND STRIPES, and requested that extracts from its columns be read at the opening exercises. I also urged its value in supplementary reading. Some of the principals have, therefore, subscribed to your paper, and in many classes extracts will be read in connection with the history, geography, and reading lessons. Your editorial column has contained some real gems of inspiration, among them "The Honor and the Glory" (issue of May 8), "Doughboys and Doughboys" (issue of April 5), "You

PLAYING THE GAME

Want to Go Home" (issue of April 12) and "The Day It Should Be" (issue of May 24). Some of the poems printed are admirably adapted for public speaking by our pupils. Mention should also be made of the humorous drawings, as well as the patriotic cartoons—"The Girl We're All Fighting For" is especially clever. Please convey to all who are assisting in preparing your unique paper the sincere thanks and hearty appreciation of the thirty thousand children attending our public schools, and the regiment of teachers and principals who are instructing them. We are taking "Patriotism" and "Efficiency" as our watchwords, and are training up a new army of young patriots to take the place of their brothers who have already entered the service. We send you all our loyal greetings, and hope and pray that after glorious victory over the Hunns, you may return to receive the loving "Welcome Home" of your many American admirers. Here's for your health and happiness. EDW. W. SMITH, Dist. Supt. of Schools, Department of Education, New York City.

BECOMING A CITIZEN

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: In May, 1916, I secured my first citizenship papers. My second papers were not due until May, 1918. I recently applied for a commission in the Q.M.C., but was rejected on account of not being a citizen. Will you please advise me if and how I can secure these papers, because if Congress did not recently pass a bill automatically making an enlisted man a citizen, I voluntarily enlisted in May, 1917. Sgt. HERBERT SIMON, — Engrs. Ry. [Unofficial advice indicates that an act was recently passed by which soldiers may receive final papers in Europe. The order of naturalization, however, is to be effected by a court in the United States on evidence furnished by the soldier. No doubt, in course of time the A.E.F. will receive the regulations and forms of the naturalization bureau under the new law. Until the same are received, there is nothing for a person to do with reference to the completion of his naturalization.—EDITH.]

ASK THEM

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: A few questions which I think might be of interest to enlisted men: Is there anything not covered by the words "present emergency"? Why does every officer you meet look for a salute when your girl has her arm linked through yours? Why is it that a 2nd Lieutenant will call you to attention when under the same circumstances a colonel will say "Rest"? Why does some recruit always want to horn in front of you in the chow line? Why are spital puttees? What can you buy for 45 francs a month? Why do officers in the Q.M. wear spurs while riding bicycles? Sgt. H. G. GRINSTEAD, Q.M.C.

YOUR HOME PAPER

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: I see where one of your correspondents objects to the sending to France of home town newspapers because they waste valuable cargo space. Another wants them to keep coming, because they are like letters from home, think both of these men are right, and therefore I am in favor of doing the only thing possible to show them both that they are right—that is, to compromise. How about passing up our daily subscriptions, and having one paper sent us a week? READER.

THE COLONEL IT IS

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: Please inform me who can O.K. a requisition for parcel post from the States. The postmaster in my home town claims that no one under the rank of colonel can O.K. it. INQUIRER. [A colonel must O.K. the requisition. The announcement was made from G.H.Q. this week. See Page 1, this issue.—EDITH.]

HE ANSWERS HIS OWN

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: I observe in the last issue of your justly famous paper that a member of Base Hospital Unit No. 18 was compelled to put G.H.Q. straight about the personnel of the first fifteen thousand, and as I am quite a child when it comes to asking questions I would like to know: Who took care of the subsistence for the first fifteen thousand? A One hundred sixty-eight men Q.M.C. under Capt. (now Major) E. H. Kerr, Q.M.U.S.R., commanding detachment. Q. Who baked the first white punk for the first fifteen thousand? A. Bakery Company No. 9, 60 men, under Capt. (now Lt. Col.) Wm. G. Ball, Q.M.C.N.A., commanding company. Q. How many truck companies were with the first fifteen thousand? A. Three (about 315 men). And I might add that the 168 Q.M.C. men were aboard the first ship, the Tanandora, that docked and discharged her cargo. General Sibert made the voyage on this boat. FRANK H. (MIKE) LYXICH, Q.M. Sgt., Q.M.C.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: Being a constant reader of THE STARS AND STRIPES and knowing that our paper will always endeavor to benefit the condition of the American soldier, I beg to offer a suggestion. Men in training camps and cantonments in the United States have many opportunities for investing their spare change in War-Savings Stamps, while soldiers in France, and especially those at the front and detached from their regiments, cannot do any good with small amounts, as postmasters will not receive deposits which are less than 25. If War Savings Stamps were sold by chaplains at regimental headquarters or detachment headquarters, I am certain that thousands of soldiers would avail themselves of the opportunity of purchasing them, as it would be a double benefit—to themselves and their Government. Cpl. L. H. GORDON, 7th Battery, — Howitzer Regiment.

