

BUSTED YANKS IN HOCK IN VIENNA OVER TWO MONTHS

Photo Detail Too Poor to Leave Hunger Swept Austrian Capital

SOUP OF OATS AND BRAN

But Poverty Didn't Keep Them From Starving at John D. Hotel and Visiting Ex-Emperor

After being in hock for their hotel bill at one of the best hotels in Vienna for two and a half months, three Yankee soldier photographers returned to Coblenz April 22. They had no money to pay their hotel bill. The only thing to do was to stay on and on. Meanwhile their bill was mounting at the rate of \$5 a man per day.

U. OF BEAUNE IS DUE TO CLOSE ON JUNE 7

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Americans a Curiosity

Vienna was next on the photographic expedition, reached February 3. Pictures were taken in the Austrian capital, tranquil compared to Berlin. The Austrians welcomed the American soldiers, the first they had seen since the outbreak of the war.

No Real Food for Money

"A whole suitcaseful of money could not buy square meals," said the men. "It was worse when we first came there. We had soup made of bran, like they feed horses, and soup of oats. On special occasions there were bread rolls in the form of a loaf, but they were made of bran, too."

Passes for Students Everywhere

At last the A.P.M. has been relieved of one of his many worries. No longer will he be obliged to call on Sarbonne or the University of Dijon and request that some one claim a handful of students who were picked up for wandering about town without passes.

MAIL COURSES GROWING

With the growing popularity of the Correspondence School which is being conducted in conjunction with the University at Beaune, the Army Educational Commission has added 17 more courses to the 21 originally announced.

Hot Water Scarce, Too

"Talk about not having hot water for a bath—in Vienna they had hot water three hours a week—a week, not a day. Regulations were that there could be hot water from 8 to 11 o'clock in the morning. This held good even at the swish Bristol Hotel."

SHOP TALK OF ALL THE A.E.F.

Members of the A.E.F. charged with passing worthless checks or other negotiable instruments will be detained in Europe pending investigation of the charges, according to G.O. 57, which also provides that when the facts warrant, such persons will be tried by court-martial.

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BOLSHEVIK BOMB PROVED BUT A DUD

M.P. Detail Carefully Destroys 16-Pound Shot

Wary with his rounds of watching for AWOLs, who were scarce on that particular night, an M.P. in Bordeaux strolled over to a waiting motorcycle by the curb and seated himself for a moment's rest upon the soft cushion of the side-car.

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Sprinkled throughout the devastated regions of northeastern France, and looking for all the world as if they had been cast high and dry by a great typhoon, are the broken paths of the A.E.F. and equally as far from the busy deep, their presence and their occupation contrast strangely with their blue serge uniforms and white chapeaux.

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FROM THE A.E.F. TO THE ORPHANS OF FRANCE

THE EQUITABLE TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK. 25 Rue de la Paix, PARIS. American Red Cross. Five hundred four thousand nine hundred forty four and 40-100 Francs.

The Stars and Stripes. OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES. Paris, 7 May 1919. Five hundred four thousand nine hundred forty four and 40-100 Francs.

Here is tangible proof of the affection of the genus Yank for the youngsters of war-ridden France, who greeted him with "Good-bay" and with whom he shared his chocolate when in luck and his bacon scraps when out of luck.

OVER TWO MILLION FRANCS RAISED BY A.E.F. FOR ORPHANS

Continued from Page 1. Later the funds. As promised by THE STARS AND STRIPES, every centime of the money paid into the fund will go to the orphans, while the cost of administration will be met in the future as in the past by the American Red Cross.

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SUNDAY, MOTHER'S DAY, WRITING DATE FOR WHOLE A.E.F.

Continued from Page 1. Write by all means. Pack the pages with love, as you did last year, for your mother today is just as anxious about you as she was at this time a year ago.

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C-IN-C. WISHES EVERY MAN TO WRITE MOTHER

To All Officers and Soldiers: I wish every officer and soldier in the American Expeditionary Forces would write a letter home as he did last year on Mother's Day. These letters will repay in part the brave women whose love and prayers have cheered us up to victory. JOHN J. PERSHING.

PHOTO HISTORY OF PHYSIQUE OF ARMY

Up on the top floor of the Elysee Palace, once one of the proudest hotels which Paris could boast, are three rooms and a bath, but the thick rugs which covered the floors are gone. The beautiful furniture has been supplanted by desks, by tables, by typewriters, and by steel cabinets. And the bathroom is now a photographic laboratory and dark room.

Medical Corps Cameras Teach A.E.F. How to Care for Itself

In this former sumptuous suite is located the photographic division of the Medical Corps, Museum Unit No. 1, organized 20 months ago in Washington, under the supervision of Surgeon General Gorgas. In Paris a little group of Yanks, all experts in still and motion photography, under the direction of a young major who was himself an enlisted man 20 months ago, are recording the amazing pictorial history of medical and dental surgery, which has been forwarded in unbecomingly bound in the last two years.

Mme. Bernhardt to Greet U.S. Mothers

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MOTHER'S DAY

For nearly half the A.E.F., Mother's Day has come, indeed. It was the day it got back home, ran up the steps and into mother's arms.

But something had been happening back home, he found, while things were happening to him so fast he couldn't count 'em over here.

"Ours the great adventure, Hears the pain to bear; Ours the golden service stripes, Hears the marks of care."

THE TRANSFORMATION

The father of Jean Pierre Anatole Exe died for France and liberty at Verdun.

Thus did Jean Pierre Anatole become orphaned, and as an orphan he was adopted by Company X, 3,000th Engineers (Railway).

Whereupon the youth of the village were once more scattered in the dust, the catechism again got by heart, and the mayor's secretary nonplussed by the resurrection of his class AA scholar.

TRICK CIVILIANS

Just at present there are running around France a lot of trick civilians decked out in uniforms with red chevrons.

Our sympathy is with them. For them there are no more delicious dinners de luxe of that delectable vegetable known as the goldfish.

But let us be tolerant. We must remember that once they were with us and of us, even though now sunk to the lowest depths of civilianism, which in the minds of some is synonymous with civilization.

We must not forget that once they were soldiers and had costed the same as the rest of us. Now, although social outcasts, they are still human beings.

AS SHE IS SPOKE

English as she is spoke is going to be a weird and wonderful thing when our 2,000,000 O.D. linguists wind up on their native shores to indulge in a vociferous spree of pidgin foreign.

For not even the most patriotic Yank could now bring himself to say "helluva lot" when what he really means is "beau-coup."

to help educate the folks, who have been unable to join the Army and see the world. They may have been studying French, but their French isn't our French.

And, clearly, we can stand for a lot of education ourselves. We have much to learn from our brethren who have picked up the spaghetti-far-niente dialect from Italy, or who speak the tordador patois of the Spanish border leave area district, or the vodka jargon of Vladivostok, or the kamered vernacular of the Rhineland.

Pretty soon the make-up of the American language will be as mysterious as that of Army slum, than which nothing is mysteriouiser.

MORALE

Two ruined villages in the Argonne. In one, a disconsolate detachment of mis-laid Yanks, sour, sloppy, living in their own dirt and rapidly acquiring therein a profound dislike for various institutions, such as the American Government, France, the human race, etc.

In a nearby and equally devastated village—Varennes, by the way—an extraordinarily lively and resourceful detachment of Yanks, always on their toes and so bent on making the best of things that it is an inspiration to go into the camp they have wrought there amid the ruins.

So, Ste. Menegould, which was scarcely scarred at all by the war, is a dreary town, and the stranger within its gates will try in vain to take the chill off. St. Mihiel, on the other hand, for all its crumbled houses and shell-torn streets, shelters now a colony of buoyant people, all smiles and friendliness and hope.

People are so different. And the passing moralist, without expecting or even greatly hoping to alter humanity in this respect, may at least indulge in the privilege of taking off his hat to the people of St. Mihiel and to the members of Truck 7, 23rd Engineers, United States Army.

RED TABS AND BILLIES

Just as the vaudeville wag back home can always get a guffaw by pulling some mischievous line about Bryan or Brooklyn or Boston beans, so the O.D. actor is playing perfectly safe when he takes a fling at the M.P.

And this is a curious thing, because the Military Police Corps is made up, to a large extent, of the very cream of the A.E.F. It comes as near to being a crack organization as any we can boast.

"This, my boy, means that I was an M.P. in France." The other guys used to kid and knock us a good deal, but, shucks, that was natural enough.

