

SILVER CHEVRONS FOR SERVICE HERE

Scarlet Chevrons for All Who Get Honorable Discharges.

By order of the president, each officer, field clerk and enlisted man who served for six months in the war outside of the theater of operations is to have the right to wear a silver chevron on the lower half of the left sleeve of his uniform coat and to wear an additional silver chevron for each six months of similar service.

Orders previously issued permit officers and enlisted men who served six months in the "zone of advance of the war" to wear a gold chevron on the left sleeve and an additional gold chevron for each additional six months of such service.

Blue chevrons will be worn by each soldier who has served under the conditions prescribed for the gold chevron, but who has left the theater of operations prior to the completion of six months' service herein.

Silver chevrons will not be worn by men who are required to wear either the gold or blue chevron.

Secretary Baker has directed that each soldier honorably discharged be furnished with two scarlet chevrons, to be worn on the left sleeve, as a recognition of his services to his country. The chevrons will be of the same size and shape as the gold, silver or blue chevrons.

The president's order regarding silver chevrons says in part:

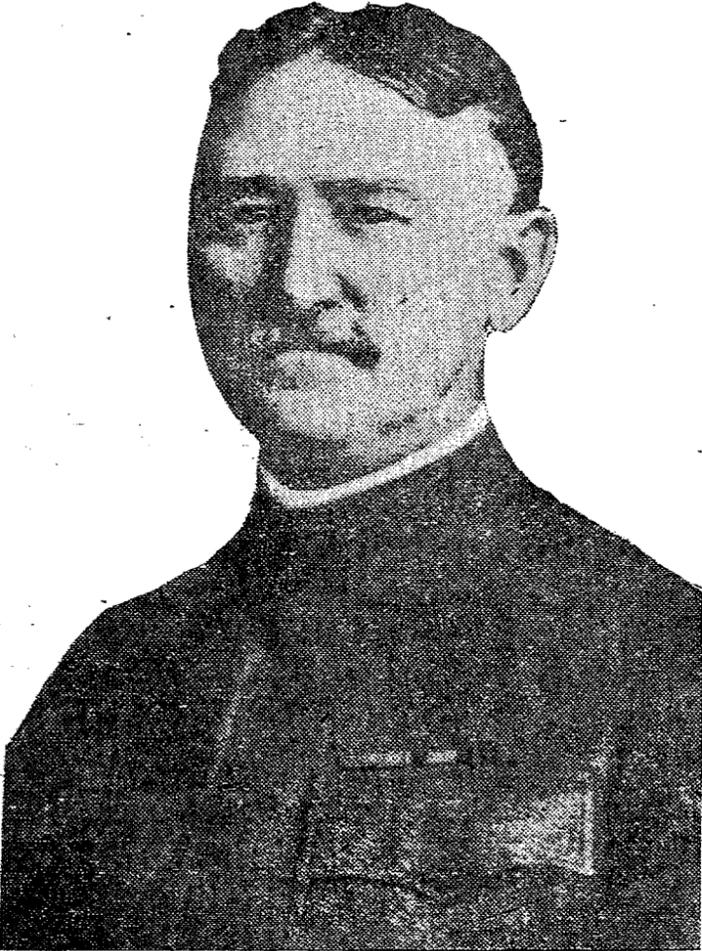
"The president desires, on behalf of the nation, to express his appreciation of the vitality essential and self-sacrificing service given by officers and men whom military necessity has held and is holding for the performance of duties outside the theater of active operations. Their contribution to military success is no less than those who have had opportunity for service at the front. On them devolved the creation of the great armies of the nation and their supply with the equipment and stores indispensable to military operation. Without them the troops abroad could have accomplished nothing."

Lotsa Fun at Big County Fair Next Friday Eve

The "County Fair," to be held next Friday evening at Garage No. 2, promises to be one of the feature events of the program for the holidays.