AMERICA IN FRANCE

IV—Alsace

It was in the third week in May that American troops, jubilantly welcomed by all the people of the countryside, filed along the mountain roads to see their place in that part of the great Allied line which restores to France a portion of her own Alsace.

Half as Big as Jersey

Alsace is bounded on the north by the Rhenish Palatinate, on the south by Switzerland, on the west by the Vosges. Looking to the east from their mountain posts, the American artillery observers can keep a watch on the Rhine. Alsace is a little country. It is not half so big as the State of New Jersey.

Romance Has Part in Cantigny Fight

More than a century and a half later, M. de Montaigne uttered this solemn prophecy to the father of the present Kaiser:

Lovesick Carrier Pigeon Comes Into Port 24 Hours Late

Believe the words of a Bishop who speaks before God and with his hand on his heart: Alsace will never be yours.

By Force of Arms

But Germany seized the provinces by force of arms, and by one stroke of the pen robbed of their French nationality a bitterly protesting people that numbered a million and a half.

Yank Officer in Dutch

Entente Nearly Breaks Up When Birds of War Are Mistaken for Grouse

Romance played its part in the battle which served to place the little village of Cantigny in American hands, and, as it happens, played the very devil with the communications.

Heart and Soul With France

German professors could argue that the Alsations, like some of the Swiss, spoke a German dialect, and that when Alsations wanted to vow they would never be German they had to say:

Sought Independence First

The exodus of the Alsations became so alarming that Bismarck had to put up the bars and thus pen in the country an unreconciled and irreconcilable colony of discontent.

German Plans Disclosed

During that same engagement, a strange pigeon seen circling uncertainly overhead was shot down for investigation, and proved to be a German pigeon.

Anybody But Germany

Some Alsations in late years wanted annexation with Switzerland, some independence, some restoration to France. But even the younger generation that had no memories of 1870 agreed with their elders on one thing: No one wanted to be part of Germany.

French Cross Boundary

Then came the war, and in the first weeks, greeted by a heart-warming welcome from the kidnapped people, French advanced over the boundaries that had been set down by the evil treaty of Frankfurt.

YES, IT'S A GERMAN SIGN



Behold five Yanks gathered together at the sign of the Two Keys. The Restoration au denzeli Schlüssel used to dispense Pilsner, Munchner, and Budweiser—the real Bohemian brew, not the St. Louis brand—in the foamy days before August, 1914, without paying duty on them.

FORFEITURE OF PAY ON WHAT YOU DRAW

Allotments, Insurance and Other Things Do Not Figure

NEW TREASURY DECISION

Fines Are Not to Be Computed on Amount Due Before Deductions Are Made

Forfeiture of "two-thirds of his pay for one month," according to a bulletin, No. 45, just issued at G.H.Q., is not equivalent to forfeiture of two-thirds of one month's pay. Say it quick and it sounds like a puzzle or a tongue-twister, but it isn't. Here is how it works out.

Private Gobbo, who knows the guard-house better than he does his own bunk, does not lack family sentiment and a sense of his patriotic obligations. Out of his \$33 a month he allots \$15 on a class A (compulsory) allotment, \$5 on a class B allotment, \$5 on a Liberty Loan, and \$8 for his War Risk insurance premium.

Not Affected by Sentence

The above ruling is based on a decision by the Controller of the Treasury, which says: "The monthly compulsory allotment of pay, Class A, under the provisions of Sections 200 to 210 of the Act of October 6, 1917 (War Risk Insurance Act), the allotment under Class B in said law; the Liberty Loan allotments, and the premiums on War Risk insurance are not disturbed or affected by sentence of court-martial imposing forfeiture of pay."

MESSKITS THROUGH THE AIR

Buck (hacking at alleged steak): Say, Cookie, we don't draw any rations through the salvage depot, do we? Cook: Not as I know of. Why? Buck (still hacking): Well, our worn out shoes go to the salvage depot, don't they?

The caretakers adore their charges, who are usually nicknamed according to color. Each bird is so completely classified as to age, station, catalog number, corps and army affiliation that there is no room on its identification tag for all the information.

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A.W.—That is truly hard luck that her old man and your colonel are such good friends. The best thing to do under the circumstances is to avoid contact with the colonel as far as possible, though, as you are a corporal, that will necessarily be pretty hard.

J.T.L.—No, there is no possible way you can recover breach-of-promise damages from the Q.M.C. It was all your own fault to send her a picture of yourself in one of the old issue overseas hats. And, anyway, a girl who would break with you just because that hat was washed on to you is not a girl worthy of your affection. Forget her!

