

ST. MIHIEL ATTACK CLEAN CUT VICTORY OF AMERICAN ARMS

Battle Plans Carried Out According to or Ahead of Schedule

14,500 BAG OF PRISONERS

Troublesome Salient of Four Years' Standing Was Reduced at Cost of 7,000 Casualties

It has seemed worth while to describe in some detail the rather intricate battle plans of the American Army for the reduction of the St. Mihiel salient...

The stupendous bombardment shook the earth for four hours, driving the enemy's troops into their dugouts...

Rolling Barrage Starts

At 5 o'clock, which was still 20 minutes before daybreak of that wet and foggy morning, the bombardment of the German front lines...

Immediately occurred the first agreeable surprise. The enemy's wire was in very poor condition, rusty or broken...

The feats of many individual Americans were exemplified in the attack on the salient...

Somewhat later the same morning, at Bouillonville, in the sector of the 8th Division...

Hard to Keep Up With

It is obvious why streams of prisoners, very soon after the attack began, were pouring back to the American rear on every road and path...

From the facts now known concerning the efforts of the Germans to stem the flood...

EYE ON COMPANY FUNDS

Commanders of ports of embarkation are authorized to hold in France officers of returning units who have custody of company funds...

9,383 FOREIGN MEDALS

Just 9,383 officers and men are entitled to wear foreign badges and ribbons, according to G.H.Q. figures up to February 26...

French: Legion of Honor, 61; Medaille Militaire, 124; Croix de Guerre, 8,000; Medaille d'Honneur des Epaves, 38...

PVT. W. WILSON, NO. 2,559,201, IS A.E.F. CELEBRITY

Yes, His First Name is Woodrow and He's a Buck

"Pvt. Woodrow Wilson, front 'n' center! 'Now, P't. Woodrow Wilson, woddya mean by havin' the top button of your overcoat unbuttoned? Don'tcha know by this time that—"

Easy, now, easy. Nobody's casting any aspersions on our Commander in Chief. It merely so happens that, while there is a President Woodrow Wilson in Washington...

Never Transferred or Busted

The Commander-in-Chief's card is a model of brevity. As far as their records at Bourges are concerned, he has never been promoted, transferred, sent to hospital or even busted...

Men who have had prior service, which includes service in the present war, may re-enlist for one year or three years...

Men who re-enlist under the new plan will be discharged from the Army as provided under the seven-year enlistment plan.

For Army of Occupation The primary purpose of the new enlistment plan, while not stated, is accepted to be the providing of a volunteer army available for occupying the German territory...

WE'RE COWBOYS; ASK LA ROCHELLE

Lassoing of Drifting Ship Gives Away Secret of Origin

That part of the French population of La Rochelle which had lately begun to doubt that the cowboys were military men...

Then it happened. A half-dozen of the disguised cowboys scrambled for a coil of rope. The one that reached it first looped the rope over his head and threw it over the drifting boat...

YANKS ARE BOOKWORMS

The A.E.F. is developing an extensive appetite for reading matter. Following the recent announcement that the American Library Association had 100,000 books available to lend A.E.F. members...

ENGINEERS FOR RUSSIA

Cassey Jones, America's most immortal railroad luminary, will soon visit Russia. Two special companies of railroad operating engineers have been organized among A.E.F. volunteers...

Some time ago President Wilson made mention of the fact that such a step was to be taken. The two companies have been formed under British sponsorship and will journey to Russia by way of England.

RECRUITS FOR NEW REGULAR ARMY TO BE SOUGHT IN A.E.F.

W.D. Instructions Call for One and Three Year Enlistment Periods

PARTIES TO BE SENT OUT

Purpose of New Plan Assumed to Be Providing Force to Occupy German Territory

Recruiting for the Regular Army is to be opened throughout the A.E.F., under cable instructions received from the War Department at Washington.

One-year and three-year enlistment periods will be offered instead of the old seven-year period, and there are special discharge provisions calculated to make the service attractive.

The recruiting among experienced soldiers of the temporary armies marks the opening of the Government's effort to place its Army on a definite footing of 500,000 men...

Present War "Prior Service"

According to announcement from G.H.Q., the conditions under which Regular Army enlistments will be received in the A.E.F. are these:

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Plans for obtaining Regular Army enlistments in the A.E.F. call for special recruiting officers to retain in the Army men who are to be discharged from the S.O.S. and recruiting parties also will be sent out.

SEGREGATION, THEN WORK, FOR VENERALS

Diseased Men Won't Leave With Outfits, Says General Order

Soldiers suffering from venereal diseases will be segregated and assigned to provisional organizations retained for labor purposes in Europe...

The idea of G.H.Q. is that by assigning districts to each organization more men of the A.E.F. will be served and the organization will be enabled to give more satisfactory service.

TO NEWSPAPER MEN

Newspaper and magazine writers of all ranks in the A.E.F., men who, previous to their entry into military service, were professional writers or contributors to newspapers or magazines...

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THE MOST INTERESTED MEMBERS—



—of The League of Nations

WET CANTEENS TO BE RUN BY Y.M.C.A.; TRANSFER APRIL 1

Army Will Take Over Association's Warehouses Middle of Month

While the Army is completing preparations to take over operation of Y.M.C.A. canteens, the Y.M.C.A. is making plans under which that portion of its personnel released from canteen service...

It is announced that the Y.M.C.A. will continue to run wet canteens, selling coffee, chocolate and sandwiches...

The Army contemplates taking over the Y.M.C.A. warehouses and the stock contained in them on March 15...

For Educational Work Many Y.M.C.A. men now doing canteen work will be appointed school supervisors and devote their energies to assisting in the carrying out of the educational program...

Invitations to attend were not intended to be arbitrary, the committee announced, and any officer or enlisted man not invited who is in Paris at the time of the meeting is invited to be present...

It is expected that at the caucus, which will be held at the American Club, 4 Avenue Marigny, near the Ecole des Beaux-Arts...

DISCHARGE BADGE CHOSEN

The A.E.F. will soon have a chance to see the buttons which will be issued to all honorably discharged soldiers for wear with their civilian clothes...

5,000 IN TOURS INSPECTION

Five thousand soldiers and women on duty at Igny, S.O.S., in Tours, were inspected Monday by General Pershing...

VETERANS OF A.E.F. IN LIBERTY LEAGUE

Conference on Organization to Be Held in Paris Beginning 15th

Definite steps for the organization of a veterans' association for members of the A.E.F. are to be taken at a conference in Paris on March 15, 16 and 17...

The proposed organization, conceived recently at a meeting of a score of National Guard and National Army officers...

The first steps toward the forming of the organization were taken in Paris, where the officers changed to be on official business...

It was decided to gather a body sufficient to represent adequately the entire A.E.F. and invitations were sent out to 1,500 officers and men...

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THOUSANDS FLOCK TO BEAUNE FOR UNIVERSITY WORK

Classes Will Start on 10th; Formal Opening Set for 15th

Beaune university, the Army's great educational institution, awaits the coming of thousands of ambitious men of the A.E.F. who have enrolled for the various courses offered.

The big college received its first students yesterday. They came from the S.O.S. Today and tomorrow the quotas from the First, Second, and Third Armies will arrive...

Formerly a huge base hospital center, the buildings at Beaune taken over by the Army for educational purposes have been converted into class rooms, laboratories, dormitories and recreation and entertainment halls...

Headquarters Is Established

The Army Educational Commission, which will supervise the program of education at Beaune, has already been organized...

Fourteen colleges comprise the A.E.F.'s university. The courses are in agriculture and science, fine and applied arts, vocations, correspondence, journalism, education, music, business, medicine and chemistry...

Hundreds at Sorbonne

With Beaune awaiting its students, arrangements for courses of instruction in Paris began last Wednesday...

Two sorts of courses are offered in the French universities opened to the A.E.F. One consists of public lectures for which no fee is charged...

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FIFTH OF A.E.F. OFF; FIGHTING DIVISION HITS GANG PLANK

Week's Sailings for Home Bring Total Up Beyond 400,000 Mark

LEVIATHAN CARRIES 10,000

Discharges in States Number 1,013,648, With 1,396,000 Still on Rolls Feb. 1

Five months almost to a day from the time it hurried itself into the battle in Picardy they resulted in the breaking of the Hindenburg line and helped complete the collapse of the German army's whole Western front defense system...

When the Leviathan—formerly German liner Vaterland—swung out into the ocean from the harbor of Brest on February 27, she carried 10,000 New York men of three infantry regiments and other 27th Division units whose lives will never hold greater days than those they went through in the ending of September, 1918...

The Leviathan carried the division headquarters and Headquarters Troop, the 53rd Brigade headquarters, the 105th and 106th Infantry regiments and other units...

50,000 Sail in Week

The sailing of the 27th Division was one feature of a week which saw more than 50,000 men and their families depart for home—a figure that brought the total of departures over 400,000. That total means that one-fifth of the A.E.F. already has gone home.

In connection with the total of all men returned from the A.E.F. since the war began, interest attaches to figures made available several weeks ago by the War Department showing that 1,013,648 officers and enlisted men had been discharged in the United States up to February 1...

Artillery Leads Homegoers

Departures from France listed by branches of service, in the last week of February, were:

Table with columns: Branch of Service, Officers, Men. Includes Air Service, Ammunition, Artillery, etc.

Recent sailings include the following vessels and units:

S.S. Amphion, Casals, S.S. Aedon 7th Art. Div. Headquarters, 27th Div. Headquarters, S.S. Amos, 27th Div. Headquarters, S.S. Amos, 27th Div. Headquarters...

SIXTY DOLLAR BONUS FOR A.E.F. ON DISCHARGE

Every member of the A.E.F. honorably discharged from the Army will receive a bonus of \$60.

The \$60 bonus will be paid in the working of the Revenue Act, to all persons serving in the military or naval services of the United States during the present war who have, since April 6, 1917, resigned or been discharged under honorable conditions...