A committee headed by Lieutenant J. C. Cluck has the affair in

FORT CROOK QUARTERMASTER



Major R. L. Hamilton.

After several years' service in the Philippines, Major Hamilton was taken ill with what was supposed to be beriberi.

He was retired from active service and placed on board a ship for San Francisco. An empty coffin was sent back with him.

The major has never required the coffin, he says, and does not even know what became of it.

Major Hamilton was born at Hutonsville, W. Va., in 1867. He graduated from the West Point

military academy in 1891. He saw active service the following year during the Indian troubles in Montana.

He was a member of the "distinguished graduates" class of the Fort Leavenworth Infantry and Cavalry school in 1895. He was on duty at Fort Crook at various intervals since that year.

During the Spanish-American war he was in charge of the torpedo defense of the harbor at Galveston, Tex. He later saw service in Cuba and the Philippines.

charge and has devoted much time to the arrangement of clever details. A certain concession has been assigned each company.

Freak sideshows, singing and dancing acts, ballyhoo artists, a jazz band, confetti, pink lemonade and all the other attendant features of a perfectly good county fair will be provided.

This will probably be the most informal affair in the entire Christmas calendar and is sure to be enjoyed by all on this account.

The house has passed a bill providing salary increases of \$1,500 a year for each of the 131 judges of the United States district and circuit courts and courts of claims.

Christmas Calendar Will Last Ten Days

WEATHER FORECAST
Unsettled Friday, with clearing and colder weather Saturday. Moderate variable winds, changing to general northerly. —Meteorological Section.

15,000 RELEASED DAILY FROM ARMY

Total of 824,000 Have Now Been Designated for Demobilization.

Demobilization in the United States is now proceeding at the rate of 15,000 men released from the army every day, General March announced. It still is anticipated that a rate of 30,000 a day will be reached when full momentum is attained.

The war department has now designated a total of 824,000 men in the United States for discharge, an increase of 200,000 during the last week. General March made it clear, however, that designation of troops does not mean immediate discharge, but severance from the service as their turn is reached in demobilization.

Demobilization of officers is proceeding more rapidly than is the case with the men, General March said. A total of 17,293 officers has been honorably discharged since the armistice was signed.

300 Soldiers to Be Entertained

Three hundred privates from Fort Omaha have been invited to be the guests of the Omaha Athletic club between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. on Christmas day. The visitors will be invited to a big Christmas dinner, and will be offered the freedom of the gymnasium, swimming pool and all the other equipment at the new club.

Exhibitions of boxing, wrestling, swimming and games will be staged for the benefit of the visitors.

The Krupp munitions works will be turned into a factory devoted to the arts of peace.

Every Possible Form of Entertainment Included in Program for Holidays at Fort Omaha.

BY NED E. WILLIAMS.

Soldiers who are fortunate enough to spend the holidays at Fort Omaha are going to recall the program at this post every Christmas for many years.

Doubtfully fortunate men who have secured furloughs and will celebrate the gala week at home may become the envious instead of the envied when the elaborate calendar which has been arranged becomes generally understood.

A special committee, comprised of Captain F. DeP. Townsend, Lieutenant Sanders, Lieutenant S. R. Kirkpatrick and Lieutenant Ralph Reynolds, has been appointed to outline an enjoyable program for each of ten days during the holiday season.

Ten-Day Celebration.

A series of parties, programs, dances, stunts, feasts, entertainments, tournaments and shows has been planned that would tempt the most discriminating pleasure appetite. Three full holidays, five afternoons and evenings and two extra evenings, will be taken up by the series.

The festive spirit will reign supreme and joy will be strictly unconfined in the post from Monday, December 23, until Wednesday, January 1. The celebration will be the most general and extensive since the beginning of the war. In intensity it will eclipse everything that many of the soldiers have experienced in civil life.