R.L.M.—Although duelling is frowned on severely in the A.E.F., I think you are thoroughly within your rights in challenging that brute of a sergeant of yours who wrote back to his sister (knowing it would get to your girl) that you had been put on company punishment for a week for sassing him back. For weapons, I should stipulate mess-tins full of slum at 20 paces, or fountain pens at 30 paces. And I hope you get him!

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AINSMITH APPEALS TO SECRETARY OF WAR

Baseball Draft Test Seen in Case of Washington Catcher

BOARDS ACT DIFFERENTLY

Finneran of Yankees Released, Killefer of Cubs in Class 1A—Cobb to Enlist

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, July 18.—Baseball is still on the anxious seat as to whether it is an essential line of business or not. Some of the draft boards have excused players, while others have decided that baseball is non-essential. The draft board which considered the case of Catcher Ainsmith of the Boston Braves, decided that baseball is non-essential and ordered Henry to report for service.

The East Orange, N. J., board released Joe Finneran, Yankee twirler, on the ground of essential occupation. Eddie Ainsmith, of the Washington club, was held by the Washington board, while the case of Roger Hornsby, star St. Louis Cardinal player, before the Texas board, is still undecided. Catcher Ainsmith has appealed his case to the Secretary of War and a decision is being anxiously awaited.

The Washington club will also probably lose First Baseman Joe Judge, he having been called in the "work or fight" order.

Herzog on First for Braves

Catcher Killefer of the Cubs has been placed in Class 1A, and the veteran Topi Clarke has been engaged to fill the place. Charles Holocheer, the Cubs' sensational shortstop, whose hitting and fielding helped largely in keeping the team in front, has been ordered before his local draft board.

The Boston Braves have been forced to put Buck Herzog at first base, owing to the weakening of the team. Three outfielders, Keig, Powell, and Kelly, have enlisted in the Navy Reserves, and Shortstop Maranville is back only on a short furlough.

Ty Cobb is quoted as saying that he will enlist in the service at the close of the present season.

The Chicago Cubs and the Boston Braves have arranged to play an exhibition game at Montreal, the proceeds going to a war fund.

The Detroit Tigers, by defeating Washington, broke Pitcher Harper's string of seven consecutive wins.

Civil War in Big Leagues

The American and National leagues continue in their angry fight over the refusal of the Philadelphia Athletics to accede to the decision of the National Board and turn Pitcher Scott Perry over to the Boston Braves. Captain Ban Johnson of the American league backs Connie Mack, who is suing out an injunction against the decision handed down by the National Commission. President Tener of the National league declares that he will quit the National Commission if Perry is not turned over to the Braves.

Baseball is getting somewhat dull owing largely to the drafting and enlisting of players. The present squabble between the two major leagues over Perry is a boon for the sporting writers, but it will probably bring them down.

The Second Army District team, comprised of many Boston Red Sox players, defeated the Cleveland Indians in an exhibition game at Newport, the count being 3 to 2.

SPORTING COMMENT

Benny Vakar, the little French bantam, who has been in the States for the past nine months, has been showing pretty good form in recent contests and promises to develop into quite a star. He has been fighting around Philadelphia, New York, and other eastern cities, and although he has inevitably received quite a bit of weight to his opponent of the last week some good battles. He has taken Frankie Burns, Dick Leadman, Joe Lynch, and others into camp, and several weeks ago, at Cleveland, he won decisively over Alvin Miller, of Lorain, Ohio. Although he can easily make 115 pounds, he met Miller at 124 pounds at 3 o'clock. He is a stable mate of Willie Jackson at present, and is in line for some good matches. Frank Bagley is acting as his manager.

One of the sensational athletes back home during the present season is Frank Shea, the sterling quarter miler of the University of Pittsburgh. In the intercollegiate he romped in a winner in the 140 in the remarkably fast time of 47 3/5 seconds, one of the fastest double furlongs ever run in a college race. He was not crowded, otherwise he might have established a new mark for the distance. He is called a second Ted Meredith and Maxey Long. He helped the University of Pittsburgh get second place in the big meet.

Cornell's easygoing, well-coordinated puts another plume in the cap of Jim Moakley, the miracle man of Cornell athletics. They have no different material at their disposal from any of the other big schools, but somehow or other Moakley is always able to build up a winner.

"Big 10" football schedules will be played through the same as last fall, according to the latest decision of the board of control. Indiana voted to have the same schedule, but the other members decided that athletics are essential to put men in shape for real warfare.

Comparison of the records made by eastern and western athletes shows the West to lead in three over their eastern rivals. Howard Drew ran the 100 faster than did Hayward of Pennsylvania, his time being 10. Jackson of Michigan out-jumped Fetter of Cornell, and Osborn of Missouri reached a higher mark than Fitor of Johns Hopkins.