"Yet, never in the history of American institutions was the police power less abused than it was by us in France. If it's any satisfaction to you, son, you make take this as gospel truth, that your dad belonged to a police force of which at least half had seen combat service at the front.

"Of course, there were a few rotten crooks and a fair average of hopeless boneheads in the corps; but, by and large, there never was a police force that had so much quiet dignity, common sense and consideration for others."

The old M.P. will have a right to tell his son that. For it will be quite true. And you know it, too, doggone you.

THE Q.M.

Old Papa Q.M. has been kicked in the pants. He has been kicked so hard at times that he didn't feel like carrying on. But still he did carry on; he went out and rustled candy for little Buck, who almost cried his eyes out because he didn't get it; he went out in the field and gave Sam a better pair of shoes so his feet wouldn't hurt; and he managed in most cases to make a liberal distribution of francs the first of each month.

Papa Q.M., however, is now sitting back and wondering if his children are going to love him more as the years roll by. When the final airing came it was discovered that all the other Allied papas didn't provide for their families nearly as well as he did. After all, he says, the kicking he got didn't hurt much.

SPRING FEVER

These twilights are conducive to most persistent thoughts of home. It is a way that spring has of making us human and reminding us that all wars are not fought on the battlefield. There can be quite a wide comparison made between the spring of a year ago, when those longings helped us through the strenuous days that led to the armistice, and the present spring that furnishes us regular reading matter of other more fortunate who are sailing home.

Most of us are sensible about it, and realize that the mills of the gods are grinding out the failures, fortunes and futures of those that have gone just as they would have done had those soldiers taken our places here. But for us the dawn has come. We are in for that last kilometer of time that leads to the last objective.

Last spring we had no idea when we would fire the last shot—that was our objective then. This spring we have a very good idea, with the latest news before us, of when the last soldier will leave the shores of France. But until that day comes we will continue to subject ourselves to the charms of these balmy days and the fever of restlessness they throw upon us.

The Army's Poets

THE FRONT

So you have seen the real front? You haven't—no, a chance— Not anywhere in sight— Nor Italy nor France. It wasn't shell and wire— That aching line of red— The true front? The real front? Where a mother's heart has bled!

They write about the real front From Alsace to the sea, A lot of names of towns and hills— All Greek to you and me. She reads the towns, she reads the names, Then one name ringed in red— The real front? The true front? Where a mother's heart has bled.

If you want to find the real front Don't look on any map, Just ask the gaunt-eyed woman With the picture in her lap: Now in Flanders and the Argonne Quiet crosses watch the dead— Only God can raise the crosses Where the mothers' hearts have bled. PVT. BAUKHAUSE.

LEST WE FORGET

Heavy her toll to unrelenting Mars; Gold are her service stars; Twin sparrows on their field of white and red, They gleam in heavenly courses for the dead, Behind the window bars.

The glad air trembles to the joyous shout Of welcome all about; The bands blare forth their strident notes of praise, While throats unnumbered exclamations raise, And all the flags are out.

There is no voice her throbbing heart to still; Behind her window sill, Forgotten in the tumult and the noise, She watches them—the other mothers' boys— With eyes that slowly fill.

The wild acclaim but ronds afresh the scars Where stabbed the sword of Mars; The victory cannot soothe, with all its charms, The empty holding of her mother arms; Gold are her service stars, JOHN FLECKNER HALL.

LINE UP! FALL IN!

I wonder if, when I get home To wear a derby on my dome And strut around in civvy pants, I'll ever get o'er the ways of France— This army style that's always been: For everything, Line Up! Fall In!

Line up to simply holler "Here!" Fall in to show them why, Line up to get your issue stuff, Fall in for what you need, Line up to get your army chow, Fall in to bed, and then Get ready to turn out next day And do it all again!

I went to Paris for a rest From all such stuff (I thought it best), On the 1st of January, 1919, (No 40 Hommes or 8 Chevaux). To premiere classe I'll climb aloft And bounce along on cushions soft.

Line up to have your pass stamped out, Fall in to board your train, And when, at last, you reach Paroo, Line up, get off again, Fall in to have your pass stamped in And read a lot of con, Line up for Metro tickets and Fall in to be stamped on!

"Ah, well," I sighed, "right here's the Y. Now for a bed—tonight I'll lie On linen sheets, not O.D. wool. Sit, please, a room, if they're not full, And you don't mind if I turn in—" "Ah, no," quoth he, "Right there! Fall in!"

Line up for room and bed and board, Fall in for all you lack, Line up to check your pack or bag, Fall in to get it back; Line up to find out where to go, Fall in to find out when Your train leaves Paris, then line up To get stamped out again!

I wonder if, when I get home To wear a derby on my dome And strut around in civvy pants, I'll ever get o'er the ways of France! And if 'twill be, as it has been For everything, Line Up! Fall In!

Line up to greet the folks and girl, Fall in for civvy life, Line up to get your old job back, Fall in to get a wife; And when you get the vale of woe To pass to realms on high, Line up to catch your death of cold, Fall in, at last, to die!

THE SKINNERS

Oh, we're not a fighting unit— All our scrapping's with the mules. We're not handy with the rifle, Nor with show-down nor such tools. But where the shells are thickest And the Boche is cracking down You'll find the skimmers daring death To get the grub and dough.

We can't fight back, But we don't slack. We take the ammo and hard tack, And you can swear In this La Guerre The Supply Co.'s there Somewhere.

No, we're not a dressy outfit: On parade we're not a hit. The colonel calls us rotten When we try to march a bit. But when the moving order comes And the command to up and do, Then you'll find the transport on the job Getting the grub and dough.

No, we don't get honorable mention, G.O. citations and such stuff. Croix de Guerre and Honor Medals Are for others' services. Just to keep our limbs moving When our forage ration's short, But you're sure to find us listed When the inspector makes report. He gives 'em hell; He eats 'em well; He can't find words enough to tell, And by all means, air We get our share. The Supply Co.'s there Somewhere.

GOODBYE, M'SIEUR!

You go back home, Monsieur, right queeek! I see you happy in your eye. Ah, now my friend, no need speak—I understand—goodbye.

Goodbye, Monsieur, we've been glad, Because your heart was so glad. And the gentill—we shall be sad When you leave France behind.

La France, Monsieur, weel not forget, Her heart keeps you just so, Pardonne, Monsieur, zee eyes are wet, Zey weep because you go.

Monsieur, you save zee life of France, Zee life of ma patrie. Ah, now, my friend, eet was not chance Zat brought you 'cross zee sea.

Monsieur, you brought your bees, brave heart, Your bees, good smile and song; My friend, all France has one beating heart For you zat fought her wrongs.

Goodbye, my friend—zoo leave behind! Some friend's zee words zee you, Monsieur, your tears, zey fall weeps mine, And France, zee weeps weeps you.

Monsieur, zee graves weep flowers bloom, Zee loveliest zee grow; And in zee heart of France weel bloom Zee love zat weel not go.

Goodbye, my friend, in happy day, Wees your own dear familie, Remember zat, in France away, True hearts beat for you still. B. A. HEDGES, Cpl., U.S.M.C.

JOAN OF ARC



The kiss the wind may bear will stir the tranquil leaf And lay it softly on the wounds we made; And we shall labor in the mart of bird the sheaf; The while thy spirit guards this quiet glade.

And as the blood of them' compingles with the soil Where they stand, and theirs have fed the rose her hue, So will our own' turn comrade with the waiting toil That reads our all to prove us worthy, too.

STILL SHE WAITS!

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:

As you sometimes run a queer column, referring to the longest and shortest men and some others of the A.E.F., I will tell you I think that I've the record for the longest enlistment. Maybe you can help me a bit also for none of the General Orders on discharge seem to take care of my case.

G.O. 13 and 60 are nice orders to some, but how about the fellow who promised to marry a girl seven years and five months ago and then joined the Army and never has been footloose since? When do I get discharged, anyhow?

Mine was a voluntary enlistment which started the morning of January 11, 1912, and I seem to be doomed to lifelong punishment because it was not finished up properly. I enlisted, as already stated, at Ft. McDowell, and after my recruit drill was awarded to the 20th Infantry at Ft. Douglas, Utah. Well, I did not like Army life very well and could never get any leaves for I'd not been in the service long enough. Although about May 2, 1913, something told me that my girl was going about with some fellow so I took French leave and went to see her.

Well, there is where I put my foot into it. The girl wouldn't do anything but scold me, saying that the only thing to do was to return at once. I never liked the looks of the guard house and was afraid to return. Finally, I thought that I'd slip one over on them and so about the 23rd of October, 1913, I joined the Navy.