Every variety of amusement and entertainment will be provided in the holiday calendar, so that every man in Fort Omaha cannot help but enjoy himself at least once during the season. Balloon drill and kitchen police will be forgotten in the whirl of pleasure.

Big Athletic Program.

The holiday season will be launched next Monday evening at Garage No. 2, when the initial boxing and wrestling tournament of the Post Athletic association is staged. Great features are promised by the promoters. The fact that the identities of the participants have not been announced is indicative that a surprise is due.

Ringside seats will cost \$2 and (Continued on Page 4.)

Support of All Wanted at These Holiday Affairs

To insure the general success of the Christmas calendar planned for the benefit of the soldiers at Fort Omaha, it is urged that everyone give up all outside plans for this period and attend all of the functions, without exception.

Special attention is called to the musicale, in an Omaha church on Sunday afternoon, December 29. Every effort will be made to provide a program of both vocal and instrumental selections that will appeal to all of the men.

Particular interest should also be taken in the competitive drills between companies on Tuesday, December 31. Prizes will be awarded which will make it worth the while of any company to get into the game in advance with intention of winning.

Plan Christmas for Soldiers in Hospital at Fort

A regular home Christmas, complete even to the Christmas tree, will be provided sick soldiers in Fort Omaha and Fort Crook post hospitals, through the Red Cross army hospitals comforts committee, headed by Mrs. W. S. Wiley. W. H. Wheeler, field director, will assist the women.

A letter from home will be the biggest hit on the Christmas tree, which will be laden with individual gifts and goodies. Mrs. Wiley's committee has written the family of each sick soldier to assure the success of this part of the plan.

Special music and Christmas carols will be another feature of (Continued on Page Four.)

Holiday Calendar

- MONDAY, December 23—Boxing and wrestling tournament at Garage No. 2, evening.
- TUESDAY, December 24—Post Christmas tree and big entertainment at Garage No. 2, evening.
- WEDNESDAY, December 25—Christmas Day religious services, morning. Private dinners.
- THURSDAY, December 26—Continuous vaudeville and movie show at a downtown theater, afternoon and evening.
- FRIDAY, December 27—Auto tour of city for everyone, afternoon. County fair at Garage No. 2, evening.
- SATURDAY, December 28—Field Day, athletic program at post, afternoon. High school entertainment, Garage No. 2, evening.
- SUNDAY, December 29—Religious services at Y. M. C. A. and K. C., morning. Special concert at an Omaha church, afternoon.
- MONDAY, December 30—Visit to stock yards and packing houses, afternoon. Minstrel show and movie at Garage No. 2, evening.
- TUESDAY, December 31—Competition company drill, afternoon. Enlisted men's dance at Garage No. 2 and officers' dance at K. C., evening.
- WEDNESDAY, January 1—New Year's Day feast.



Look Up

By MARUICE F. MURPHY

Purge, men, thy souls to meet the glad-time
Of God.

Lift, men, thy hearts to meet Him
And greet Him.

Cast off the chains of the earth that restrain thee,
Soar to the angels and do homage like them.

Then, will the earth yield it's harvest of sunshine,
Brightening the way to the truth and the light,
Peace in its fullness is
thine for the asking,
God, men, is Love, and He
welcomes thee in.





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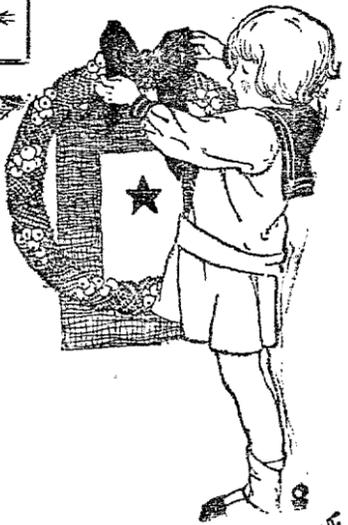
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AMERICAN ARRIVALS HASTENED WAR'S END

English Veteran Says that Presence of Yankees Increased Morale.