Speaking of come-backs, old Nick Altrock pitched a game for Washington against Detroit and won it, 3 to 2. Nick's system was to let them get a runner, then grab them off with his old balk motion. Nick has been the comedian of the Senators for three years, but he had another game up his sleeve and he got a bigger laugh by beating Cobb and Co. than he has by his antics on the firing line.

Also Showling Phil Douglas, who was operated on for come-back and pitched the Cubs into first place, winning his opening game by a shut-out with only three hits, two of them error catches.

That makes the Cubs look almost as strong as if they hadn't lost Alexander. Alex, by the way, was married the other day at Camp Funston to one of his school chums.

The American association is having a close race for the pennant this year. On June 20 Milwaukee was leading by the narrow margin of two games, with Kansas City second, Columbus next, and Louisville, Indianapolis, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Toledo following in the order named. Just what effect the trade of the Milwaukee club with St. Louis Nationals will have on the race it is hard to predict.

CAPTIVE YANKS IN GAME

American soldiers who are prisoners of war in Germany, or those who may be taken prisoner in the near future, shall not suffer for lack of baseballs and the like, if the Y.M.C.A. can help it.

Already the Y.M.C.A. has done its part by shipping a half carload of athletic goods. This consignment consisted of tennis sets, baseballs, bats and mitts, volley balls and footballs.

They were addressed to Dr. A. C. Harle of Bern, Switzerland, and are intended for transmission by him to the Yanks captive in Germany. Dr. Harle had sent them, presumably after making arrangements for their reception and distribution inside the enemy Empire.

BABE RUTH, RED SOX, IS YEAR'S SENSATION

Pitches, Plays Infield and Outfield, 400 Hits

Ball Hard

QUIT TEAM FOR FEW DAYS

But Trouble With Owners Has Been Patched Up, and All's Well Now

Babe Ruth of the Boston Red Sox continues to be a regular Dick Merriwell. His exploits are becoming the talk of baseball back home. Ruth pitches, plays first and also the outfield, and besides that is among the leaders in the American league in batting. His feat of four home runs in four consecutive days is alone enough to make him famous. Ruth had some trouble with the owners of the club last week. He quit in a huff, but the trouble was soon patched up, and he is back clouting the ball again.

It is by no means unusual for a pitcher to occupy a place at the top of the batting list for a few weeks in the spring, because he may have had one big day with the bat and then stayed out of the game for a long time while his platoon remains intact. But when a fellow that is credited with appearing in the majority of his team's games is hitting over .400 in the middle of June it is time to sit up and take notice.

Ruth is the hitting sensation of the year, and in fact, of American league history. He is batting right now as well as anyone has batted for the same number of games since the foul strike rule came into being, and he promises to stay out in front all season.

A Slugger of Parts

Babe always has been known among ball players as a slugger of parts, but he was generally said that if he had to play every day opposing pitchers would soon find his weak spot and make a fish out of him. This spring, when the Boston Red Sox found themselves short of batting strength, it was decided to use Ruth in the meager or on first base when he was not pitching. His average did not suffer a bit when he began to play every day, but, on the contrary, the longer he remained in the lineup the better he got. Instead of the pitchers finding out his weakness, he found theirs.

Babe is a tremendously powerful man who handles a bat as though it weighed no more than a toothpick. He takes a full swing and hits the ball out in front of the plate, giving him tremendous drive. Home runs are his specialty, and in any park that has a short right field he usually makes two or three in a series.

He is credited with the longest hit ever made in the American league, driving one into the center field bleachers at Fenway Park, Boston, in a game against Detroit last year with Bill James pitching.

Into the Two Bill Seats

Anyone that has ever seen Fenway Park will realize what a tremendous thump this was. The ball went into the 25 cent seats about four rows from the top. It was the first time on record that anyone ever had succeeded in hitting one into his stand, though now and then someone hits a homer into the right field section. Ruth's lick would have gone over the fence in the Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, Philadelphia or Washington American league parks. It would have been into the bleachers in New York and it was as far as the scoreboard in Chicago.

In addition to being at present the boss hitter of the league, Ruth is also an accomplished first baseman and a fair outfielder. His defensive play is improving all the time. And of course he is one of the best left-handed pitchers in the world. Aside from these few accomplishments and some speed on the bases, he is of practically no value to the Red Sox.

Michigan's champion "Big 10" team had little trouble in winning the last game of the season from Notre Dame, 14 to 0. Scheider held the Notre Dame team to five hits and not a runner reached second base.

All the players on the Boston National league team have promised to get into some kind of service next fall, whether they are called in this summer.

Word comes from the States that the Government is to take over the green horsehide to such an extent that there will be little left for the manufacture of baseballs.