Now, I still like the Navy, but after serving with them for two years and five months and discharged me—I was a petty officer, too—and turned me over to the Army, who had discovered my camouflage, on February 24, 1916. After the horrors of a GCM had passed on me, I found myself down on the border helping to eat up the sand that they have there, as a member of the 18th Infantry. When the first troops came over here, we found ourselves in the 1st Division which, now that all is over, evidently is going to marry and settle down on the far bank of the Rhine. Finally, I got the three years that I had enlisted for finished up on November 4, 1917, but the Division Judge Advocate said that I'd have to stay a while as Congress said something about being held for the duration of the war.

Now, lots of people are getting discharges because they let me I'll acquire the same as soon as the train gets in, for she is still waiting. I've no dependents, but give a fellow a chance, will you? When do I get discharged? G.H.Q. will have to frame another order to cover my case. Seven years and four months of waiting. Don't you think that the girl will soon be gray-haired?

I am now at the Farm School of the A. E. F. in preparation for good, old farm life again. RALPH H. HUTCHINS, Sgt., Hdqrs. Troop, 1st Division.

YES, BUT WHERE?

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:

There has appeared in your much read paper notices of all kinds of try outs of the different sports. Now there is one, a little bit different from the rest that I would like to suggest. Why not have a buglers' tournament—the best bugler in the A.E.F. should be awarded a prize or medal.

The design of the medal might be a bugler standing on a hilltop blowing recall. (It might also represent a windstorm in a forest.) Hoping that this will receive attention of some kind, and find room in your precious paper for publication, I remain

HAROLD T. ANDERSON, Co. H, 11th Regt., U.S.M.C. [Suggest this contest be held at the North Pole.—Editor.]

HEADLINES OF A YEAR AGO

From THE STARS AND STRIPES of May 10, 1918.

LIBERTY LOAN'S GREAT SUCCESS DUE TO PEOPLE—Washington Believes Over-Subscription Will Reach Billion Figure.

YANKEE ARMEN GET FIVE HUNS OUR LOSSES TWO—Four Other Planes Have Probably Been Brought Down.

PARIS OFFICIALLY IN ZONE OF ADVANCE—Change Announced from G.H.Q. Takes City Out of Our L. of C.

HOME FOLKS WAITING FOR GREAT SHIPLOAD OF "MOTHER'S LETTERS"—Postmaster General Promises Speedy Delivery.

60,000 REFUGEES MOVED TO SAFETY WHEN HUN COMES—American Red Cross Performs Task with Small Personnel.

RANK AND UNRANK

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:

On January 2, 1919, I was transferred from the 423rd Telegraph Battalion, Signal Corps, to the 2nd Replacement Battalion, Signal Corps. A few days later, I was transferred to the 403rd Telegraph Battalion, Signal Corps. The rank I held was sergeant first class.

Upon reporting to the 403rd Telegraph Battalion, Signal Corps, they reduced me to a private, first class, saying that I was automatically reduced on account of the transfer, which I did not request. They had their full quota of non-coms, which they also gave as a reason for reducing me.

I carried a very good recommendation from my former company commander as to character and ability, and have always had a very good record. Will you please tell me whether my reduction was legal or not; and if not, how I can regain my former rank and back pay? Ex-SERGEANT.

[War Department Circular No. 65 says all non-commissioned officers will retain their rank and right to pay until discharged, unless reduced for disciplinary reasons by proper authority. In case of an excess of N.C.O.'s in any grade in an organization, the surplus N.C.O.'s will be carried as extra members. Application for reinstatement, or to be re-made, should be made in writing to the regimental commander or, in case of detachment, to the next highest commander.—Editor.]

A VIN ROUGE SCANDAL

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:

My outfit is billeted near a wine cellar. Last month several hundred bottles of wine disappeared from the cellar and the owners put in a claim for 2,000 francs. When pay day came along we marched up to get our pay and found ourselves fined 24 francs each. This, the paymaster explained, was to reimburse the owners of the wine cellar for the missing bottles.

Now what I want to find out is: Does a private have to pay for wine which was consumed by somebody else?

Of course, there is no come-back. I have paid and I am innocent. But with this Army which boasts hundreds of Sherlock Holmeses, why should several hundred bottles of wine rouge vanish in a night, leaving no sign, not even bleary eyes next morning, without a single clew to work on?

A BUSTED PRIVATE, Field Hospital No. 142.

ONE OF THE BUCKS

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:

Having read in the April 18 issue the plea of "One of 'Em," my past acquaintance with "Several of Them" is set forth in contrast.

Who wants to be a mess sarge? Not the buck who is well fed, or the one who knows there is not enough chow issued to satisfy hunger anyway. But the old idea that the boys will kick and growl, cause or no cause, has been used as a dodge too long. I have been in eight different companies (infantry), in France, and have never kicked—nor known any reasonable buck to do so—when, out of M.S.'s issue of macaroni, tin willie and goldfish or the like, we got same in mess line. When it was beans without bread or coffee at Pontanezon Barracks (excuse me, for it wasn't a "rest" camp then), or "slum—bread ham" at Chemire, we didn't curse the mess sarge.

"Why," you ask, "are you going to say that said M.S. ever got cussed?" Oh, no. But here is the most usual process of arousing a hungry bunch of doughboys to a temper that brings kicks: Select a detail to carry rations to the company kitchen or store-room. They will count the tins of creamery butter, Karo syrup, canned tomatoes, condensed milk and the jam, sugar, beef, coffee, rice, bacon, etc., will also be noted.

By the time "soupy, soupy" sounds, practically the whole company will have an idea of what is on hand, thanks to the Q.M.C. Then let the bucks pass by and get slum, beans, bread and coffee (the latter without sugar or milk), and after they are reminded that carrots, spuds and turnips are always eaten first they will pass to the garbage can the beans or slum or both, and as they look into the M.S.'s domain and see him and his K.P.'s and personal friends eating steak and French fries, and butter hiding the bread almost, and coffee, as good as canned milk and sugar can make—that is the time to hear Pvt. Buck use pet names for M.S. and C.O. (who allows such stealing), and likely wind up with remarks about the A.E.F. which would never pass the censor.

And the little trip to a vin-rouge parlor, where eggs and pommes de terre await, cannot be indulged in frequently on 62 francs per and they still in the safe-keeping of the paymaster, likely as not.

Just kicking, eh? No, if I wanted to kick, the subject of leave-areas, candies and "when-do-we-go-home?" would make choice subjects. The facts in the Mess Sarge's modern offensive are so out of harmony with the principles of America in this war, that they are not easy to believe, unless seen.

When I said "usual scene at company mess," I meant that it took place day after day, week after week, in several different outfits. On one occasion, a company commander was a member of M.S.'s party. Well, it's only just to give three companies praise for putting it out on the square while blaming five for failure to do so. That it is easier to be crooked than straight, probably explains a lot of the mess-lines' hard luck.

All praise to the honest man, whether he be buck, sarge, capt. or any other rank. Though he gets all manner of evil things said against him now, he will have his reward later, and I am persuaded that even now he is not friendless, nor unrewarded.

ONE OF THE PRIVATES, Base Hospital No. 208.

BACK TO WEBSTER

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES: Is the American word "cigarete" or "cigarette" the same thing in English and French? I've been over France a great deal and I've heard it both ways and I'm at a loss to know which is correct. Can you enlighten me? A Buck.

[In some parts of France we think it is a word of greeting.—Editor.]

COURIER SERVICE SPREADS NET OVER TWO CONTINENTS

Greyhounds Unrivaled as Means of Rapid A.E.F. Communication

LINK ALL ARMY INTERESTS

Narrow Escape from Death and Constant Eluding of Spies All in Day's Work

Through the thick of the fighting, over dark and foggy and shell-torn roads, on merchant and war vessels, in crowded cities filled with frightened refugees, on trains, in automobiles, motorcycles and airplanes, they have been met, those Yanks with the white or silver greyhound meing over a blue field on their shoulders.

They are official couriers, members of the A.E.F., and also functioning in conjunction with the Peace Conference, the Food Administration and the various American Embassies.

Institution a Necessity

However, their present work is but a development of the military service which long before the armistice was signed. In the spring of 1918, the success of the entire operations of the A.E.F. was threatened by terrible delays in communication between Washington and Europe.

Soft Job for Somebody

Most of the couriers between Washington and Paris are sent by the Chief of Staff at the United States capital, but many on the return trip consist of casuals, officers and men.