"The improvement in the morale and the great increase of military strength rendered by the early presence of a large number of the American troops shortened the war eighteen months," said Lieutenant W. W. Johnstone Wilson of London, an English veteran of the war, who came to Omaha from Chicago to assist in the Red Cross membership drive.

"The Germans fought to the eleventh hour. But his characteristic is to fight hard until he is actually in danger," continued Lieutenant Wilson.

"There are now 2,000,000 more women in England than there are men. Because of the excellent work done by women during the war, no one now grudges them the ballot or a seat in the parliament."

When asked regarding present economic conditions in England, Lieutenant Wilson said that the average meal costs \$2 and a lunch may be purchased for \$1.

"Every dwelling house in England is a hospital and there are many American boys in these, too."

Lieutenant Wilson is most enthusiastic in his appreciation of the United States.

47th Company Plans Dance

What promises to be the best military dance of the season will be given by the members of the Forty-seventh balloon company on Saturday night, January 11. The Auditorium has been rented for the occasion and Dan Desdunes will furnish the "jazz." According to the committee in charge of arrangements no expense will be spared in making this dance the most attractive that has been given in Omaha thus far and we must all give the Forty-seventh boys the support they deserve. This can be done by purchasing tickets, which are on sale by all members of that company and at the Orderly Room. Don't forget the date they say—SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, AT THE AUDITORIUM.

Urge Officers to Join Air Service Clubs for Peace

Officials of the Air Service club's association are urging every officer in the air service to become members of this organization with a view of keeping up the interest in the aviation of peace times and taking a leading part in the future development of military aeronautics.

The officials are pointing out to officers in the service that they are pioneers in this mode of warfare and as such should continue to be prominently identified with the subsequent growth of this branch of the army. In no other way can this be better accomplished than through the medium of a club.

LIEUT. FOSTER MARRIES MISS WALLINGFORD

Lieutenant Angier Foster, A. S. M. A., of the Sixty-first balloon company at Florence field, and Miss Anna Wallingford were married Tuesday evening at the Nelson residence on Twenty-third street.

The bride is a graduate of the University of California and her home is Prescott, Ariz. Lieutenant and Mrs. Foster will make their home at this post when they return from their wedding journey.

PLAN CHRISTMAS FOR SOLDIERS IN HOSPITAL AT FORT

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The Christmas eve celebration. At Fort Omaha Mesdames J. D. Foster, Frank Coad, jr., F. W. Judson, W. B. T. Beit, J. L. Kennedy, Erdman Brunner, A. A. Arter, W. A. Pixley, J. H. Conrad, Herbert Rogers, W. H. Matthews, George Swingley, S. G. V. Griswold and W. J. Hynes will be in charge. Mesdames W. B. Tagg, A. F. Stryker, W. B. Cheek, Everett Buckingham, W. E. Schindel, Henry Pike, John Smith, Edgar Smith, W. E. Reed and the wife of Captain Travis will take charge of the Fort Crook arrangements.

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR WILL LAST TEN DAYS

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general admission tickets may be purchased for \$1. Members of the athletic association who have paid their 50-cent dues will be admitted upon their card. All men are urged to swing into step with the crowd the first night and not miss out on a bit of the fun.

Lieutenant Sanders, post chaplain, is in charge of the big Christmas eve entertainment to be held Tuesday evening at Garage No. 2. Everything in the way of a novelty is promised. The affair has been planned along lines that will appeal to air service members and some unique features will be offered.

A great Christmas tree will be one of the most important items on the schedule for the evening. There will be gifts for everyone, with plenty of entertainment and refreshments. All men are invited to bring their wives or sweethearts with them to enjoy the fun and lend a home-like atmosphere to the occasion.

On Christmas Day. Special Christmas services will probably be arranged by Chaplain Sanders for the morning of Christmas day. No details in regard to this are as yet available, however. Everyone would be expected to attend such services.