Pop Anson says the only thing new in baseball in the last 30 years is the spitball and commercialism. Pop forgets that the spitball was used by the Louisville team in his time, were barred for trying to throw gum.

After Three-Fingered Brown succeeded Joe Tinker as manager of the Columbus, Ohio, team, his men won 14 out of 37 games, all of which were played on the road.

The Milwaukee team under Joe Egan, former Providence manager, is the surprise of the American association.

Long Tom Hughes, twirler for Minneapolis, held Toledo to a lone hit. Roy Patterson performed the same trick against the Mud Hens, the week before.

Stoney McGlynn, former St. Louis and Milwaukee twirler, is twirling in the Lake Shore league in Wisconsin this summer.

Automobiles are being used in the Pacific Coast league to make the jumps between cities, because of the increased railroad rates. The trip between Salt Lake City and the coast cities are made by train as formerly.

Fischer, Koster June, of the University of West Virginia, has joined the Cleveland club.

Alec Reilly has been sold by Louisville to the Toronto club.

TOURNAIE CIRCUIT IS REAL BIG LEAGUE

These Sixteen Teams Are Not Worried About Traveling Expenses

FIVE MORE IN OVERFLOW

Major Straight Cup Going to Winner of Diamond Championship

When you speak of the "big leagues," usually you refer to the American and National, because in these circuits you find the fastest class of baseball played in the world. In fact, American league fans, pointing with pride to the results of the last few world's series, say that you can be even more specific than that and confine the term "big" to their circuit alone.

Be that as it may, the real "big" league, when you view it from the standpoint of numbers, is playing at Tours.

There are 16 clubs in this league, as many as there are in the American and National combined. Five other teams are playing in the same town, but there was no room for them in the circuit and they are holding an overflow meeting in their own town. They say that they want to play the pennant runners in the regular race, and perhaps at the end of the season there will be another world's series.

Every Game on Home Grounds

At first glance it might appear that a 16-club circuit would be too ponderous to be interesting, but this has not been found to be the case. There is no traveling to be done, for one thing. In the old days of the National league, when there were 11 ball clubs and Louisville in the circuit, they did find it a bit messy to get all the battles fought in one town.

When a club went out for a swing on the circuit, its members might be in the heyday of youth, but when it had visited 11 towns and returned to its own park the players were apt to be cranking in the circuit, they did find it a bit messy to get all the battles fought in one town.

The class of baseball played in the Tours league is good. There are a number of men enrolled who have had minor league experience, and a few who have had at least a cup of coffee in the big show. One pitcher, who is winning regularly, was once signed by Connie Mack, who happened to be going by the church where this youngster was being christened and slipped him a contract, with profuse apologies for being late with it. Usually Connie reads the paper and statistics in the paper and is waiting on the front steps the morning after a male infant makes his squalid advent.

Officers Boost Sport

The immense thirst for baseball at Tours is due in part to the natural enthusiasm of the nation for the sport and in part to the energy of G. W. A. Zahn, a Y.M.C.A. physical director, in organizing things for the men. Zahn, who is a great hustler, thus disproving all the things said about Philadelphians being sleepy, is a baseball enthusiast himself, and running a baseball league is his favorite outdoor sport.

Officers stationed in Tours have given the sport great support. Major Willard Straight has donated a fine cup for the winners of the diamond championship, a trophy that will be more highly prized than a world's series emblem back home. The schedule calls for each team to meet the others once. Then there will be a second round for the "first division."

MISKE SINKS GUNBOAT

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, July 18.—Billy Miske had little difficulty in defeating Gunboat Smith in an eight round battle at Jersey City.

Miske outboxed Smith throughout and also did all the forcing. Smith just managed to stay through the eight rounds.

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DUKE STILL SMASHING 'EM

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] AMERICA, July 18.—Duke Kahanamoku, the Hawaiian swimmer, established a new record for the 60 yards, crawl stroke style, in an aquatic meet at Chicago, covering the distance in 25 1/5 seconds. The previous mark of thirty seconds was made by C. M. Daniels at Pittsburgh in 1917.

In the 220 yard event, Perry McGillivray, of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, defeated Kahanamoku and established a world's record of 2:21 2/5 against his former mark of 2:24 1/5.

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RAILROAD FARES BOOST BALL COSTS

Coast League Arranges to Have Teams Move by Auto

Baseball has been hard hit by the Government order increasing railroad fares all over the country. Some of the little leagues may have to stop, and even the big leagues will suffer, although if the present attendance keeps up they can stand the additional expense.

The Coast League intends to keep going if the teams have to walk from town to town. President Al Baum has made arrangements for the teams to travel from city to city by auto, which ought to make a pleasant summer. But imagine "Game postponed—blowout," or "No game—motor trouble," or having a leading team smashed up or pinched for speeding. Why, a motorcycle cop could decide the pennant race.