No Delays at Brest

They would be the first off at Brest, where arrangements had been made to receive them, and place them on the first available train for Paris.

Battle With Spies

Foreign spies, of course, are not ignorant of the work of the couriers and the methods by which they employ a variety of important papers, as well as the clever methods whereby the aggressive Americans circumvented them from one of the most thrilling chapters in the history of the war.

Service Into Germany

Couriers for Berlin leave Paris or Cologne nightly. The Cologne couriers, comprising an officer and a non-com, leave Third Army Headquarters at 3 p.m., reach Cologne two hours later, pick up some British mail, are assigned to a sleeping car and then start on their way to the German capital the following evening.

Close Call for Courier

On this day the machine had soared successfully over almost the whole of the devastated area, flying in an altitude of about 2,000 feet when suddenly something happened to the controls—and down went the machine for 2,000 feet.

WHERE JOAN OF ARC WAS BORN



Domrémy, the tiny village which is one of the great shrines of France because Joan of Arc was born there, has never been either a camping place or a leave area for American troops but, by hook or crook, thousands upon thousands of them have managed to make the pilgrimage.

That was in July, 1917, when the meager beginnings of the A.E.F. were established in the neighborhood of Neufchateau and Gondreville. The level of the highway between, not much more than a good brisk hour's walk from either. Then too, it is on the main highway from Chaumont to Toul, so that even a motor car, truck or ambulance that made the run rumbled past Joan's father's house and the old village church which guards jealously the font at which she was baptized.

There is so much need of energy, initiative, cheerfulness and determination. The messenger travels through countries where a state of war exists, where arms have been laid down but where peace has not been declared. He has need of initiative, devotion to duty, of philosophy and insight in the overcoming of every obstacle.

"It Keeps You Going"

The other day one was asked if he liked his job. He had just arrived from Belgrade after eight nights on trains without heat or light. He had been in two fights with deserters, and two of the nights of the trip he had to sit up with drawn revolver over his pouch.

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SPUDS FOR ARMY'S MESSAGES NOW GROWN IN PARK OF KINGS

Garden Service Plantation at Versailles Would Open Huns' Eyes

One of these days the German peace delegates now forgerathering at Versailles may be allowed to take a short walk out of the Hotel des Reservoirs into the rear gardens of the palace and be introduced to a brand-new reason why they were wise guys to quit this war stuff when they did.

Just short of 1,000 acres of the farm lands of the old kings of France are thriving mightily there, bearing abundant crops to the constant labor of the many O.D.-clad farmers scattered over the landscape whistling as they go behind the plow and the hoe.

Spring Would Have Told Story

The crops planted last year did not yield the abundance desired mainly because so much experimentation had to be done on the old soil worked by new and strange masters.

SMITH COLLEGE GIRLS ALL-ROUND WORKERS

Carpentering or Interpreting All the Same to These Yanks

On August 13, 1917, a group of girls from Smith College arrived in the shell-torn towns along the Marne to aid refugees. They are still there, but they have done a lot of other things in the months since.

ANANIAS WAS A PIKER COMPARED TO SOME FOLKS WE MIGHT NAME

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A BUCK'S DIARY

Proving That Tops, Majors, Cooks, and Looeys What Has Been Put Hep by Tops Ain't No Friends of Nobody

Sunday, April 13.—Well, this is Sunday and I've been on K.P. all day as usual. One of the cooks got snappy long about 4 p.m. and wouldn't behave himself so I crowded him with a frying pan.

Monday, April 14.—I always hate to get up on Monday. Being that I didn't get no rest yesterday I kind of took extra snooze and first thing I inquired away went the bugle for reveille and before I could get my socks on the old Top blew his whistle.

Tuesday, April 15.—This morning I heard first call blow but went back to sleep because I was sick at the stomach. Got up while Top was giving setting-up exercises but didn't get out yet.

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RED TAPE NEED FOR YANKS FREED HERE WHO SEEK PASSAGE

Stamp on Discharge Paper Makes It Equivalent to Passport, Though

Discharge papers and red chevrons do not constitute all that is needed to get back to the United States. Men of the A.E.F. who have received discharge papers and who wish to go home must take them to the Passport Bureau of the American Embassy, 3 Rue Fievez, Charbon.

Men who have married in France must also get a passport for their wives, in addition to discharge papers. This passport must be issued by the American Consul, 1 Rue des Italiens, Paris, stamped by the Préfeture de Police, and then, before the passport is issued, must have a marriage certificate.

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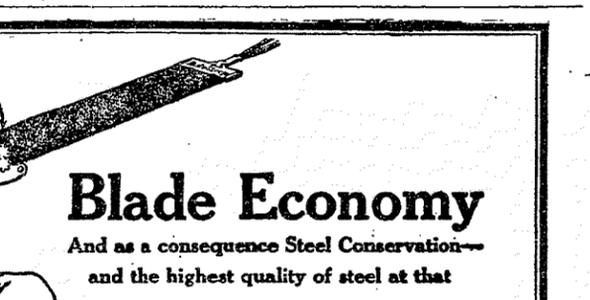
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Chocolates—man's kind!

The Rich Satisfying Substantial Kind—Whitman's Chocolates

Made in Philadelphia, U.S.A. Since 1842 by Stephen F. Whitman & Son, Inc.



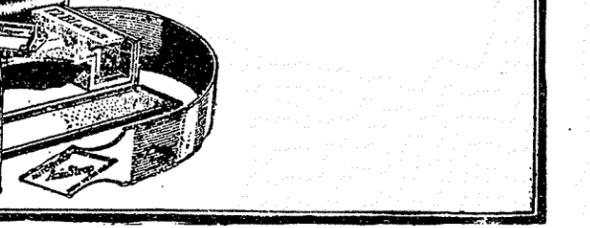
Blade Economy

And as a consequence Steel Conservation—and the highest quality of steel at that

The only RAZOR that strops itself

THE AutoStrop Razor is the only safety razor which sharpens its own blades. For this reason its blades last on an average much longer than those of other razors.

AutoStrop Safety Razor Company 345 Fifth Avenue, New York



Advertisement for Max Schling's 'Max Schling's' razor, featuring the text 'SENT TO ANY ONE AT HOME' and 'MAX SCHLING, Inc.' with an address in New York.

Advertisement for Garrett Everlastie Roofings, featuring the text 'The American "Big Four"' and 'Garrett Everlastie Roofings' with a list of products and company information.

Large advertisement for the AutoStrop razor, including the headline 'Blade Economy', 'The only RAZOR that strops itself', and 'THE AutoStrop Razor is the only safety razor which sharpens its own blades.' It also includes the company name 'AutoStrop Safety Razor Company' and address '345 Fifth Avenue, New York'.

INTERMEDIATE SECTION WINS S.O.S. TRACK MEET

OVERCONFIDENCE MAY BEAT U.S. IN THE ALLIED GAMES

Yanks Have Been Trimmed in Recent Sport Events

With Allies

ONLY TRAINING WILL WIN Unless Athletes Get Busy Defeat in Inter-Allied Military Meet Is Probable

For those with supreme confidence in the ability of the old A.E.F. to hold its own with any of its Allies...

In the international rowing regatta on the Seine not many days ago the United States Army crew finished second to New Zealand...

In the tournament for the indoor tennis championship of France, the United States Army doubles representatives, Capt. Watson M. Washburn and Lieut. Dean...

In the tournament for the indoor championship of England, held at the Queens' College, London, America's representatives failed to get into the finals in either the doubles or singles.

American Boxers Beaten

America's boxing team sent to England to represent the A.E.F. last fall, while winning many of its fights...

Poor Showing in Marathon Race

American Army marathon runners, including some winners of noted American distance races, entered the great French military cross-country run at Colombes...

Yanks Play Ball at Birthplace of 'Little Corporal'

Hot weather is here and the ice men are in their glory. Down at Giverny the other day, men of Ice Plant Company No. 301 celebrated with a baseball game...

Students from Universities at Marseille and Aix Visit Corsica

One of the most unique basketball games of which the A.E.F. is guilty was perpetrated upon the natives of Corsica...

FIELD ARTILLERY NINES BATTLE FOR SEVENTEEN INNINGS

Batteries D and E of the 116th Regiment of Field Artillery, 20th Division, staged a 17-inning baseball game at Laugny...

A.E.F. SWIMMING FINALS

The date for the A.E.F. swimming finals has been advanced from May 14 to May 25, and the River Seine in Paris has definitely been selected for the competition.