SICK AND WOUNDED HAVE VALETS ON TRIP HOME

Twenty-five kilometers from St. Nazaire, at the top of a hill overlooking the broad, luxuriant river which makes that town possible...

But G.H.Q. wouldn't think of sending the wounded and sick to the States without being looked after by valets, or pack men, or any of the trying incidents in connection with the trip home.

They are the wounded doughboys and convalescing men of the A.E.F. and they are now at Savenay, which is unknown to the States without delay.

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The A.E.F. will soon have a chance to see the buttons which will be issued to all honorably discharged soldiers for wear with their civilian clothes...

except for the fact that it is the largest and final clearing house for all those who have been unfortunate enough to stop...

30,000 Sail Since November 11 Eight thousand six hundred officers were sent home under similar conditions prior to the signing of the armistice...

Yea, with all this energy, Savenay will probably be the last hospital center to bid farewell to the mud and rain of France...

Of these cases now at Savenay hospital center, 2,000 are regarded as stretcher cases, 2,000 as crutch cases, and from 500 to 1,000 are minus a certain part of the body...

One of the most interesting features of the center is the farm, located about a mile from the hospitals and enclosed under the auspices of the Red Cross...

TROOP MOVEMENT CROWD HAS PLENTY OF DOINGS

From the time organizations leave the replacement camp, supposedly fully equipped, with the receipt of every individual...

Red, Green and Gray Movements into the embarkation camps in and around Brest and from there to the ships are now being put through with a minimum of delay...

The first lieutenant who is the bureau's assistant personnel adjutant, can tell you the tonnage, carrying capacity for troops...

RAINBOW CLERKS CLEAR DECKS FOR RETURNING

Rainbow Division typewriters along the Rhine these days are figuring during their cutting hours just how many service records end to end it would take to reach from Rotterdam to Holland...

The Rhine cities have become noted for the sizes and numbers of their cottages, as the German and Austrian armies that passed through them on their way to the Western front...

BUCKS CAN BUY CUSHIONS

"Je ne comprends pas" won't be an alibi to the mere private for the one-berthed cot-tour any more after the French railroad conductors get on to the A.E.F. dictum on the subject...

ALFRED EDMOND PICAUD



Six-Year-Old Protégé of Company A, 5th Machine Gun Battalion

POILUS MISTAKE ORPHAN CAMPAIGN FOR CUPID'S OWN

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FUND REACHES FR. 268,906

Hefty Contributions from A.E.F. Units on Week's List—One from Philippines

When THE STARS AND STRIPES War Orphan Campaign was organized it was for the purpose of adopting French war orphans...

Children Coming Back Now

Copies of the booklet, "From French Masses to Their American Godfathers," published by the American Red Cross...

HOW TO HELP THE 3,444

The War Orphan Campaign of THE STARS AND STRIPES closed on December 16, 1918, with 3,444 French orphans adopted by the A.E.F. and assured of a home and comfort for one year.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Lists donors and their contributions to the orphan fund.

French laws prohibit adoptors from taking their proteges to the United States under any circumstances.

PRESIDENT ON WAY TO COMPLETE WORK IN PEACE SESSIONS

Frontiers of New Nations Occupy Attention of Conference

After a busy interim in America, President Wilson is on his way back to Paris to take part in the final sessions of the Peace Conference...

Meanwhile the new boundaries between Germany and Poland and Denmark have been practically settled and the work of the other committees which must be completed before peace is signed has been brought to the point where only details are to be settled by the time President Wilson is ready to take his seat at the peace table in the French Foreign Ministry.

The vital economic and financial problems concerned in the reparation for the countries which have suffered devastation are still taking a prominent place in the work of the delegates.

LYON CAFES CLOSED TO JUNKETING YANKS

Unofficial Leave Area Has Big Fair On, Also Big Prices

Small, inconspicuous sheets of paper bearing the typewritten words, "Out of bounds for all troops of U.S. Army," posted on the doors of seven principal cafes in Lyon last Sunday morning...

Cafes Stay Open Late

One of the most interesting features of the fair itself is the display of automobiles, which ranges from the high-powered 12-cylinder cars to a tiny French car rated at ten horsepower.

WHERE PVT. JONES BECOMES MR. DITTO

540 Yanks Have Already Been Discharged Here at St. Aignan Center

In a small room, inconspicuous because of its secluded position, situated half way between Saint Aignan and Noyers, where casuals splash in the mud and wonder how many days will pass before they are "booked to the States," is a captain who performs the last rites for soldiers coming before him.

WHERE TO SHOP IN PARIS

To obtain price and value and to be well attended to, / The Reliable Department Store

AU PRINTEMPS

Finest Collection of Suitable New Year Gifts

Latest Creation in Ladies' Dress

O.D. HELPERS AT THE PEACE CONFERENCE

The battle of Paris has been a much-sung conflict in the A.E.F. and, like many other O.D. jobs before the armistice was signed, those who were wanted to get out and those who were out wanted to get in.

The peace outfit, originally planned to be composed of 140 men, soon had to call for reinforcements, and its personnel is now made up of representatives of every branch of the service and nearly every organization including the Navy and Marine Corps.

There are, of course, many casualties among them. The diplomatic whisper in which some of the information is given out to the visitor can be traced, not to a training in push-stuff, but to the results of a gas-attack on the front.

One unit that is doing heavy duty is the Motor Transportation Corps, for it takes the flock of gray automobiles to get the dignitaries from hotel lobby to foreign office or from embassy to conference hall.

Perhaps the most exciting events in peace making on the Seine take place in and around the Hotel Carlton, on the Place de la Concorde, where the American delegates and other dignitaries are billeted.

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Write for our SPECIAL SUMMER CATALOGUE

A.E.F. HAS SMOKED 3,174,871,794 CIGS

What's More, It Has Eaten 20,000,000 Pounds of Candy

Tell it to the new-born Anti-Cigarette League! The A.E.F. has smoked all of 3,174,871,794 cigarettes.

From now on constant improvement is promised in the matter of delicacies for issue in the A.E.F. During February the candy curve jumped from a 10 days' to a 21 days' supply on hand, and those who keep the A.E.F. candy bin promise that by the middle of this month there will be an abundance for both sale and issue.

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RED TAPE NO BAR TO WOUND STRIPES

Men May Claim Right to Them by Affidavit in Urgent Cases

Red tape will not be permitted to prevent any member of the A.E.F. from wearing a wound chevron, to which he is justly entitled, when he returns to the States.

Section commanders and commanding officers of hospitals may now be empowered by the C.G., S.O.S., to determine the validity of claims for wound chevrons made by men within the limits of their commands, whenever for any reason such claims have not previously been passed upon in the regular way.

When commanding officers are called upon to determine the right of any man to wear wound chevrons, they will communicate with the Central Records Office or the C.O. of the unit in which the soldier was serving when he claimed to have been wounded.

CLAIMS AGAINST A.E.F.

Work of centralizing all money claims against the A.E.F. held by any Allied Government or its citizens is being undertaken by the United States Liquidation Commission, under authority of G.O. 10, G.H.Q.

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Advertisement for Bessonneau, featuring illustrations of various tents and shelters used by the military, with text describing their durability and utility.

### 4TH CORPS ATTACK - GREAT SUCCESS - ENEMY IS AWOL

Casualties of 82nd, 26th and 29th: One Private, With Cramps

### FLAG BEARERS PROTEST Get So Interested in Maneuvers They Refuse to Be Relieved by Fresh Troops

At 6 a.m. (9 a.m. maneuver time), on a fair February day, the Fourth Corps, First Army, consisting of the 82nd, 26th and 29th Divisions, went over the top and carried out one of the most successful attacks ever made by any American Army since the signing of the armistice.

A phantom enemy was in possession of Blondfontaine and the southern slopes of Hills 265 and 270, defending himself chiefly with machine guns and light artillery. Reports indicated beforehand that he was short of reserves, and that nothing more than local counter-attacks could be expected.

The 82nd Division, with snip and precision, advanced on the right, while the 29th struck desperately at the center and hurled the enemy back with such force that many prisoners fell to the Americans long before the first objective had been reached. The 26th Division hit such a blow that the enemy was forced to retire with but little resistance.

The first objective—Hill 315 and Hill 349—was reached on schedule, with the Americans suffering only light casualties—principally one buck private, who insisted that it wasn't war-like to have orderlies on the front lines, therefore developing a case of cramps so that he had to be relieved by one of the brave orderlies.

**Attack Pushed With Vigor**  
The Infantry regiments advanced side by side, pushing the attack with vigor. One battalion of each regiment held the front line with two companies in the assault wave, while two companies followed in support at a distance of 200 meters. To each assaulting battalion was assigned one machine gun company, the one-pounders, a Stokes Mortar platoon and one section of 75's. The support battalions followed at 600 meters.

Flight B, 99th Observation Squadron, marked the advance line by the aid of the front line platoon commanders, who displayed panels and flags.  
The battle orders said that each assaulting battalion would be pushed to its limit before being relieved. This order was not carried out—at least, in one case. The flag bearers who represented the battalion insisted that they were just beginning to get warmed up and, therefore, preferred to carry out the complete assault.

One private, first class, who represented an entire company, decided that he would enjoy the morning much better by spending it sitting near a fire, whereupon he discarded his flag and started for the rear. A lieutenant stopped him. "Where are you going?"  
The first class private halted and tried to think up some excuse.  
"You know very well," said the lieutenant, "what it means to beat it away from a battle. That's why we've got all these M.P.'s stationed back here."

**Phantom M.P.'s Effective**  
The offender looked about for the M.P.'s. "Of course, you won't see any of them," the lieutenant explained, "but they're here just the same. There's one standing about ten feet from you and he's just about ready to grab you."  
Ten minutes later the discarded flag had been picked up again and Company C was back in the fight.

At each of the first two objectives the Infantry halted to reorganize. An hour from the time it had jumped off from its position in the northern part of Le Bardeul, on the Rincourt-Jussy road, the final objective had been taken and the enemy put to rout.