The owners are doing everything possible to keep the game going, and it is hard sledding, but they aren't kicking. They know there's a war on.

WITH THE MITT WIELDERS

Kid Williams got the decision over Young Cluskey at Baltimore in 12 rounds. Johnny Ertle has been suspended for four months by the Wisconsin Boxing Commission, because he did not notify the examining physician that he had an abscess on his ear when he lost to Dick Leadman in three rounds.

Heavyweight bouts evidently are not wanted in Wisconsin, the boxing commission having notified clubs that no heavyweight matches should be made without first consulting with the commission.

Mike O'Dowd did not meet Eddie McGourty at Camp Grant, claiming he did not have time to train. Andre Anderson and Homer Smith fought a draw.

Benny Leonard helped to turn in \$12,000 for the war fund when he gave an exhibition with Louis Recac at Los Angeles, over whom he was awarded the decision.

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DRAFT HITS CARDS

Because of the draft the St. Louis Cardinals have been so badly weakened that they are floundering about in the cellar position in the National league race. The owners, however, have determined to get the team out of the rut and many changes are planned.

Players are being grabbed up everywhere, three being taken from Milwaukee and four from Little Rock. Outfielders McFerry and Beal of Milwaukee and Twirler Rankin Johnson of the same club are to join the Cards. From Little Rock will come Johnny Brock and Tony Brottem, catchers, and Distel and Grimm, infielders.

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A.M.T.S. No. 1 is just one of many Motor Transport Service stations, but being Number one, it is ahead of the field in many ways so far. It is one of the outfits which is going to get the maximum utility out of the great trains of transport sent across by Uncle Sam. Under the system that it represents, every foot pound of motor power, brought so many thousands of miles, will be used to its utmost, then repaired and used again.

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The Police Board also announces that labor prices for war industry must be stabilized, and the governmental organizations and departments have agreed on a plan of eliminating competitive bidding for labor by contractors and others. They have ordered the committee on standardization to establish standardized scales of wages.

HERE AND THERE IN THE S.O.S.

They are still talking about the old overseas cap down in the S.O.S., talking of it as though it were a hideous nightmare, recollections of which still fill the mind with vague and unholly terrors. But sometimes they only joke about it. "We borrowed one part of our uniform from the British," said an officer high enough up to know what he was talking about. "We borrowed another part from the French. And we borrowed still another part from ourselves. But we didn't borrow the old overseas cap. We polished it."

The steward's task was done—for the day, anyway. He was reading the transport figures in a week-old newspaper. "Two hundred thousand and a lot more in June!" he exclaimed. "Say, bo, in a few weeks that whole Unhated States gewgaw be ovah heath!"

These long summer twilights are all right in their way, but they raise hob with Y.M. movie shows. Taps is sounded before. It is quite dark, so the movies have to be shown at the tail-end of sunset or not at all. You look at the screen for a few minutes, and if your eyesight is exceptionally good you really are able to see something stirring. A few harder souls laugh and clap to convey the impression that they actually can follow the picture.

Darkness could be secured at the expense of ventilation, but everyone wants the ventilation—even the fellows who tried to have every window in the Adrian barracks kept tight shut last winter.

The three most popular colors in the S.O.S. paint line are not red, white and blue, but black, white and O.D. The O.D. is, of course, for truck bodies and such rather than for uniforms, unless someone sits in it. The black and white have made the grade as an old French saying look like new. The black shows to advantage on the stoves which were forever going out in the chill days that were—and that probably will be again.

It is used principally as a bandstand, but when you ask why the stakes around the edge are carefully wrapped in hurlap and connected by two stout ropes, they will admit that they occasionally stage a bout or two there.

The other night the program wound up with a free-for-all affair between six dark-skinned members of a labor battalion. The game was so wrapped in the front last longed, and as the crowd had put up 60 francs for the lucky man, it was some little exciting match. For a time it looked as though all six would be laid out, but eventually it narrowed down to two, and the better man of the two won.

The wonder of it is that the bandstand didn't break down during the rumpus.

When two officers who had had much to do with organizing a military band left one town for duty elsewhere, the band gave them a smashing send-off at the railroad station.

HOSPITAL STAGES ALLEGORY OF WAR

"Democracy Victorious" Reveals Vanquishing of Kaiserism

Base Section No. 1 is still aglow with the pleasant memories of an impressive pageant staged on the greensward at Base Hospital 101. It was presented for the entertainment of the patients by the nurses and Medical Department men on duty there.

"Democracy Victorious" was the title and the theme of the allegory, which revealed in successive scenes of splendor the vanquishing of Autocracy, with all its crew of Pride, Selfishness, Slavery, Falsehood and Cruelty. Miss Florence Hunt, the chief nurse, was resplendent as Liberty, but the name of the player called upon to assume the rôle of Germany is suppressed by request.