PRIVATE KENNEDY SCORES HIGH IN LE MANS SHOOT

Beats All Comers in Trial Round at d'Auvours Range

CAPTAIN HALE RUNNER-UP

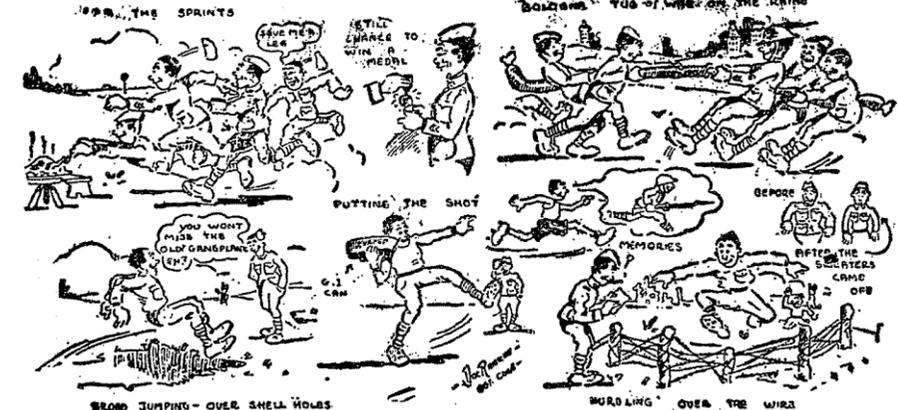
General Pershing Tells Contestants Proficiency With Firearms Is Great Asset

General Pershing's Address

After an inspection of the range, the Commander-in-Chief addressed the competitors. He called it an honor to be selected to compete in a contest of this kind...

General Pershing's Address (continued)

REHEARSING FOR THE BIG TIME



YANKS ALL OVER FRANCE TRY LUCK IN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PUZZLE CONTEST

Knights of Columbus contest published last week in THE STARS AND STRIPES.

First prize goes to Sgt. P. C. Welhelter, of the Q.M. Detachment at A.P.O. 767, whose answer, while not entirely correct, proved to be the best submitted.

Second prize was won by Lieut. J. Schicker, of the Senior Chaplain's Office at Bordeaux, while five others win consolation prizes.

Winners of last week's contest

Winners of last week's contest (continued)

GOLFERS OF ALLIED ARMIES MAY CLASH IN BIG TOURNEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE HAD 103 PLAYERS IN U.S. SERVICE

Sixty-One Volunteered in the Army, and Aviation Corps

TWO LOST LIVES IN WAR

Capt. Edward Grant of the Giants Was Killed in Argonne Fighting—The Roll of Honor

Bringing the pick of the golfers of the Allied Armies together to compete on a Parisian links for the Army championship of the world is the big project which has been suggested to the Inter-Allied Games Committee...

First Class Players in A.E.F.

The A.E.F. can produce a handful of first-class players who should be able to compete with credit against teams from other countries...

Pitcher Wins Decoration

Pitcher Ponder, an aviator, won the French war cross for valor. Hank Gowley, of the Boston Braves, was the first major league ball player to enlist in the Army of Navy following the declaration of war...

Base Section 1 Is Second and Advance Section Is Third

Athletes representing the Intermediate Section won the three-day track and field meet for the championship of the S.O.S. completed at Le Mans Sunday afternoon.

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HERE IS PROBLEM NO. 2 IN K. OF C. BASEBALL CONTEST

During a game between Minneapolis and Louisville a few years ago, with some out runners on first and second, the batter hit a fly ball to the pitcher, which he dropped, but picked up and played to third ahead of the runner going to that base from second.

The third baseman has his foot on the base and the runner was apparently out by several feet. The third baseman threw quickly to second ahead of the runner who was on first when the fly was hit, and the second baseman touched the runner before he reached the base.

How many were out?

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A.E.F. Officials Considering Meet Near Paris in June

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Pitcher Ponder, an aviator, won the French war cross for valor. Hank Gowley, of the Boston Braves, was the first major league ball player to enlist in the Army of Navy following the declaration of war...

Base Section 1 Is Second and Advance Section Is Third

Athletes representing the Intermediate Section won the three-day track and field meet for the championship of the S.O.S. completed at Le Mans Sunday afternoon.

Friday's Results

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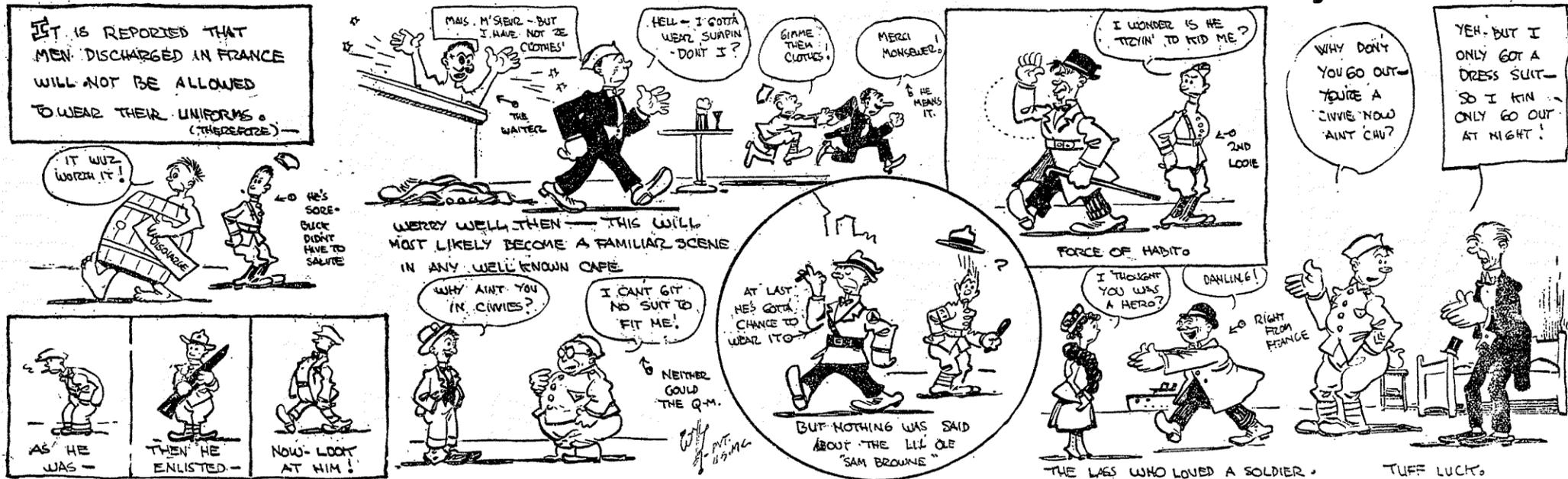
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WHERE A.E.F. GETS ITS MOVIE SHOWS

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Pictures amid the deep drifts at Archangel, where the Yanks, in warm boots, hoods and furs, huddle in the snow-banked huts; pictures in the balmy Riviera, where the leave men can sit out under the moon of a soft, Italian sky; pictures at seething Brest, westernmost jumping-off place for the Goddess of Liberty and parts beyond; pictures in Coblenz, Germany, heart of the American bridgehead; pictures in Russian prison camps, where the Yanks can be entertained while helping in the distribution of food; pictures in Constantinople, Turk stronghold for many centuries; pictures, even, at Vladivostok, bleak Asiatic terminus of the trans-Siberian railroad, where American troops are helping guard the vast mountains of stores, and pictures on the high seas.

There is no sector of the A. E. F., indeed, which does not sense the pulsing of the personnel in a little, dingy, white building situated in a historic quarter near the Madeleine, Paris, headquarters of the Community Motion Picture Bureau, Y.M.C.A., A.E.F. And here, as at many other points, Yanks specially trained in motion picture work are helping entertain their comrades.

Here big U.S. Army trucks are constantly seen loading and unloading supplies of films. Here are busy employees, sorting and packing. Here are seen the great piles of circular metal boxes which hold the long miles of film that go daily. Here, too, is a staff of people mounting and correcting films, there another group winding the shiny, celluloid ribbons, and further along in the editorial and file rooms are being made selections of programs, the decisions of which furnish a vivid lesson in the geography of Europe.

And daily there come in from all parts of the A.E.F., in France, Italy and Germany, division secretaries, taking up materials to provide recreation for the American soldiers. There is never material enough to satisfy everyone, but the amount is increasing week by week.

No Stale Films for A.E.F.