A 30-minute barrage (imaginary) starting 300 yards in advance of the Infantry positions started the offensive. The attack was then supported by a rolling barrage (also imaginary) as far as the first intermediate objective, then the fire was concentrated on the enemy positions.

The 10th Engineers opened a canal maintained the roads, threw bridges across the river, under fire, and, therefore, aided in making the offensive successful. Only there wasn't any fire and there weren't any bridges.

That is the way they are doing it, day in and day out, in the First and Second Armies. Imaginary divisions, with imaginary artillery, imaginary machine gun opposition and an imaginary enemy are carrying out terrain exercises with great skill. In most cases one man represents an entire company, or one man represents a platoon, according to the terrain, with a flag over his shoulder so that his C.O. may know whether the company is still intact or has been wiped out. There are also liaison men, runners, observers and P.C.'s.

**Exercises Without Troops**  
Owing to the weather conditions the terrain exercises are being conducted without troops. Divisional areas and location of units do not permit the assembling of divisions. When weather conditions permit, it is now lacking in the exercises to make them perfect.

The exercises are being conducted for the benefit of the officers, divisional and platoon commanders, so that the old tricks learned in those days gone by will be ever fresh in the minds of those who would be called upon immediately to command our Army should there be another war.

Every division in the First and Second Armies has had a week to devote to the above. Battle plans, maps, corps, divisional and brigade orders are issued and carried out to the letter, just as though a real show was on, with a real enemy to be dealt with.  
Sometimes, though, it is the least bit confusing. Take the case of the M.P. officer who was out inspecting posts on horseback when he came upon a captain standing at the side of a road a kilometer or two from nowhere and apparently doing nothing except wondering why it was so late.  
"Morning, lieutenant," greeted the captain, affably. "Mind my asking you who you are?"  
"Just inspecting posts, sir," explained the lieutenant.  
"Oh, thank you," said the captain, much relieved. "I thought you might be the enemy or a lot of wounded. You see, I'm four ambulance companies."

### S.O.S. GUIDEBOOK OUT

The S.O.S. has just published its own guidebook—an eight-page pamphlet intended for the convenience of the increasing number of visitors from the United States. The booklet lists some of the principal points of interest at the ports and inland bases.  
Visitors are advised to see the American docks, the warehouses and motor reception park, at Bordeaux; the warehouses and refrigerating plant at Glacis; the locomotive assembling plant and waterworks at St. Nazaire; the 10,000-bed hospital at Savenay.  
The aviation, field and salvage depots near Tours and the aviation centers of Issoudun and Romorantin are also described.

### AN ARMY POST SCHOOL IN A REAL SCHOOLROOM



35th Division men, mostly soldiers of foreign birth, learning to write the language of the country they fought for.

### COOK HOLDS GROUND AS SEINE CREEPS UP

Barge Repairmen Have to Do Part of Their Job Under Water

"This kitchen sure moves around at lot at night," remarked the cook of the Inland Transportation Company as he approached the cold stove with an armful of kindling wood. "Last night it was 'way up there on the hill. Now look at it—slid clean down to the edge of the river."

The Inland Transportation Company's kitchen, one kilometer from Epone, on the banks of the Seine, had not moved, however. It was the river which had been doing the moving.

For the second time since Companies C and D of the 57th Engineers became the Inland Transportation Company and began revamping barges at Epone and St. Manmes, that unit has had to pack up and move on account of floods. The men are sleeping on the barges anchored along the banks, while their quarters are four feet under water.

At St. Manmes, near Fontainebleau, the entire detachment moved aboard the barges, kitchen range and all. At Epone everyone moved but the cook. At last accounts he was standing in water above his knees cooking supper on a sizzling stove, swearing that he would not move again until the water put out the fire.

The Inland Transportation Company has been employed reconstructing and repairing the crippled barges which are being used for the transportation of supplies and war materials throughout the chain of canals which covers France. Company C has been doing the revamping, while Company D has been transporting the mended barges to the supply bases.

Such of the repair work has been done by the aid of diving suits, as it has been necessary in many cases for the men to work under water repairing rents and stopping leaks in the barge-bottoms.

A sergeant sleeping in the hold of one of the barges last week awoke to find his bunk room looking like a lake. By watching his step he gained the entrance to the hold and escaped drowning. His bunk is still AWOL.

### 220,000 SOLDIERS HAD 7-DAY LEAVES

75,000 Men Entertained in Savoie Area, Mainly at Aix-les-Bains

Two hundred and twenty thousand A.E.F. soldiers had seven-day leaves, with their expenses paid by the Army, during the first year of operation of the A.E.F. leave area system, and 75,000 of them were entertained in the leave area of Savoie.  
These figures are given by Frank J. Edmunds, head of the Y.M.C.A.'s Soldiers' Leave Department, at a banquet given at Aix-les-Bains to commemorate the first anniversary of the opening of Aix-les-Bains in the Savoie area, the first leave town. In his anniversary address, Mr. Edmunds emphasized the important effect the sending of soldiers on leave amid ideal French surroundings has had on international goodwill, and predicted that the demonstrated example of organized, wholesome recreation furnished by the Army in France would bring big industrial concerns in the United States to establish similar vacation systems.

"Rolling of the growth of the leave area system, which is now handled largely by special bureaus of the Army and involves such problems as the operation of special trains," Mr. Edmunds said, "the Y.M.C.A. was now operating 18 casinos in France in 14 leave areas, and that two large municipal 'fest halls' have been requisitioned in Germany for the occupying Army."  
Other figures presented at the anniversary meeting showed that the Riviera leave area, including Cannes, Nice, Monaco and Menton, had been visited by 30,000 men in seven-day passes; the Auvergne area of La Bourboule and Mont Dore, 25,000; Brittany, with St. Malo, Dinard and Paimpol, 40,000; the Dauphine, with Grenoble, Allard and Uriage, 20,000; and the Pyrenees, 10,000.

### BIARRITZ GREET'S 200 YANKS; 47 HOTELS TO HOUSE SOLDIERS

Biarritz, one of the most famous watering places of all Europe, opened as an A.E.F. leave area this week. Two hundred men arrived Tuesday, and it is expected that this number will be increased to 1,400 within the next week.  
Forty-seven hotels will accommodate the American permittees, and arrangements have been made whereby they will be given the best of meals, as each hotel is required to sign an agreement that the food given the men will be of a high standard.

The weather now is mild, and there has been considerable bathing during the past week. From the warm beach one can see the Pyrenees in Spain, covered with snow, only 20 miles away.  
An elaborate program has been arranged for the entertainment of the men. Besides the golf and tennis grounds, a baseball field is being prepared. Theatrical performances and dances are to be given daily. Arrangements have been made whereby Americans will be allowed to go to Hendaye, the last town in France, from which they can see a number of Spanish towns. They will not, however, be allowed to cross the bridge into Spain.

### G.H.Q. APPROVES TWO NEW INSIGNIA

Shoulder Markings for Mallet Reserve and C.R.O.

Insignia for two more A.E.F. units have been approved by G.H.Q.—for the American Mission, Reserve Mallet, and the Central Records Office.

### RESERVE MALLET

Organized October 1, 1917, from members of the former American Field Service, who were enlisted at Soissons, France, in the United States Regular Army. Recruited to full strength with men from National Army. Activities: Chemin des Dames, October 23, 1917; Cambrai offensive, November 25, 1917; Somme defensive, March 21, 1918; Aisne defensive, May 27; Mont-didier-Noton defensive, June 2; Champagne-Marne defensive, July 15; Aisne-Marne offensive, July 18; Somme offensive, August 8; Oise-Aisne offensive, September 10; Meuse-Argonne offensive, October 1. Between June 6 and November 6, 1918, this organization hauled over 6,000,000 shells and 20,000 tons of Infantry ammunition. It transported many tanks and 75 shells pieces to line positions.  
Insignia: Horn of the French chasseur, in yellow, superimposed on shield of green.

### CENTRAL RECORDS OFFICE

The Central Records Office, whose seat is at Bourges and whose work is chasing up lost service records, compiling vital statistics, and keeping tabs on the names and careers of everybody in the A.E.F., has adopted as its emblem a shield surmounted by an eagle, and both enclosed in a diamond. The eagle is of gold, and on the shield are silver stars.

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### THOUSANDS FLOCK TO BEAUNE FOR UNIVERSITY WORK

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From the closed courses. All students are advised to attend both the public lectures and the closed courses for two weeks, after which registration for special instruction is required.

**Art Center at Sevrès**  
As a branch of Beauce university, an Art Training Center will be established by the A.E.F. this month at Bellevue, near Sevrès, just outside of Paris. Courses will be given in architecture, painting, sculpture, landscape design, interior decorating, industrial and commercial art design, ornamental modeling and city planning. Men applying for admission to Bellevue should state in writing the subjects they desire to pursue.

The Educational Commission reserves the right to transfer students from Beauce to Bellevue or from Bellevue to Beauce. Bellevue will, for the most part, be for advanced students. Permission will be granted qualified students to attend architectural, painting and sculptural studies in Paris.  
Reports to the Educational Commission show that the popularity of post schools throughout the A.E.F. is steadily growing. Increased efforts to furnish all post schools with needed text books are being exerted by the commission. In one division, the 58th, with headquarters at Gondrecourt, enrollment in the post school now exceeds 2,500.

The first course in the post school at G.H.Q. was concluded on March 1. The enrollment was more than 500. A second course of four weeks has been started.

### TRADE RELATIONS THEME OF BORDEAUX CONFERENCES

Army Educational authorities in Base Section No. 2 have started a new department of instruction which deals with present business methods in America and France. The function of this department is to stimulate interest among the men quartered in the section in the opportunities before them in the business world.

The Chamber of Commerce of Bordeaux, together with leading business men in France, is co-operating with American Army authorities to make the plan a success.  
It is intended to interest students in the commercial activities of France so that they may be able to share in the benefits of the increased trade relations between the two countries that is bound to come with the resumption of normal trade conditions.