The present surpassed in imagination and beauty all earlier efforts at entertainment devised in that neck of the A.E.F., but they do say it was not so funny as the more modest show put on at the same hospital early last fall, when the superb—not to say bouncing—figure representing the Goddess of Liberty collapsed at the discovery that the hospital blankets with which he was tastefully swathed were, in full view of a delighted audience, slowly but inexorably slipping off.

AROUND THE POKER BUNK

First Player: That guy that's doing all the winning doesn't know the game at all. Every time anyone says "I pass" he says "Lessee em."

Second Player: Well, that's because he's an M.P. when he ain't working.

The band, of course, hated to do this—bands always hate to play in public, especially when they know they're good. But this band swallowed its compunction and went to the station, where it played itself hoarse. And when the train pulled out the music must have been audible for five or six kilometers away.

The band started to go home. But another train had pulled in on the up-track. And one car was filled with Yankee nurses. So the band went into action again and almost blew a perfectly good roof off the trainshed.

Private Jawn Walker, of ebony hue, could not get the proper swing to his arm when saluting. Besides, his life-long custom of calling all white folks "cap'n" had got him into trouble since he joined the Army. He would salute a general or a top sergeant with a wave of the hand and a "Howdy, Cap'n."

Being called for this breach of etiquette, he tried to avoid further trouble, and was telling a comrade his difficulties. "Fistidy," he said, "I seen a lieutenant comin' and I'd run 'round de corner so as not to have to salute. And bless Gawd, I run smack into one of dem men wid buzzards on his shoulders!"

He had come down from the front with a shrapnel gash in one leg and a machine gun souvenir in his arm. "Say," he said, "I just got out of the hospital and they sent me up here. Now what are they going to do with me?" "That all depends," they told him. "If they keep you here, they'll probably let you do something—plenty of work, details, and all that."

"Details," he moaned. "Say, war is hell, ain't it?"

Nurses may be second lieutenants, or first lieutenants, or even brigadier-generals, one and all, for anything we know to the contrary, but their lives are not for that reason all limousines and carnations. When a squad, or platoon, or company leaves one town, they all ride down to the station in Q.M. trucks—and they don't sit down, either.

The cigarette shortage reported from various quarters of the S.O.S. is due to the diversion of large shipments to troops at the front. A certain percentage of the "tailor mades" available is being allotted to the men of the S.O.S. but not as much as formerly. The deficiency is being made up with "the makin'."

When, months ago, Americans first began to flock into a certain S.O.S. city, the populace wondered how long they were going to stay. They intimated, very politely, that the front was some distance further to the north and east. But now that the Yanks have come and are giving a good account of themselves, Americans enjoy no greater popularity anywhere in France. Go into a store in that city, and you can't buy anything until *monsieur le patron* has read you, in a perfect fervor of enthusiasm, the American communiqué.

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To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: I was glad to note that the lad who panned the Engineers about not doing much worthy of notice up to date expected the Engineers who are attached to the D.E.F. We have been busy. Damn busy. So busy, in fact, that we have not had time to keep up our end of copy for THE STARS AND STRIPES.

Reason to Be Proud

We are proud of our Railway Engineering regiments. I believe that we have reason to be. Four of our regiments marched through London last August and were reviewed by the King and Queen. We were the first foreign troops to march through London since William the Conqueror made his triumphal entry several centuries back.

We were always in shell range, especially near the batteries to which we hauled ammunition. On several occasions our train crews have been unable to carry their six inch and nine-point-two to their destination and have had to wait until the Boche stopped shelling the position.

For over a month previous to November 20, Company A and a number of detached men worked day and night hauling ammunition to the British batteries in front of Cambrai for the great drive which opened on that date. So close did they work to the German lines that they were unable to use a flashlight or even a match to give signals, on account of the accuracy of the German snipers.

Defensive Too Tame for Him

During the drive, several of the crews found themselves between the fire of the Boche and the larger guns of the British in the rear of the lighter guns to which they were carrying ammunition. In the counter attack, our men grabbed their guns and fired under the Boche's fire. "Dad" Harper, an engineer on one of the little locomotives, found defensive fighting too tame for him and made his way up to the first line. "Dad" is an old "possum hunter" and "lowed" that he could set a couple of "them Dutch" as easily as he could a four-hung "possum." "Dad" ought to have had a medal for that bit of work. He has gray hair.

For our services at Cambrai, General Byng sent our colonel a fine letter of commendation and thanks. Now in the world the boys came through without any fatalities. I don't know for their barracks were right in the middle of the barrage the Germans put up on their counter attack. We have lost very few men and these have been through natural causes with one exception—an unavoidable accident.