There is a mistaken notion in the A.E.F. that the pictures the soldiers see are ones that have been seen by the home folks long ago. As a matter of fact, this is the way the bureau operates:

Its branch bureau in New York has three projection rooms, in which are being shown constantly to 50 editorial experts the best of the productions just being released from the studios. Those selected are bought, copies struck off, depending in part on what is to be the popularity of the film, and sent by swift transport service overseas to Paris. From here the film is re-distributed to branch offices at Tours, Chaumont, Coblenz, Marseille, Brest, Verdun, Bordeaux, St. Nazaire, Brest, Le Mans, Antwerp and Rotterdam, and from these points it reaches out into the various theaters, the films being apportioned according to the number of troops in any particular area.

At Tours there are mobile units of from 50 to 60 ambulances on mechanical carriers carrying DeLoe lights mounted permanently in the ambulance. The picture machine is attached to the apparatus in the car by a long cable so that a screen can be set up anywhere, in a building or outside, the power turned on, a group of O.D. spectators gathered and away we go.

Pictures shown range all the way from current events, known as "Overseas Weeklies," through nature, educational, geographical and industrial film, to the big spectacular productions. Among the current events depicted are those portraying the landing of returning troops at New York and other ports. The landing of the 27th Division, for instance, is to be shown shortly all over the A.E.F.

Yanks Like Comies and Mary

Comedy, with silly threads of sentiment running through it, is proving the most popular with the soldiers. Among the best of these being shown is Douglas Fairbanks in "Habit of Happiness," and in "Rescue Meets in," Norma Talmadge in "De Luxe Artist," Constance Talmadge in "Up the Road With Sally."

There is the big feature, "My Own United States," founded on Edward F. Kelly's book, "The Man Without a Country," and, of course, it need scarcely be mentioned that W. S. Hart and Charlie Chaplin, the latter especially in his screen, "Shoulder Arms," are the favorites. And Mary Pickford, of course, can never be forgotten.

Russian prisoners are shown films of industrial and geographical nature. Interspersed with comedies. At present they are seeing films showing the great logging operations of the Pacific Northwest, and according to the guesses among the doughboys who have been able to pick up a few jaw-shattering adjectives, those depicting vast astonishment and wonder are in order whenever they logging operations are thrown on the screen.

Motion picture outfits are now on the way to Poland and Bohemia and to various parts of Germany.

This month the bureau is celebrating

IN DEUTSCHLAND UNTER OLD GLORY

There is one solemn moment in the brisk and business-like life of the Third Army in Coblenz. That is when Old Glory, flying proudly over the topmost fortifications of the Rhine, is lowered in the evening, while the clear notes of retreat echo across the Rhine valley.

All Yanks snap to attention and stand at salute. On the bridge of boats, on the promenades along the Rhine, in front of American headquarters, outside the old imperial palace, beside the colossal statue of the first William, they stand rigid, their eyes fixed on the old fortress across the river.

The second of the two big Y huts which have been in process of erection for weeks in front of the old Kaiser Palace is now in active service. What makes this important in the eyes of the Third Army Yank is that the building is a cafeteria, which means no more standing in line for leave men. Army regulations provide the food shall not be bought from the Germans, except fruit and certain kinds of vegetables. Consequently, there has been a mighty run on the Y.M.C.A., the Y.M.C.A., the Red Cross and wherever else food may be sold or distributed.

During March the Y.M.C.A. served 197,975 meals at its other canteens, including one at Cochem.

They are perfectly good American schools, but you would not think so to read the names of the educational centers operated by the Third Army in Coblenz. Here are the principal ones: Kaiser Wilhelm Real Gymnasium, Kaiser Wilhelm King, Hilda Schule, Ursula Lyceum, Kaiserin Augusta Gymnasium.

Street vendors of maps have no such trade in Coblenz as they have in Paris and other cities of France. In Coblenz you get what maps you want for the asking. They are printed and given away by the 29th Engineers, G-2-C, who have many shelves loaded with maps of the occupied areas.

A general was busted in the 32nd Division just before it started for the coast—General Gloom. He was placed in command of the 15th Field Artillery Brigade, comprising the 32nd, 32nd and 32nd Regiments, which had come over originally with the 3rd Division, and had been transferred to the 32nd in the Argentine. Some spread the report that the brigade was not going home with the rest of the division. Funeral services were held over the regiment, the division and played dirges as members of the regiment buried their shoulder ornaments. There was some talk, indeed, of adopting "O.R." as the new insignia of the "Lost Brigade."

Then the band was hustled out again, for the men heard they were to return, after all, and the band played glory songs, and the insignia was resurrected. General Joy took command.

Up in the Rhine hinterland, where the snow until quite recently lay thick in the places of Yanks, 2,000 strong, who take this opportunity to serve notice on the A.E.F. generally, that although the war division, to which they belong, is composed of Texas and Oklahoma, cow punchers and Indians, they themselves, hail from New England, and what is more to the point, from the district surrounding Boston, effete city of the East.

Some of these New Englanders found their way to the division through transfers from other branches of the service, while the majority joined their present organizations at Camp Mills, L.I., after completing training at Tufts, Franklin Union Institute, and other educational centers around the Hub.

In addition to the New Englanders there are about 5,000 soldiers in the 90th from Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. They joined the division at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas.

"Milwaukee Ave." announce street signs in Munich and Bismarck, 2,000 streets of the uttermost outposts across the Rhine. The streets of the billet villages have been re-baptized and bear Yankee names. The troops which have been occupying these outposts come from the 32nd Division, originally Wisconsin and Michigan National Guard.

White armbands on their sleeves, small Third Army details daily patrol the roads of the neutral zone, the ten-kilometer zone the first anniversary of its debut overseas. It had at that time a personnel of seven Yanks and 20 French. It has a personnel now, including association secretaries who directly assist in the work, and men detailed from the Army, of 1,596. The work in France has been under the supervision of Warren D. Foster, president of the bureau, Elmo C. Lowe, H. B. Coler and C. M. Weyand.

The total number of showings given by the bureau at the centers in France alone is now about 90,000 weekly. In occupied Germany 4,216 weekly performances are being given. Figuring on an average of 80 for each show the bureau has entertained an audience of 60,000,000.

The service has been extended until it now includes work for the troops of Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Italy, France, Russia and the Balkan nations, as well as for all in the Army and Navy camps in the United States and West Indies. It operates also in the interest of the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish Welfare Board, the Salvation Army and other welfare organizations. The bureau is now giving showings regularly each week on about 1,000 American vessels, Navy and transport.

GERMANS SEE REAL AMERICAN CIRCUS

90th Division Show Has Indians and Cowboys, 'n' Everything

Itain, snow and mud failed to stop the presentation of the 90th Division circus at Coes, across the Moselle from Berncastel, division headquarters, two days last week. There were three inches of snow in part of the division area, even though it was May Day, but 15,000 soldiers from the 90th and 8th Divisions and Seventh Corps came to see and cheer in the rain to watch the performances.

A big parade opened the entertainment. There were decorated floats, bands, a calliope, clowns. By a little nature taking there were also some wild animals. There was a 150mm. gun, camouflaged in loud colors, mounted on a truck. The truck, as the Germans heard that one of his drivers had permitted the carnival committee to load a 150mm. gun on a poor little two-ton truck. With visions of a ruined truck back on its last pins, he tore out to rid the world, such an incompetent driver, only to learn the gun was of wood.

The three-ring circus was watched from a ring of grandstands. The acts would have done credit to professionals. The division, being from Texas and Oklahoma, has a considerable percentage of cow-punchers and Indians, who exhibited Western stunts, but the mud made much trick riding impossible. There was a stage holdup, with much shooting of blank cartridges. There was a midway, called Loco Law, where specially painted "Q-O" money could be spent in dozens of ways.

It was a big day for the children on the streets. Hundreds of German civilians had gathered high in the vineyards on both sides of the river to see the show, their umbrellas seeming like huge toadstools among the vineyard stakes.

BERLIN NOW ON A.P.O. LIST

Yanks meet A.P.O. 916. It signals the last step in the business of pursuing the Boche to his lair. A.P.O. 916 is Berlin, Germany, and it means that "Deutschland's capital has been annexed to America's postoffice map.

The new office in Berlin is established to serve the postal needs of the increasing number of Americans in and about the city. Those include Red Cross and Y.M.C.A. workers in German prison camps, and the several American and Allied commissions in Berlin in connection with the problems of peace, shipping and food distribution. Couriers come in daily from Coblenz.

This is the eighteenth Yank postoffice operated on German soil. The others are in the Army of Occupation.

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE A.E.F. ANYWAY?