The conferences started Monday. They consist of lectures on four subjects a day, lasting 25 minutes each, followed by 25 minutes of discussion.  
Four hundred men arrived in Bordeaux this week to begin their studies at the University of Bordeaux. It was at first expected to accommodate 1,200 men at the University, but it was impossible to find accommodations for so many in the city.

Unauthorized wearing of the fourragere or other decorations is prohibited by G.O. An Act of Congress providing a penalty for wearing any foreign regalia or decoration unless by authorization of the nation controlling the honor. The so-called "battle ribbons" of the French army come under this ruling, and members of the A.E.F. who are sporting the Marce ribbon and the Verdun badges and any of the others are easy pickings these days for M.P.'s.

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WAR MAP PRINTING PERFECTED BY A.E.F.

Rotary Presses on Trucks Showed Advancing Units Lay of the Land

WORKED WITHIN GUN RANGE

Skilled Men of 29th Engineers Turned Out Needed Charts at Rate of 1,800 an Hour

War-map printing may sound like a prosaic profession, but when done at the front, with only the protection of camouflage or friendly woods from the enemy guns, it becomes a different matter.

This is what officers and men of the 29th Engineers did in setting a precedent in mobile lithographing trains. Their feat in operating two such trains, one with the first and one with the fifth corps through the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives, turning out maps by the thousands, was one of the impossible things accomplished by Americans in the war.

When the American map makers said they would put big rotary presses on trucks and print maps while the battle raged only a short distance away, British and French lithographers said it couldn't be done for it had not been done. Only stationary printing plants could be used for map-printing, they said. But it was done and when one considers that more than 1,000,000 maps were printed in this manner in the Argonne, the success of the undertaking is apparent.

The mobile map-printing trains sent out from Langres, home of the base printing plant, were manned by experts, were composed of four enclosed trucks, which carried a young lithographing establishment. One truck carried the big rotary press which printed maps 22 by 35 inches at the rate of 1,800 an hour from the power of the truck's engine with the use of only a gallon and a half of gasoline.

In the second truck was a three K.W. power generating set, arc lamps and vacuum printing plate. The third truck was a process truck from which the plate was sent to the fourth truck which carried the transferring and preparing apparatus and completed the plate for the press. In order to print these maps a temperature of 68 degrees had to be maintained to keep the ink from congealing. This difficulty of temperature was overcome by an ingenious heat-shaft from the radiator of the truck to the enclosed room.

Map Work at Chateau-Thierry With this equipment just plain white paper was turned into the finest of battle maps in colors at a rate not equaled by map printers of any other Army. An instance of the quickness of the work is shown by the accomplishments of one of the mobile units at Vaux, in the Chateau-Thierry sector. The Americans had come into the territory and did not have sufficient maps for their Artillery work or for their Infantry. At 8:30 a.m. the American Engineers were given a French map of the region and at 2:30 the next morning had 1,200 maps, in two colors, printed and ready for distribution to the fighting units.

In the printing the Engineers detected and corrected an error in the French map. This little piece of work was done three times as quickly as other armies had been able to turn out maps and it gave the Americans the only correct maps in the sector at the time. In addition to the two trains, each American Army had a stationary map-printing plant at its field headquarters. With these facilities the Americans were well supplied with maps at all times, no well-kept fact that it enabled divisions to issue daily operation maps which showed the result of each day's fighting.

The base printing plant at Langres, a \$1,000,000 establishment, with its moulding rooms, photographic laboratories, etching plant, power plant, presses and all the intricate used in high-class lithographing, should not be ignored when speaking of the map work for the American Army. From May, 1918, to February, 1919, in the lithographing department 8,432,239 impressions were printed and in the printing department, where all general orders, bulletins and such like were printed, 4,466,992 impressions were made.

BETTY WINS PRIZE IN A.E.F. BABY SHOW

Her Photograph Leads Big Field in Ft. St. Minge Kid Contest

A baby show is the latest departure in the way of entertainment in the A.E.F. The idea originated at Ft. St. Minge and was a huge success.

The photographs were represented by proxy by their mothers, and backing them to the limit, instead of proud, anxious mothers, were boastful fathers, brothers, uncles and cousins galore. In the States there is a curly-haired little girl of three summers who doesn't know what she has the distinction of having won the first prize, a gold medal, in the first American baby show ever held in France. She is the niece of Private O. Friday, and she beat all comers in the Ft. St. Minge Baby Show. Her name is Betty. The show was proposed by Miss Blanton and Miss Paxton, Y.M.C.A. workers at Ft. St. Minge. Every man in the 601st Engineers and the candidates' school was invited to prove that his baby or his brother, sister, niece or nephew was the prettiest baby on earth by entering a photograph of the kid whose beauty he proclaimed. Officers and men alike entered pictures. The photographs were arranged in classes according to age and sex. Class A was for boys under one year; Class B for girls under one year; Class C, boys between one and five years; Class D, girls between one and five years; Class E, boys between five and ten; Class F, girls between five and ten. All the men at Ft. St. Minge voted their choice after the pictures had been on exhibition for a week. Interest was intense. There was much electioneering. Every man voted. And little Betty won. Her proud uncle is sending her the gold medal awarded her.

HENRY'S PAL TO HENRY WELL, BEIN' A COMP'NY CLERK AIN'T AS SOFT AS WHAT THEY CLAIM



Le Mans, France, Feb. 15, 1919. Dear pal Henry. Well Henry don't dread when you see the date on this letter and the place I guess maybe you think that censor did send me to the brig or something because I ain't wrote to you since I sent you that post card. But I ain't Henry. I am on my way home. Can you beat that. Well here is how it happened Henry. They got to looking over my service record and discovered that my time as a soldier was up on the 27th of Jan. I never thought of it myself Henry until then and now I am wondering what is going to become of you because we enlisted both at once. I guess you remember that nice of Jan. I guess you Henry. We were sure intoxicated wasn't we. Of course I am hardly what you could call a soldier any more. I am only a piece of salvage out of what was once a real army and am just attached to this army for rations and for loot to ball out.

Well Henry I been here 2 wks nearly and I am a co. clerk and acting corporal. I guess that is a lot more than I ever thought I would get after getting into that mess up in Germany. But when they found out I wasn't no soldier any more they shipped me down here on one of them French trains where you have to have about 27 gallons of vin blanc in you to keep from going nuts. Between here and Germany the trains I rode on stopped 1962 times and I changed cars and got kicked out of a 1st class car 8 times and out of a 2nd class one 6 times, and besides that Henry I had to show my papers to 21 different soldiers and I got kicked some because I kept track of all them things just to pass the time.

But the worst part is Henry I am still a casual and I am not acting corp, but I guess you know what it is to be one of them kind of things. A casual is a guy who ain't got no country and no money and no nothing and no nothing. Besides that Henry my new top is twice worse than my old one. My old top was a American all though he was a bad umbric and all that but this one is still wild and was only captured in the jungles of Siberia just when the war was started.

Well I got into this co. of casuals and rite with Lt. Smithkins. This his name is started looking for a co. clerk. He asked me if I had ever done any paper work and I said I had been on enough silk reports and fatigue details to be able to make them out. So he give me the job and then he found out that a co. clerk is supposed to be a son-of-a-bitch who can't be kicked out of his job. Of course I don't get to wear no stripes nor nothing but what is the difference anyway Henry because pretty soon the congress back in the U.S. will fix it so no body will wear any kind of stripes so as not to hurt somebody's feelings. So it don't make much difference you see. I guess when I get home I won't have to say that I was always a buck pvt.

Well Henry I been sited by the col. all ready. My name was in print because I seen it. And it's the first time I ever been mentioned officially Henry. I just finished making out a payroll for a lot of the guys here who has got service records and no pay books and I was all because I killed 'em up the payroll roll. The loot said this a.m. that I have got to be more careful or I will have to have another co. clerk. So I am going to look out. Well Henry this is a lot of fun being a co. clerk. All the guys come to me asking me about a million questions. Nearly all of them come round trying to get on my report and they all want to know if there is any mail for them. The idea anyway of a casual getting any mail. I never got any yet Henry when I was a casual and I

FRENCH GIRLS K.P.'S FOR ST. NAZAIRE GANG

Scour Pots and Pans for Motor Mechanics in Model Kitchen

There's at least one organization in the A.E.F. where buck privates aren't eligible for K.P. duty and the mess sergeant doesn't send his time conceiving new incentives to hurt at his force. For in this outfit 50 French mademoiselles wrestle to a fall with blackened benders, G.I. cans and various other pots and pans until they shine as they did when the G.M. handed them out. Of course, there are several soldiers who stand around the kitchen in immaculate white garb and give valuable pointers to the girls as to the proper grasp of the utensils they happen to be scrubbing. All this happens at Motor Reception Park No. 701, situated on the outskirts of St. Nazaire and having an enlisted personnel of nearly 4,000. It is the outgrowth of two truck companies who landed there with the first part of the original force which arrived in France during the summer of 1917. No kicks are heard as to the quality or quantity of the mess served in this kitchen and even the mess officer, whose name happens to be Hoover, frowns on any of the saving measures for which the Food Administrator stands so strongly. Mess Serge's Office The kitchen, in which sufficient food is cooked for the entire enlisted force—and a few officers, who always come out of curiosity to see the pattern of a modern hotel kitchen. There are hotel ranges, rows of them, all capable of being coaxed into producing certain extras for the hungry soldier. The mess sergeant is in charge of the whole thing. He sits in an office, the doors of which are conspicuously marked "Private," and thinks up what dainties he can order the cooking to make. Breakfast there is incomplete without biscuits or waffles or flapjacks, and as for the regulation breakfast of bacon, rice and coffee, that would never do. Two shifts work in the kitchen—one for the day and one for the night. In this manner many things are made which add to the attractiveness of the mess. And when serving time comes instead of looking into the face of a dirty K.P. and wondering whether, because of a grudge, he puts you up with a shy helping, there are French girls who always demand "You see, you see," to which the reply is always in the affirmative. Eight mess halls are built adjacent to the kitchen and eight lines, composed of about 450 each, are being served simultaneously. Hard by the kitchen is a laundry for the staff's white uniforms.