Throughout such conditions is not like it is on the American broad gauge roads either at home or here in France. The firemen back home used to kick because they were not allowed to make smoke, but smokeless firing certainly comes in handy over here.

The Day of the Dig Stuff

We never realized just how close we were to the Germans until the drive started on March 21 of this year. All last winter we slept through the constant roar of the British guns a mile or two from us or the Hun's further away. Many times our little railway lines would be illuminated by the flares from the trenches. But, like anything else, we

TO AID COMMANDERS

An officer is to be designated in each regiment and company to handle all administrative duties under the supervision of the regimental and company commander, according to a new G.H.Q. bulletin. The intent of the order is to relieve the commander of administrative details in order that he may "exert his full mental and physical capabilities towards the tactical command and training of his unit."

BASE PORT MEETING A FAMILY REUNION

Talk of Coincidences Leads to One That Beats Them All.

A group of chance-met, fairly casual officers of the Army and Navy were gathered on the shaded terrace of a cafe in one of the base ports the other evening. One of them was telling how he had recognized in one of the guards out at camp that afternoon the boy who used to deliver the groceries at his house back in a town in Indiana.

Back on the Broad Gauge

For this work two of our officers have been awarded Military Crosses by the B.E.F. and three of our engineers and conductors Military Medals.

We are back in the zone of the broad gauge now doing construction work. Fritz has our toy railroad, which is so essential to getting supplies and troops to the front. We hope that we will get back to operating again. Most of us are brotherhood operating men and are not exactly in love with "grand-dancing."

We have "lived and had our being" with the British so long that we feel almost like Britons. We have been with Tommie, Canuck, Aussie, Anzac, South African and Jock for nearly a year now and know them pretty well.

Tommie is a much misunderstood human by the Yanks. He is quiet and does not respond as quickly to your advances as the others. It's his nature. He can't help it. He's a good plug when you get to know him and it'll do you good to hear him sing.

Canuck is like your half brother. You always feel at home with him. Aussie is a type by himself. They are all volunteers. They are fierce fighters in the line or out and yet they are good scouts. They like the Yanks and you take to them instinctively. Better look out for they'll out-bull you every time, which would be a calamity for a real Yank.

After Your Own Heart

Anzac, the lad from New Zealand, is very much like yourself. You won't see him much because there are not many of him over here. The same thing applies to the South Africans, who resemble the Americans in many ways.

But Jock! There's a lad after your own heart. He is just an irresistible boy. You don't feel like smiling when you see him in kilts—that is, after you know him.

The Germans smiled when the Black Watch came over the top the first time. They thought England had run out of men and was sending the women against them. They call them "The Ladies From Hell" now. They fear Jock's gold stock.

Jock is about the best natured pal you can find, and he won't try to out-bull you, as Aussie will. When he talks, you think a machine gun is working. If any of the Americans with the British find themselves with the Cameron, the Gordons, the Black Watch or the King's Own Scotch Borderers, they are among the cream of the finest fighters of the world.

That Yankee Band

In closing, let me say that, after all, there is none like the Yanks. We have met and mingled with all the British and we like them all. But it was left to last Sunday night for us to be given the greatest treat during the entire time we have been in France, when the sure enough American band of the Engineers came over from a nearby town and gave us a concert.

Oh, boy! Those campaign hats and that real American slang. We forgot the British lingo that we have become accustomed to use and reverted to the good old U.S. way of talking. You almost felt like falling on someone's neck. A sort of long-lost brother stuff, you know.

And that band! When that jazz music started, we tried to look unconscious, but it was only for a minute, and then we paired off and, in hob-nailed shoes on a rough sod, danced our fool selves tired for the first time since we left the banks of the old Mississippi last July.

There is none like your own folks after all!

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And then somebody yelled "Fire!" or, more likely, "Fou!" because this happened in the S.O.S. of the A.E.F., at A.P.O. 711.

True enough the movie theater was a-fire, the movie machine was on the kibosh and the movie pie was still miraculously suspended in mid-air. Naturally, the fact that Mr. Chaplin was on the screen is equivalent to saying that there were a large number of Americans in the audience, they happening this time to be from the Engineers, who are stationed at 711 performing first-aid stunts to busted locomotives.

The Engineers were patient enough for a while, but it became apparent that the civilian fire department was asleep, or off on a furlough, or visiting his aunt, or something. Meanwhile, the theater was burning down and—worst of all—they never would see whether the custard ever landed.

So they dug out their canteens, found some buckets, located a ladder, borrowed some water, and climbed up on the roof and put out the blaze. They did it all in a very few minutes, and just as they were climbing down, along came the civilian fire department demanding why in the name of a sacred dog, a sacred cow and one hundred sacred thunder-bolts somebody hadn't notified him about the fire.

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