Before you toss off that little war-book of yours and book yourself for the Chautauqua circuit, test your knowledge on these questions.

- How do the American losses, in proportion to the number of troops engaged and their length of service in action, compare with the French and British losses?
- In what fortnight of the year 1918 were the heaviest American losses sustained?
- What was the proportion of American troops to the entire Allied force which fought the counter-offensive of July 18-August 6, and to what extent did American initiative lead to that counter-offensive?
- When was Marshal Poch placed at the head of the Allied forces on the western front, and how far did his authority extend?
- Where were the first Americans killed in action?
- Why was G.I.H.Q. at Chaumont?
- What American divisions saw service with the British?
- At what European ports were American soldiers landed?
- What was the American strength on the Italian and Russian fronts at the time of the armistice?
- How many American airplanes were flown at the front prior to the signing of the armistice?
- Against what countries did the United States declare war?
- How many American troops were lost through the submarine warfare?
- How much made-in-America artillery material was in use in France by the time the armistice was signed?
- What proportion of the American wounded in action were returned to the front or declared fit for front line service?
- Which American divisions suffered the heaviest casualties?
- Which American division took the most prisoners?
- What proportion of American soldiers who sailed for overseas duty saw service at the front?
- How does the proportion of officer casualties in the A.E.F. compare with the proportions recorded for the British and French forces?
- Of what advantage to the Allied cause was the taking of Belleau Wood?

Oh, so there are some questions you can't answer, are there? Well, same here.

GEN. LIGGETT IN COMMAND A.E.F. HAS CAMERA CLUB

Lieut. Gen. Hunter Liggett arrived in Coblenz on last Friday to take command of the Third Army, succeeding Maj. Gen. Joseph T. Dickman. Two troops of Cavalry and several companies of Infantry were lined up in front of American headquarters to receive him. There are no changes in the staff, of which Brig. Gen. Malin Craig is the head.

Before his departure for Chaumont to be president of a board to study lessons of the war, Major General Dickman was made a member of the French Legion of Honor, the presentation being made at Mainz by Marshal Pétain.

The next war, or, putting it into diplomatic phraseology, future emergencies, won't catch the enlisted men of the photographic division of the Signal Corps, A.E.F., napping. The men have organized an Overseas Camera Club to keep in touch with each other by exchange of prints through a central office, and to furnish such technical and business data as the members may desire.

Any A.E.F. photographer is eligible, whether he served in the photographic division or not. The club has the endorsement of General Russell, Chief Signal Officer, A.E.F.

WHOLE THIRD ARMY IS PAID IN MARKS

And Now Cubical Domino Wielders Howl for Paper-Bailers

If an American paper dollar is worth—or was a couple minutes ago—6 francs, 15 centimes, and 100 francs is worth 22 marks, what is the value of 100 marks changed into Luxembourgish muzzum?

Answer: Keep off the cubical dominoes. Whether it was for the accommodation of Army entrepreneurs or to reduce the work of exchanging the doughboys' francs into marks is not announced, but at any rate every outfit in the Third Army was paid off in marks and pftomas this month. The result was more or less astounding, even the lowliest buck possessing a few quantities of wealth, especially quantities of Army entrepreneurs or to reduce the work of exchanging the doughboys' francs into marks is not announced, but at any rate every outfit in the Third Army was paid off in marks and pftomas this month. The result was more or less astounding, even the lowliest buck possessing a few quantities of wealth, especially quantities of Army entrepreneurs or to reduce the work of exchanging the doughboys' francs into marks is not announced, but at any rate every outfit in the Third Army was paid off in marks and pftomas this month. 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BRITANNY LEAVES GIVE SCENT OF SEA TO WEARIED YANKS Region About St. Malo Most Accessible to Near-Homegoers

EATS AND BATHING PLENTY Amplitude of Entertainment, Including Many Side Trips to Historic Forts and Resorts

Away out upon that promontory of north-western France which is capped by the city of Brest, there is nestled in a nook of a "stern and rock-bound coast" a bit of a 65-acre town all wrapped up in 70 feet of solid granite wall. It is known to the world as St. Malo, the maritime frontier of France but to the A.E.F. it means the center of the Brittany leave area, a place to go to and roam carefree and unrestrained, seven sun-full days to get into shipshape before going on the longed-for journey westward.

The granite wall and the rugged coast may sound a bit chilly and unwelcoming these bleak days, but the doughboys who allow himself to pass up a week there is missing the chance of a lifetime to experience how invigorating and inspiring the mellow, mild air of the most frequented of French shore resorts really be. The leave area, which it is expected will be one of the last to close, extends the length of the famous "Empire Canal" of Brest with its miles of sea wall, its steep cliffs, its broad beaches, its mysterious caverns and singing stones. There is a wealth of historic lore associated with every mile of the coast line, and a peculiar fascination to be found in watching the green of the ocean creep up 45 feet of high tide upon the rocks of the cliffs or the fine yellow sands of the beaches.

Plenty of Dancing Partners The average A.E.F. permissionnaire, however, is not out on leave to hustle around like a Coast tourist to see and do more than he can. He is to be found on antiquarian or contemporaneous statistics. What appeals is the chance to "get out" among "em," which is American for an individual, with lots of dancing partners, plentiful served otherwise than in a "zazakit, and sleep between clean, white sheets until such an hour as pleases the eyes and ears of each youth who breathes in. St. Malo means all that, plus. The statistics are there in doleful abundance, as are bewickered oil sea-tops full of intricate patterns of stars and stripes, and the center of real life is the apocryphal Casino where the Y.M.C.A. is doing everything to make a leave a memorable thing in the eyes of each youth who breathes in.

As the whole vicinity is a vacation place for the people of France, and these people have a happy habit of taking their daughters along with them on vacation, there is no scarcity of charming young ladies for dancing partners or companions on any half dozen of the interesting boat trips over land and lakes it is possible to make.

There are about a dozen live towns in the area, all within easy distance of each other and full of things to see and do to do. The Corsair city of St. Malo is the center of interest. It came into history along toward the end of the sixteenth century, when an Irish knight, the name of Malou (modernized: Malo) who had settled there with a Celtic friend of his named Anron, established what would today be called a college of each youth who breathes in. Later, when the Normans from the north came along the coast raiding particular o' Harry with the towns that wouldn't shut out the strike of the north. St. Survan, across the inlet, fled over to St. Malo's rock; and, since digging one's self in was not in style at that period, they followed the sea to the south, where they found a wall. Thenceforth, through the Middle Ages, the little burg of St. Malo stood up for the rights of small peoples to say who should be their chief and attack them for the taxes.

The people are, quite naturally, fisher-folk, and in their day worked the cod banks and hauled in the fish, and the rest of the world knew they existed. Among their proud line-up of prominent citizens, the name of Jacques Cartier, to whom has been given the title of "Discoverer of Canada," stands out with special interest for the A.E.F. It is a unique experience for any American to take the tour of the city ramparts and think of his own home town without some such a picket fence to stall off an enemy.

Dinant and Mt. St. Michel Trips Dinard, quite a fashionable and cosmopolitan town across the bay, is an ideal seaside resort. It presents a decidedly American appearance in the layout of its streets and houses and the cleanliness of its trim front yards and beaches. The mystery explains itself when it is made known that there is a large colony of Americans and English owning property in Dinard and living there year through. Of the whole day trips out from St. Malo, the one to Mont St. Michel is by far the most remarkable. A special train leaves St. Malo at 9:15 in the morning and slowly winds its way through miles of the lovely and picturesque plains of old Brittany. At a town called Pontevon, it swerves and heads directly out upon the broad sandy flatlands of the bay of St. Michel. Threading its way on the thin like a ribbon to a sharp point, the shadow of the mighty walls of the fortress above crowning the 200 feet of sheer rock with its own 300 feet of lace-like towers and turrets and battlements.

This ancient abbey dates back to the early seventh century. It is a wonder spot of France, a place of pilgrimage for the religious, a dungeon of horrors for those who remember its terrible political history, which filled the death pits of the middle rock with the bones of heroic men whose main aim was that they were ahead of their time. A day spent roaming through the various rooms and museums is about as fine a lesson as the doughboy could get anywhere of what democracy, for which he is over here, means in the way of struggle that it may survive.