BATTLE OF BOURGES RAGES MERRILY ON Central Records Office Tries to Beat Itself Going and Coming HAS DAILY COMMUNIQUES

Paper Work Hounds Chase Anise-Seed Bags Full of Service Records and Find It Fun

Though it is a common superstition that hostilities have ceased on most fronts, the Battle of Bourges still rages. Now, Bourges, as most of the A.E.F. has a more or less vague idea, is the home of the Central Records Office, familiarly known as the C.R.O. Just what the Central Records Office consists of is a deep and bloody mystery to the average pack-toting doughboy, but there is an impression that it is a lair where the service records go over the top from their dugouts where the identification cards fly the thickest, where the Underwoods put-put-put most viciously, and where a salvo of field clerks is fired before breakfast every morning.

It's all of that. The C.R.O. is head quarters kennel of the Paper Work Hounds. But when Capt. Henry C. Miller took charge of the master card section of the C.R.O., he discovered that many of the hounds weren't as keen for the scent as they appeared to be. Pvt. Bill Jones wanted to be transferred—he didn't care what to—so that he could get up to the front. Capt. Miller wanted to be transferred—he didn't care what to—so that he could get up to the front. Sgt. John Brown wanted to be transferred—he didn't care what to—so that he could get up to the front. In other words, there wasn't enough excitement in Bourges. This wasn't the life. Captain Miller cogitated, and then applied the reverse "English" to the well-known fable of Mahomet and the mountain. If he couldn't get the C.R.O. to the front he would bring the front to the C.R.O.

C.R.O. Gets All the Lowdown Captain Miller's department handles many things. Whenever a private or a general is transferred, or promoted, or is noted, or wounded, or killed, or sent to the hospital, or taken prisoner, or sent home, or does anything else of interest, an entry is promptly made on his card. Every member of the A.E.F. has a card all the way down to the lowest private, and also the Allies. Liao of Occupation. By Prof. B. D. Borechich. SCALE 50000 PRICE, 550 Fms. NOW ON SALE. The Most Useful MAP OF FRANCE. A new and up to date edition, printed in two colors, showing each department, including the territory designated between the lines of the 1918 and 1919 Armistices. Laying in reserve were pink tags, backed in their turn by green and then by white ones—white "back" in the safe and secure and unexciting portions of the country were some yellow ones.

First Offensive's Success That was Captain Miller's first offensive. Every division or branch of the A.E.F. is represented in the C.R.O. by a detail whose duty it is to look after the records of its particular outfit. As fast as it got the reports from its division up to date that division moved to the front on the map. The red tags, taking the post of honor in the first line trenches, were for

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those fewer than 1,000 entries behind; the pink for those under 5,000, green for under 10,000, white for under 20,000, and yellow for over 20,000. Naturally, the detail from the Umptied Division didn't want to see the Umptied lying on the map back around St. Algan or Brest, when they knew that in reality their comrades were chasing Huns in the vicinity of St. Mihiel. So they buckled to it, and the Joneses and Smith and Browns forgot to renew their applications for transfers—they didn't care what to. Along with the changes in the map there was posted a daily communique giving the latest official developments in the Battle of Bourges; also a cartoon on the topic of the day; also a list of D.S.C.'s awarded, those going to men who had made more than 600 entries during the day.

Captain Fools 'Em Again Thus the battle raged to the immense satisfaction of everybody until the armistice came along and spoiled the whole thing. Interest in the front line became stagnant, because there wasn't no such animal as the front line any more. Applications for transfer came in once more. Captain Miller cogitated again. The map gave way to a portrait of a transport (Veterans' Loan), crowded with red tags. The pink tags sat on the deck and waited, while the yellow ones were far, far from the base ports. The D.S.C.'s were suspended from the ship's passenger list, bearing the names of those who had made over 600 entries. Interest revived. Applications for transfer subsided. The Battle of Bourges rages merrily on.

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ARMY FOOTBALL FINALS AT COLOMBES MARCH 14

Eight Sectional Winners to Battle on Historic Field for Title

ELEVEN ALL LOOK GOOD

Every Team Has Its Quota of Star Players and Dark Horse May Grab Off Bunting

What should prove to be the greatest series of football games ever played in France will be staged at historic Colombes Field...

Two games will be played March 14 and two March 15, according to the tentative program drawn up at Chaumont.

The District of Paris may not enter a team, but this was not known officially at Chaumont and Paris will be retained in the draw.

Six of the eight teams who will play for the A.E.F. championship have been determined at this writing.

The Second Army championship has been held back by an aggravating series of ties.

Final Contest Will Draw Big Crowd

The inundation of Paris for the football carnival that opens next week promises to give the chaps with the red and black brassards something to think about...

There May Be Surprises

But when one reads that Lieut. Jay T. Miller, 35th Division, at G.H.Q. has Johnny Boston, the great Minnesota, all-American and all-American end, and Silverick, the phenomenal Cornell University punter...

Those with an eye to the condition problem might contend that the winner of the Second Army title would be so exhausted that it could not do itself justice.

FIELD GOAL GIVES 36TH THE VICTORY

A field goal by Pvt. "Spitz" Clarke, a gridiron product of the University of Texas, from the 28-yard line, gave the 36th Division football team a victory over the 29th Division eleven and the pickup championship of the First Army at Bar-sur-Aube, Monday.

After giving all the French and American pugilists who have appeared in the Paris cauldron the once over, fight fans are anxious to see Gene Fayer of the 33rd Division, hook up with Crickey of France, over a six-round course.

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Paris students of the game have not forgotten the St. Nazaire team, which was defeated by the 35th Division, coached by Lieut. Eddie Hart, former Princeton tackle, and includes not only the great Harvard hero, Mahan, but also Johnny Beckett, former star of the University of Oregon and Mare Island Marine team.

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GOWDY LOSES LUXURIOUS HOME ON BANKS OF RHINE

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A.E.F. BASEBALL SEASON OPENS ALL OVER FRANCE

Great Campaign Launched When Old Sol Chases Rain Clouds

RIVIERA BOASTS A LEAGUE

Four Teams Started Play There in January—Le Mans Blackhaws and 351st F.A. Nines Busy

The mild weather which has favored certain parts of France during the past two weeks has brought out the baseball players on a mission.

At Le Mans the "Blackhaws" of the Classification Camp have organized a strong team with many old time ballplayers in the lineup.

Along the azure shores of the Riviera the diamond pasture has been in full swing since the first of the year.

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Stars of Track and Field to Compete in Big S. O. S. Meet at Nice in April

Some of America's best-known athletes will compete in the S.O.S. championship track and field meet at Nice, April 11, 12 and 13, the list including five members of former Olympic teams and many national, collegiate and amateur champions.

Among other stars of sportsmen now in training for the coming contests is Lieut. Harry T. Worthington, former Dartmouth and Exeter broad jumper, Worthington when in his prime won the 400-yard and 800-yard sprints and made the Olympic team that went to Stockholm in 1912.

Other athletes in training are Lieut. Harold King of the University of Pennsylvania, who holds the Western half-mile championship with a record of 1 minute 53.5 seconds; Sgt. William Sisson, 20th Engineers, of Stanford University, Western broad jump champion, with a record of 23 feet 5 inches; Lieut. F. L. Muter, Chemical Warfare Service, who as a member of the University of California took the Western inter-collegiate high jump record with 6 feet 3 inches; and Pvt. A. L. Lang, of Evacuation Ambulance Company 67, formerly of the University of Illinois, who is vaulting 12 feet 4 inches.

Crack Scullers in Line

Among the crack scullers anxious to compete are Pvt. Alfred Anderson, 2nd Engineers (Service Company), formerly of the Lincoln Park Boat Club, Chicago, and Capt. George Z. Parker, Jr., Co. G, 9th Infantry, of Arundel Boat Club fame.

Anderson represented the Lincoln Park Boat Club in the sculling events at all the interstate regattas held under the auspices of the Central States Amateur Rowing Association and the Southwestern Amateur Rowing Association since 1913, when he won the junior and senior singles and the junior and senior doubles and several other events.

Parker was a member of a winning crew in the senior fours, American Henley, and during the year he has devoted to the rowing game he has been coached by such notable experts as Gilston of the Navy, Rice of Columbia and Roy of Harvard.

"Big Bill" McCabe, Knights of Columbus secretary, who is to coach and pick the American crews, aided by an advisory committee of prominent rowing men is at present in London looking after the welfare of the boys in the Army of Occupation. He is due to return to Paris in a few days when he will complete the arrangements for training quarters.

Men of Corps Headquarters Troops, 8th Corps, are somewhat handicapped in competing against the 6th, 7th and 31st Divisions in sports. The Corps Headquarters Troops are made up of the 605th Engineers, Battery P, 147th Field Artillery; Military Police Company, Motor Transport Company and Headquarters Troop, numbering about 1,500 men in all, as opposed to the 22,000 men in each of the three divisions.

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ENGINEERS WORKING ON COLOMBES FIELD

Preparing Great Stadium for A.E.F. Track and Field Meet

Three hundred men of the 103rd Engineers, under command of Maj. A. MacGlashan, will be encamped at Colombes Field for the next few weeks putting this stadium in shape for the A.E.F. championship track and field meet which is to be staged there in May.

Colombes will also be the scene of the semi-finals and finals for the Army football and baseball title.

Following the A.E.F. championship track and field meet will come the great Inter-Allied games at Joinville-le-Pont, near Paris, in June, when the winners in the A.E.F. finals will battle with the best athletes of 20 Allied nations for international honors.

Colombes will be the training center of the American athletes who are to sport the colors of the United States in the Olympic games. In addition, the Y.M.C.A., with the approval of the Army, will invite the other Allied nations to use this field as their training headquarters.

The Y.M.C.A. is acting jointly with the Army in connection with the A.E.F. championship track and field program and the Inter-Allied games. It has leased Colombes Field until September, and such materials as are required in the repairing of the grounds and stands as are not available from the Army will be provided by the Y.M.C.A.

French and English teams may be featured in a three-cornered international relay race at the annual relay meeting of the University of Pennsylvania in April, according to latest advices from the States.

It is natural that the appearance of French runners at the Penn meet would be hailed with great enthusiasm just at this time when the relations between the two countries are at the happiest vein.

To Members of the A.E.F.

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# A.E.F. SCHOOL DAYS

-By WALLGREN

Now that the A.E.F. has adopted an educational system by establishing a university for those desiring to continue their studies, why not open the old schoolhouse for them, as would like to revive the old school days?



**BULLET HUNT IS ALL THE RAGE AT COBLENZ**  
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## FACTS ABOUT AMERICA

A HANDY MANUAL FOR A.E.F. TOURISTS TO THE UNITED STATES

On arriving in this country you will meet many civilians who speak English fluently. Do not be surprised. The language is commonly taught even in the lower grades. New York possesses many interesting sights, but you would do well to make the most of the water front. You may be otherwise occupied for some time thereafter. In boarding trains do not allow habit to force you into box cars. Your motives will almost certainly be misunderstood. On entering the Ritz dining room, do not demand, "Have you any meat today?" or "Have you eggs today?" Mr. Ritz is unaccountably sensitive on the subject. You will have no better luck passing off your Napoleon francs in America than in France. "Promenade" means one thing in English and another in French. If you are taken ill, you will find civilian physicians who may have the temerity to prescribe something besides iodine and CC pills. Fill the prescription, then throw it away. Innovations are dangerous. "Même chose" means nothing to an American bartender. Any order will soon mean nothing to him. If you wish to know whether a passer-by is an ex-member of the A.E.F., scratch his coat or if he scratches back, shake hands. Unbutton your coat if you want to. The C.P.'s (civilian police) are lax in prosecuting high crimes. "No" is not considered adequate excuse for declining to vacate a cafe at closing time. The habit of picking up stray hats, overcoats or if he scratches back, shake hands. Souvenirs is discouraged in this peculiar country. In writing to your girl it will not be necessary to show the letter to your employer before sealing and mailing it. After dining out, do not stick the knives, forks and spoons in your pocket, nor the dishes under your arm. The family has a female K.P. detailed to take care of them. Curbstones in America are used to designate the dividing line between street and sidewalk, not as a convenient place to change your socks. For about eight hours a day, Americans

## LUSITANIA WAIF, 15, CALMLY JOINS A.E.F.

Young Master Skinner Annexes Himself to Yanks by His Leave

### NOW READY TO GO HOME

Reports in at Chateau-Thierry—and Still Wears Q.M. Sergeants' Regalia

Waiting patiently at one of the embarkation ports is Harry Skinner, 15 years old, juvenile soldier of fortune and a "real American citizen," who is attached for pay, rations and quarters to Company G, 102nd Infantry, 26th Division. Skinner didn't say much about his past life, and little was learned of his real identity until last week at Brest, when he had to persuade an unsympathetic officer that he really was a "two gold-stripes" member of the 26th Division, and entitled to sail for the States. After he confided many things about himself to this officer, his story leaked out. Why he designated Company G as his parent company he didn't say, for it seems he appeared at the position of this company when the activities in the Chateau-Thierry sector were greatest. No G.H.Q. order assigned him there as a replacement, although the company was constantly getting such soldiers, and no depot divisional headquarters sent him to fill up a gap. He said, "Here I am, Yanks," and the top, who wasn't unlike other top sergeants,

## PROMOTIONS AGAIN BEING MADE BY G.H.Q.

War Department Cable Restricts Move to Filling Vacancies

Acting under instructions from the Secretary of War, G.H.Q. is again making promotions of officers, up to and including the rank of colonel. New promotions, however, are entirely conditioned upon the existence of vacancies under the authorized tables of organizations in the various branches, and hence it is not expected that all officers who were recommended for promotion before November 11 will receive higher rank. In a memorandum forming the basis of the cable instructions modifying the original order that prohibited promotions after November 11, Secretary of War Baker said: "Promotion cannot be made merely as a reward for past service, however meritorious. General Pershing is authorized to make such promotions among officers of the line as will give the officers who in his

## 18 SIZES OF LONGBOYS

Supply sergeants won't have to work so hard handling out the new long trousers being issued instead of O.D. breeches. There are only 18 regular sizes of the long trousers, which the breeches have no less than 32 numbers, according to waist and insteem measurements. A schedule of proportions in which trousers are packed for shipment to depots shows that 164 men in every 1,000 take 32-inch waist sizes and 32-inch insteem, this size being most in demand. The 33-inch waist sizes are next in demand. The big sizes run in this proportion for every 1,000 pairs: 38-inch waist, 30; 40-inch waist, 23; 42-inch waist, 17.

## LOOT OF CHATEAU-THIERRY

Secret Passageway Enabled German Officers to Make Big Town After Taps

Steel picks, welded by stalwart American 20 feet below the parapets of an old German fortress, wrote "lines" to another chapter in the history of salvage operations in the Third Army. This time, however, the chapter started at Chateau-Thierry and was supposed to have been concluded at the Golden Horn. An American officer investigating the various nooks and crannies of a somewhat dilapidated fort on the chain of hills north-west of Coblenz, came upon a concrete hatchway in the ground, placed with careful unobtrusiveness in an angle formed by the ancient walls. "What's that?" he inquired of the caretaker who was showing him around. "An old well," came the easy reply. "That so?" queried the officer indifferently. "Let's look into it." And somewhat reluctantly tools were brought and the heavy steel traps torn off the hatchway. As the officer had suspected, there was a windshaft inside with a square steel bucket, somewhat similar to that used by miners in the States. With a detail of Yanks he pursued his investigations to the bottom of the shaft which ended, he found, in an arched tunnel about 12 feet high, running parallel to the parapets of the fort. The walls and roof were of concrete, and there were electric lights aplenty.

## BUCK SEE'S OFFICERS CURRY AND GROOM

Third Army Horse Schools Keep Sam Brownes Flapping

The buck watched with open mouth, unconcealed satisfaction, and no little amazement. He saw officers currying horses, officers oiling harness, officers sweeping out the stables, officers feeding the animals—in fact, he saw officers doing everything that usually falls to the lot of himself and his enlisted comrades. He rubbed his eyes, and looked again. It was true. The buck, indeed, was merely watching the regular daily routine of the Third Army School for the Care of Draft Animals, Coblenz, Germany. It is a school for officers. In the hurry and bustle of training many of them had had little or no chance to become thoroughly versed in the upkeep of the well-known steed. They are absorbing the principles now.

## Officer Turns Caveman

A Tank Infantry officer with a leaning for adventure decided to walk through this passageway to see where he came out. He did. He walked and he walked and he walked, turning this corner and that, until he didn't know whether he was coming up under Unten Linden in Berlin or the Rue de Rivoli in Paris. Finally he came upon a perpendicular shaft. It was the end of the tunnel. He felt about, his fingers clutched rungs, and he mounted. At the top a solid hatchway blocked egress but by pounding and shouting he managed to attract someone outside who removed the fastenings. And then— "Halt," came in unmistakable American; and the officer found himself confronted by a somewhat stately doughboy whose visible astonishment was only exceeded by his determination not to let this English-speaking caveman out of the hole until the corporal of the guard could be brought. When the little matter of identification was satisfactorily adjusted, the officer asked: "Where am I?" He had emerged from the tunnel in the yard of the former German shoe factory at Coblenz-Lutzel, across the Moselle, at least three kilometers from the fort.

## Mystery of the Tunnels

Opinion of American officers seems to be divided as to whether these old tunnels were mined by the Germans before they left, but the consensus seems to lead to the conclusion that if there were time charges placed they would have gone up long ago. There are various theories held also as to whether or not other tunnels do not extend under the city of Coblenz itself or under the Rhine or Moselle. One rather prevalent opinion is that there are two tunnels which strike down below Ehrenbreitstein and under the Rhine into Coblenz itself. An old caretaker in Ehrenbreitstein insists there are such passageways, declaring that his positive knowledge Prussian officers have appeared suddenly within the fort after nightfall, officers whom none of the sentries on the walls or at the gates had admitted. That they may have been officers who did not return to the city in the evening he denies, asserting that only non-commissioned officers were left in the old pile of masonry at night and that rarely did these higher exponents of Kultur sleep on the heights. But to date the passageways, if any there are which lead under the river, have not been discovered, or if they have, the fact has not been revealed. And so the search for salvage goes merrily on.

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Initial Projectile Fell Somewhere in Lorraine—20,000 Rounds Followed It

The first American artillery shot of the war was fired at five minutes after 6 o'clock on the morning of October 23, 1917, from a position about 400 meters east of Hestromont, in the Lunéville sector.

A French 75, directed by the hands of American artillerymen over 800 meters of rough roads on a pitch black night, reared America's artillery prelude at daybreak. A heavy fog flashed into flame, a shrapnel shell coursed over the woods and valleys of Meurthe-et-Moselle, crossed a boundary line and fell somewhere in Lorraine.

Battery C of the 6th Field Artillery is so positive that this shell was America's first shot that it has just prepared a sworn statement signed by an officer and four enlisted men who were in on the event, telling all the circumstances leading up to it. The statement reveals, incidentally, that that original shell casing is now safely in Chicago, and that 18 other casings of that first morning's fire were distributed among President Wilson, General Pershing, General Sibert, then commanding the First Division, and others.

Everybody Given Share

The gun is now at the United States Military Academy at West Point, before it left France, though, it had fired 20,000 rounds in action, and none of the gun crew serving it had been wounded.