And the Fish, and Mayonnaise Any lover of seafood is due for one grand party in this leave area. Besides the usual abundance of the freshest of fish, there are the meatiest lobsters, which are to be selected as they promenade across the restaurant counters, cooked to a turn and served with a mayonnaise dressing of a flavor unique. At Cancale, a morning's excursion from St. Malo, are acres upon acres of oyster beds which are the property of A.E.F. appetites can be readily taken care of. It is a curious thing; to walk among the beds at low tide, and be blessed very audibly by several millions of oysters. Dinard, 18 miles up the Blance River, is a romantic town and is especially interesting as the place where Bertrand du Guesclin, a French knight, fought single-handed an English knight to decide whose army should go home victorious. That, to conclude, would be an economic way of settling the matter, especially if on one side were couple of the ex-Kaiser's brood and any Yank on the other.

ALLIES BUY OLD O.D. Thousands of O.D. uniforms, last seen by their former wearers as the clothing was being carted away to a delousing plant or salvaged heap, have been sold to Poland, Serbia and Roumania by the United States Liquidation Commission. The uniforms were dyed either black or blue, and will clothe many Poles, Serbians and Roumanians who are in need of suits. Some English material has been sold to Poland and a large amount of horse-drawn equipment to Roumania.

HOW THE 27TH AND 30TH HELPED IN PIERCING THE HINDENBURG LINE

Continued from Page 1 1,500 yards, taking Lock No. 8 on the Ypres Canal, Lankhof Farm and the village of Ypermele, while the 27th Division advanced about 2,000 yards, occupying Vierstraat Ridge and the northern slopes of Mount Kemmel, and making some progress up the eastern side of Wytshate Ridge. To the east of Ypres the 14th British Division made similar progress on the left of the 30th, while on the right of the 27th the 34th British Division gained substantially toward Mount Kemmel itself. Having made this promising beginning, the American divisions were withdrawn from the front line between September 3 and 5 and sent to training areas further south, where they received instruction particularly in operating offensively in conjunction with British tanks. Late in September they were assembled under the corps command of the Second United States Corps and the Army command of the Fourth Army Corps, General Rawlinson, and put in the sector fronting the Hindenburg line positions about midway between Cambrai and St. Quentin.

Ready for Drive to the Scheldt The front which they then occupied was very nearly that which the British had held previous to the German attack of March 21 and from which they had been driven back nearly to Amiens. Starting in about August 1 to recover once more that devastated stretch of the valley of the Somme between its junction with the Aisne and St. Quentin, which had been first lost in 1914, regained in 1916, and then lost again in the spring of 1918, with true British doggedness they had pushed on, foot by foot, for nearly two months against the most bitter opposition, until they were once more occupying all but the foremost of their old trenches before the Hindenburg line between St. Quentin and Cambrai, while between Cambrai and Lens the redoubtable defensive line was already broken.

The plans for the great offensive involving the Allied forces on every front were more perfect and, as has been previously pointed out, the initial attack of Marshal Haig's British Armies was to be made on September 27, the day after the advance of the First American and Fourth French Armies on both sides of the Aisne. The British effort was to begin with an assault on the Hindenburg line, which had been designated in the plans as the jumping-off line for the main attack. This was especially true on the left, so on the morning of September 27, under cover of the tremendous bombardment which was then opened and continued for two days by all the artillery of the Fourth Army on the main Hindenburg positions, the 105th Infantry of the 27th Division attacked the enemy strong points at the Knoll, Gullefont Farm and Quennefont Farm, in the immediate front of the division. The positions were captured but were found very hard to hold, as machine guns and snipers were apparently fed up with them from the main canal tunnel, and when the 64th Brigade took over the front line that night, Germans were still found making vigorous resistance around those points.

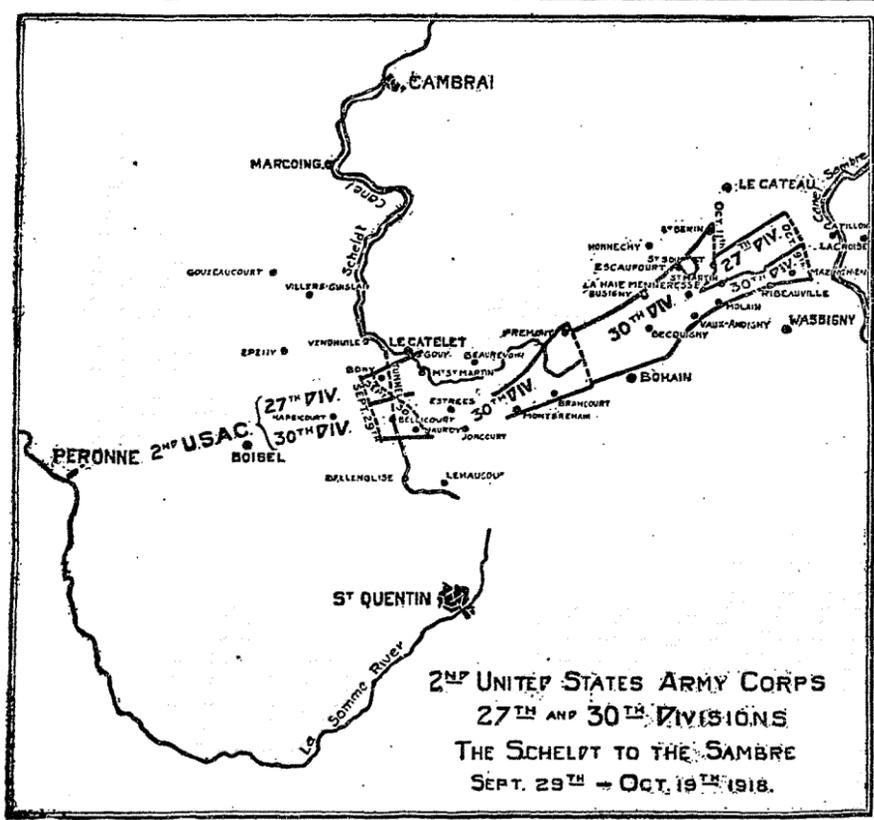
Attack on Ridge Goes Forward Nevertheless, at 5:50 on the morning of the 29th, in the midst of a heavy fog, under an intense barrage of high explosive, gas and smoke shells, and accompanied by numerous tanks, the attack went off and the long, open slopes toward the blazing German trenches and the red brick ruins of Bellecourt, the canal tunnel and its north entrance, while the 105th Infantry, following still further behind, was to face to the north after crossing the canal tunnel and protect the left flank of the corps in that direction as the 17th Infantry was to do at the other end of the tunnel. Two battalions of the 105th Infantry, which had suffered considerably in the preliminary

attack on September 27, formed the division reserve. Fog Both Helps and Hinders The fog proved in some respects an aid and in others a hindrance. It concealed the attacking troops from the enemy and prevented the accurate fire which, had the weather been clear, might very possibly have stopped the advance and driven it back in front of the broad and only partially demolished wire entanglements. But it also soon caused the units to lose direction and contact with one another, and to advance more slowly; and, more un-

fortunate still, to pass machine gun nests and strong points without seeing and destroying them. Many of these places appear to have been connected with the canal tunnel by the lateral passages previously mentioned and to have been heavily reinforced through these passages after the first waves of the attack had gone by. Consequently, a little later when the mopping-up and support units arrived in the clear, they met a resistance stronger and more effective than had been encountered by the troops in advance. The front of the 30th Division went forward, on the whole, rapidly and with comparatively slight losses. Although, owing to the obscurity and loss of liaison, the advance and the fighting was soon being carried on chiefly by small groups of men, they accomplished their purpose, crossing the three trench lines of the Hindenburg system, taking the town of Bellecourt, the village of Bouches and Bellenegise, and by it and a little later reaching and conquering the division objective, Nauroy, together with the outlying hamlet of Etricourt and Glatigny and Bignoy. Nauroy and Etricourt were beyond the first German support line running east of the canal from Le Catelet to Lehaucourt, and when the 30th had advanced to them it had advanced a distance of 4,200 yards from its jumping-off trenches and had pierced all but the last of the three German trench systems.

To the right of the 120th Infantry the 46th British Division also had advanced brilliantly, crossing the steep banks of the open canal between Bellecourt and Bellenegise. The 119th Infantry was unable to get as far as the 120th, being under the necessity of refusing its flank approximately to the crest of the canal ridge in order to maintain contact with the 27th Division, which was having a much harder time in the north half of the Second Corps' sector. Though the 30th had experienced trouble in mopping up behind its advance, the work had finally been accomplished, 47 German officers and 1,424 enlisted men being captured during the whole operation and late in the afternoon the 5th Australian Division passed through and took over the front line, many of the isolated groups of Americans remaining with the mopping-up troops until sometime during the following night.

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