The firing of the first shot was ceremonial, according to the signed statement, each man performing his part in some way. One soldier set the sights, another set the elevation or range, another the angle of site and another cut the fuse. Twenty men gathered about the gun when the command "Fire" was given. Because of the fog it was impossible to observe the effect of the first shot, but at 7 a.m., when the fog lifted, the firing was directed from an observation post to Haut Riville farm in No Man's Land. A German working party among the barbed wire entanglements was shooting a German battery which had been active the night before.

The gun crew present at the first firing consisted of: Sgt. Robert A. Smith, commander; Capt. Robert E. Hrabak, gunner; and ammunicions, Sgt. Edward Warner, Sgt. Louis V. Adams, Sgt. Frank Garbowick, Pvt. Louis V. Adams, and Sgt. Joseph W. Wozniak. The officers present were: Lieut. Idus R. McLaughlin, battery commander; Lieut. Ralph T. Heard, executive officer; Lieut. Frank C. Mitchell and 2nd Lieut. Arthur P. Braxton.

A.E.F. SHOP TALK

The latest additions to the trophy collection of the A.E.F. are some Japanese rifles, captured by the Russians by the Germans, and finally captured for good by the Yanks. Officers and enlisted men to whom game animals were issued, are now being issued upon discharge, take them to their homes under the same conditions as uniform clothing, says a War Department cablegram. At present discharged soldiers are allowed to wear O.D. until four months after discharge, whereupon it is returned to the Army. However, a W.D. bill, providing that pending legislation will probably make the ownership of game masks and helmets permanent.

Candidate strikes, which are authorized to be worn by graduates of several candidate schools, will have to be discarded when the men get back to the United States, according to provisions of G.O. 25. Members of the A.E.F. are to assist those of the Engineering brotherhood, who have had experience in city planning, stand a chance to win from 200 to 10,000 francs in the prize contests for plans for the rebuilding of the city of Chagny, France. A competition is being held by the "Renaissance des Cités," 23 Rue Louis-le-Grand, Paris, for plans for the rebuilding of the property owned by organizations, such as pianos, phonographs, libraries, athletic goods and the like, may be disposed of by the organization, which is to assist in the use of benefit of enlisted men in the Army, according to a W.D. cablegram. Money accruing from the sale of such articles will form a part of the company fund of the organization.

The Graves Registration Service has established an information bureau in Room 512, 2150 Broadway, New York, to assist persons seeking to learn the location of graves of American soldiers. The first American flag to be put into the hands of the United States Army, by the U.S. Cavalry with a cargo of supplies for the Third Army from La Pallice and St. Nazaire, she will unfold and proceed to the United States.

All the building construction of the A.E.F. were consolidated into one building having the width of four standard barracks and having a total area of 1,000,000 square feet. The building is to be a point about 100 miles beyond the Rhine. Army field clerks cannot censor their own letters. This is the regulation following the receipt of inquiries. The War Department has advised G.I.s that certain States are making provisions to have men who have served in the Army register, upon returning home, with their respective town, city, or county clerk, or other designated officials. The regulations are asked as a part of plans for forming returning soldiers and also to form the basis of permanent historical records. The connection with the registration, which claimed personal effects of unknown ownership will be sold at public auction after published notice, according to W.D. Circular 176. All effects of deceased members of the A.E.F. are now disposed of under regulations of the Effects Bureau, Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, N. J., by which the effects are returned to legal heirs or person designated.

A large memorial auditorium of the Y.M.C.A. was dedicated at Fontainebleau, France, on Sunday, February 2, in memory of First Lieutenant Earl Trumbull Williams of the 301st Field Artillery, who died while in France. This is the first time that a Y.M.C.A. building has been named after a member of the A.E.F. Deaths in the United States Army, at home and in the A.E.F., have totaled 144 since the United States entered the war, according to War Department figures covering the period between April 1, 1917, and February 16, 1918. Of these, 11,527 were due to disease and 45,785 to battle casualties. Deaths from disease in the States numbered 32,737.

Soldiers who have completed courses in Army candidates' schools, and who have been given Reserve Corps commissions with an inactive status, may submit application for appointment in the Regular Army, according to G.O. 32, G.H.Q. The first shot by the 14-inch American Naval guns on the Western Front was fired on September 14, 1918, from a gun in Rethondes, occupying a railroad siding at the identical spot where the train carrying Marshal Foch and his staff stood at the moment the armistice was signed. This statement was given out by Naval authorities in Washington, who announced that the 14-inch guns fired a total of 782 rounds. A.E.F. were fired by the French and American Armies. The longest range was 40,853 yards.

ST. MIHIEL ATTACK CLEAN CUT AMERICAN VICTORY

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proaching reserve divisions to counter-attack, the XXXIst against Thiaucourt and the CXIIIrd against Vieville-en-Haye, southeast of Thiaucourt. But the counter-attack was not vigorous enough to have more than a temporary delaying effect upon the Americans, the attack on Thiaucourt being put down by the Third Brigade of the 2nd Division and that on Vieville by the Tenth Brigade of the 5th Division and the troops of the 9th Division.

The 5th Division, indeed, was already on its sector of the Army objective at 10 a.m. and met the counterstroke there, while the 9th reached it at 4 p.m. and the 2nd at 5 p.m. The lively fighting near Thiaucourt and Vieville inspired many deeds of heroism, such as those of Sgt. E. S. Willis, Company A, 15th Machine Gun Battalion, 5th Division, who led his section with the greatest courage and while consolidating his objective was severely wounded by shrapnel but remained in command until he faltered from weakness; of Pvt. Joseph Thornton, Company I, 11th Infantry, 5th Division, who alone charged an enemy trench with an automatic rifle and forced the surrender of the occupants; and of Sgt. Gilmore Tomlin, Company G, 6th Infantry, 5th Division, who similarly charged alone on a machine gun nest which was firing on his company, killed the gunner and captured the gun.

The 9th Division made its splendid advance through the forbidding waste of the devastated Bois de Preire, the network of trenches and the woods and deep ravines of its sector largely because of the impetuous gallantry in rushing machine gun nests and because of such acts as that of Capt. Jesse W. Gamm, Company L, 35th Infantry, who jumped out of a trench when his company was held up by an impassible wire entanglement, ran forward under heavy machine gun fire and cut sufficient paths for his comrades to pass through before he was himself killed.

Sharp Fighting at Quart de Reserve

The 89th, 42nd and 1st Divisions, of the Fourth Corps, with longer distances to cover, moved forward with as rapid strides as the divisions of the First Corps, and the German front lines were taken almost as fast as the trapper could march over them. Probably the most serious opposition anywhere encountered was that presented to the 1st Division by some of the units of its forward system, where it ran through the Quart de Reserve, a small woodland about half way between Lancyville and Noyers. The 1st Division at about 600 casualties to take these woods, but nevertheless it was on the "1st Phase" line with the rest of the Corps front before noon.

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Cavalry Takes a Hand

The 1st Division, being on the outer flank, was pushing hard all the afternoon to reach the Bois de Preire, the high ridge between Heudicourt and Vigneulles. Before 2 o'clock, tanks and a squadron of the 2nd Cavalry, closely supported by the 1st Cavalry, crossed the Bois de Preire and the Bois de Crete and by 4 p.m. had crossed the road and taken some prisoners, though they were too few to permit the 1st Division to force an enemy position, posing their retreat in desperate haste from Apremont before the advancing French could still make their way past. The road over the hills from St. Mihiel by way of Chailion to Vigneulles was yet open.

The tanks, working about over the hills and their special purposes, had advanced under Maj. Serrano E. Britt, who went ahead of his tanks on foot and guided them through the mine fields and Artillery fire all the way from Heudicourt to Bois Quart de Reserve, and like that one under Capt. Harry H. Semmes, which fell into the Bois de Crete and was completely submerged, whereupon Captain Semmes, escaping through the turret door, found that his driver was still in the tank, and, under machine gun fire, returned and rescued him.

Hands Across the Salient

At that time a brigade of the 3rd Division—Fourth Corps Reserve—having been sent up to reinforce the 1st Division, the left flank of the latter was pushed eastward decisively, and by 10 o'clock a company of the 28th Infantry was firmly established across the important road. At 3:15 a.m. of the 13th the advance detachments of the 12th and 18th Infantry, of the 1st Brigade, were in the outskirts of both Vigneulles, in the plain, and Hattouchatel, on the brow of the hills, effectually closing a communications road, northward and eastward out of the salient, while about 7 o'clock in the morning the patrols of the 1st and 26th Divisions encountered one another at Hattouchatel, thus joining hands across the base of the obliterated salient.

Turning now to the region west of the Fourth United States Corps, and performing their delicate mission with the greatest success. At the points where follow-up attacks with limited objectives were to be made, they were scheduled to jump off one hour after the beginning of the general American advance.

In accordance with the arrangements, during the course of the day the 39th French Division captured Apremont, Loupumont and Mont Sec, forcing the Germans to engage a large part of their forces in action, and thus delaying their retreat by the threatened road through Heudicourt, Vigneulles and St. Benoit. The 26th French Infantry and the 2nd French Cavalry, engaged the Germans around the nose of the salient and along its western front. Finally, when the proper moment came, they broke through with strong raids at St. Mihiel and Marie Hill, north of St. Mihiel, clearing the Chauvencourt bridgehead, partially clearing the city of St. Mihiel, and then Spandertal, to Chailion, where they came astride the road over the heights of the Meuse by which a large part of the enemy had to retreat from St. Mihiel to Vigneulles and the Michel position.

Austro-Hungarians Routed

On the extreme left, the 2nd Cavalry Division vigorously recaptured the attack of the 26th Division, which drove across the troops of the XXXVth Austro-Hungarian Division through their successive systems of powerful trenches on the hills and ravines overlooking the Meuse valley, and greatly assisted in reducing this division to the stream of panic-stricken fugitives which, as night fell, was fleeing blindly through the upland forests toward the open plains eastward.

The attack of the Fifth United States Corps, going off at 8 a.m., had by noon carried the 26th United States and the 15th French Colonial Infantry Divisions to the crest of the hill of Les Eparges and close up to the western edge of St. Remy and the woods south of that village, but not without hard fighting.

Division, and the LXXXIInd Landwehr Regiment of the XVIII Division, and in front of the 15th French Colonial Infantry Division, the XXVth and LXth Regiments of the XVIII Landwehr Division, at first made a vigorous defense. But they were heavily outnumbered, and although after the 15th French Colonial Division had captured the crest of Les Eparges Hill, a counter-attack by three or four reserve companies of the XXVth Landwehr Regiment recovered a part of the ground, they were soon driven back, while on the rest of the front the enemy gradually gave way without any attempts at reaction.

Until night parts of the XVIII Landwehr Division clung to the eastern crests of the hills of Les Eparges, Combres and Amarant, and then retreated to the Volvre plain. Forcing its way after the retiring Austro-Hungarians, however, the 26th Division drove them first from their strong Tranche de Thist, then from their abandoned retreat through the woods, captured the villages of St. Remy and Doumarin.

Ordered Forward to Vigneulles

Toward evening an order came to the 26th to push a brigade forward to Vigneulles. The regiment in divisional reserve, together with the divisional machine gun battalions, were at once started across the hills for that objective and reached it and Hattouchatel by 2 a.m. of the 13th, while the other regiment of the brigade, which had to be assembled from deployment, followed a few hours later. At 7 a.m. of the 13th, as previously mentioned, liaison was complete across the base of the salient on the Army objective.

The efforts put forth by the Germans against the attack on September 12 seem to have been singularly ineffective. Unhappily this was largely due to their great inferiority of numbers, but it does not appear that Gen. von Gallwitz might not have remedied this and made a better showing. His subordinate, General Fuchs, had warned him repeatedly of the imminence of a heavy American attack on the salient, yet he let matters drift without guaranteeing the safety of his position. The vast quantities of material which it contained either by reinforcement or retirement.

Vain Attempts to Stem Tide

Shortly before noon, Fuchs learned that the American advance on the south had pushed the Xth Division to its region, east of Mad, and he then received information from the other flank that his Comrades group had been attacked, that St. Remy had fallen and that the Combres Hill was also probably lost.

Although at that time the CXCI Division, along the hills north of St. Mihiel, and the VII Landwehr Division, in its region, seemed able to withstand the French attacks, Fuchs, alarmed by the rapid penetration of the American columns from south and northwest toward the front, issued orders transferring the defense to the Schroeter zone and directing the retreat of the French units of the VII Landwehr Division upon that line.

Last Enemy Reserves Thrown In

Everything was tumbling in, and the Schroeter zone being already broken at Apremont, Fuchs gave up hope of defending it and ordered everything back to the Michel position, meantime devoting all his effort to patching up some sort of a line by delaying the retreat of the 1st and 2nd Divisions toward Heudicourt, Vigneulles and St. Benoit.

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About 5:30 in the afternoon the LXXXVIIIth Division, Fuchs' last reserve, having arrived within reach for use, was ordered into the retirement sector of the Xth Division in the Michel position for the protection of the right flank of the Gorze group.

This disposition Fuchs probably made because by this time there was not much left of the original Gorze group—the Xth and LXXXVIIIth Divisions—to occupy its assigned sectors in the new battle zone of the Michel position. The burden of holding the latter had fallen upon the XXXIst and CXIIIrd Divisions, still fighting each other north of Thiaucourt, and the LXXXVIIIth Division.

Even the division which was in line just to the left of the Gorze group, the CCLVII, was being pushed back down the Moselle by the vigorous follow-up attack of General Burnham's 82nd Division, slowly but steadily advancing northward toward Norroy. All through the afternoon the staffs of the German divisions which were still down toward the point of the salient seem to have been finding pressing business at the rear, establishing new posts of command well behind the Michel position a good many hours before any of their retreating troops were even up to Vigneulles. Indeed, it was 2:30 o'clock on the morning of the 13th before the Army detachment commander had any news of the 1st Division, whose advance at that hour reported as having at last arrived in the Michel position. How much more of it eventually arrived there, or how much of the VII Landwehr Division, is very uncertain.

Cannon Losses Laid to Bursts

However well Fuchs may have done with inadequate forces against overwhelming States divisions, the utter lack of support from his Army group, he seems to have done very well—he was, at least in his reports thus far available, very far from frank in his admissions of losses. He ascribes to the CXCI Division total casualties of 715 officers and men, most of them missing, and 82 machine guns, and minenwerfers, and to the VII Landwehr Division casualties of 624 officers and men, also chiefly missing, 64 machine guns and minenwerfers, and two cannon, the latter on account of bursts in barrels.

When the attack broke on the south several days before even Fuchs had looked for it, the LXXXVIII Division at once went to pieces, as had been anticipated, while the Xth Division, in its region, showed a somewhat higher state of morale caused it to fight as it retired, had its flank in the air and could do nothing effective. Fuchs' appeal to his higher command for reinforcements in the way of support, and he early devoted the body of his local reserves, the XXXIst and CXIIIrd Divisions, to the counter-attacks in the region of the front, which at least resulted in saving the part of his Michel position northeast of there from being pierced by the exploitation of the First United States Corps from its Army objective.

Through Broken Country

It was in such fighting that the line of the 2nd Division, for example, was carried forward by the German divisions bordering the Rupé de Mad about Jaulny and Heimbours by the impetuous daring of such men as Pvt. G. M. Chatham, 75th Company, 6th United States Cavalry, who being with his platoon in an outpost position which was being harassed by three German snipers, jumped out and, under the fire of their own rifles, killed the snipers, charged them alone and overcame them.

Further to the right, in the sector of the 5th Division, how close the opposition at all points, the German divisions may be realized from the fact that, while some American officers were holding a conference in a dugout on the morning of the 13th, a German patrol darted across a foot bridge over the little stream which winds past Vilecy and threw a hand grenade into the dugout. Capt. Willie Grope, Commander of the 36th Infantry, who was close by, promptly shot on the grenade to save his officers from injury, and then, from this precarious position, shot two of the retreating enemy patrol.

At the end of three days of this sort of work, when the Americans virtually came to a stop close up before the Michel position, they were except for a short distance, everywhere except for a short distance, everywhere except for a short distance.

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ance in the center, where most of the large Lake de Lachaussee remained for the ensuing few weeks within the German lines, the outposts were ahead of the projected line of exploitation and within a dozen kilometers of such places as Mars-la-Tour, Vionville and Gravelotte, whose bitter memories of 1870 were soon to be offset from the minds of the French people.

Four Years' Situation Reversed

At last the situation of four years was reversed. The American observatories on the redeemed heights of the Meuse, particularly the one at Hattouchatel, dominated the enemy's positions as formerly from Mont Sec the Germans had dominated XIVr, Seicheprey, Flirey and all the low country for miles south of those villages.

Even on the great number of prisoners and guns whose capture has already been mentioned, the Americans and French took in the salient vast quantities of light rail-way material and rolling stock, including railway artillery, and all kinds of other military stores which the enemy left intact in his precipitate retreat. All through the night the enemy was busy enough to get the Army which they at times contained, arranged with every comfort and convenience that semi-permanent field cantonments could afford, left standing with everything in them—bunks and bedding, stoves, dishes, cooking utensils, personal property, even sometimes meals cooked and ready to be eaten on the spot.

As an example of the booty won in the eastern part of the salient, the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, which captured Thiaucourt and repulsed the French counter-attacks there, losing in its operation five officers and 81 enlisted men killed, and nine officers and 274 enlisted men wounded, took from the enemy over 3,000 prisoners, including 74 officers, 92 pieces of artillery, including some guns of as large caliber as eight inches loaded on cars in Thiaucourt, 6,000 rifles and 220 machine guns, over 55,000,000 worth of ammunition, a hospital train complete with locomotive, a trainload of ammunition and 51 other standard-gauge cars, numerous lumber yards, hundreds of tons of wire, tools and other material.

Victory Cost 7,000 Casualties

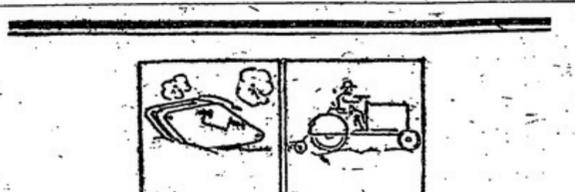
Materially, this victory, perhaps the sweetest and most spectacular ever achieved on the Western front, yielded enormous prizes, and they were gained at a cost of 7,000 casualties over fields where, in earlier efforts, the French had sometimes given many times that number to win a single trench.

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IS a job being kept ready for you in the States? If not, you can't start too early to go after one. One thing that may help you land the position you want is a letter from you to prospective employers in America. Such a letter should state what sort of job you wish and your qualifications for it.

Another thing that is sure to help you is to better prepare yourself for the job of your choice—to work and study during the spare time you have while still in France.

The fact that you served in the American Army in France may make it easy for you to land a job on your return to the United States—but you must "deliver the goods" to hold the job you land and to insure promotion and increase in salary. The war hasn't changed the fundamental principles of business—indeed, efficiency and ability are demanded now more than ever before.

General Orders No. 9

By General Orders No. 9, A.E.F., G.H.Q., post schools are provided for every camp where 500 or more soldiers are stationed.

In charge of every post school is an Army officer, the "post school officer."

By General Orders No. 9 the Army indicated its desire that all men of the A.E.F. be afforded some opportunity to better prepare for civilian life while awaiting demobilization.

See the post school officer of your unit about courses of study and training that will better qualify you for the civilian position of your choice.

Already approximately 150,000 soldiers in the A.E.F. are students in post schools.

It is true that the unexpected coming of the armistice cut short the time for preparation for school work.

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