The balance of the day will be spent by the men in their own way. By arrangement of the War Camp Community Service, each man has been given an opportunity to accept an invitation to dine with a private family on this day. The Omaha Athletic club and other organizations have provided for the entertainment of soldiers at dinner.

On Thursday, the day after Christmas, a continuous vaudeville and movie program will be presented at a downtown theater during the afternoon and evening. Any man in uniform, whether he is from Fort Omaha or not, will be admitted free of charge with his wife or sweetheart. The name of the theater will be announced later.

Citizens of Omaha will volunteer their automobiles on Friday afternoon, December 27, for a sightseeing tour of the city by soldiers from the fort. That evening a committee headed by Lieutenant J. C. Cluck will present a "county fair" at Garage No. 2. Each company in the post will have charge of a concession.

Plan Post Field Day. Saturday will be Field day at the post, with an extensive athletic program in the afternoon. The boys' and girls' glee clubs of Central High school will stage an entertainment that evening at Garage No. 2.

Special religious services will be held Sunday morning in the Y. M. C. A. and K. C. buildings at the post. In the afternoon it is hoped there will be a large attendance at a concert, both vocal and instrumental, to be held at an Omaha church. The program will not be confined to sacred selections, but the tastes of the men will be catered to.

A visit to the South Omaha stock yards and packing houses in the afternoon and a minstrel show and movie at Garage No. 2 in the evening will be the features on Monday. Tuesday afternoon all companies will participate in competitive drills for which desirable prizes will be offered. That evening enlisted men and their sweethearts will dance at Garage No. 2, while a similar affair for officers is in session at the K. C. hall.

Festivities will wind up on New Year's day with a big feast for the entire command. In view of the fact that so many pains have been taken to provide a holiday calendar that will interest and entertain all of the men, it is to be hoped that the men will in turn respond and make the week a successful one by their enthusiastic participation in all of the events planned.

Sweethearts or wives of the soldiers are all invited to help them celebrate the Christmas season by accompanying them on these occasions, particularly the big evening parties and programs.

"Y." Secretary Resigns.

Mr. Guy W. Bilsand, who has been with the Y. M. C. A. here, resigned his position here to return to civil life. Mr. Bilsand is an advertising manager of the A1 type, having been connected with the Gerlach-Barklow company at Joliet, Ill. He has accepted a position with the M. F. Shaffer company of this city. Mr. Bilsand is succeeded by Mr. Shafer of Florence Field Y.

U. S. GAS BROUGHT GERMANS TO PEACE

Chemical Director Says We Were Ready to Hurl Ten Tons to Foe's One.

When hostilities ceased the American army had been prepared and equipped to hurl ten tons of mustard gas into the German forces for every ton the Germans could deliver, according to Major General Willard L. Sibert, director of the chemical warfare service.

On the day the armistice was signed, he said, plans for the manufacture of the standard gases were in operation with a manufacturing capacity greater than that of England and France combined. This capacity would have been trebled in the case of certain gases before the beginning of the new year.

One Reason Why Huns Quit. Germany's knowledge of these preparations had been an important factor in causing her to seek an armistice, he said.

When the truce was signed, there had been produced 5,000,000 masks, 3,000,000 extra canisters, 500,000 horse masks and large quantities of mustard gas suits, gloves, ointments and antidotes. The government had all the facilities for producing mustard gas at the rate of 100 tons a day.

General Sibert revealed that his department had perfected a new type of gas mask for the defense of the American army which was far superior in every respect to any mask used by either the enemy or the allied forces.

BOILED BRIEFS.

The supreme military tribunal at Vienna has announced that 11,400 persons were sentenced to death by the Austrian military tribunals during the war and executed.

The temperance committee of the federal council of Churches of Christ in America is making preparations for a world-wide prohibition campaign, including Germany.

The German armistice has been extended until 5 o'clock on the morning of January 17 and the allies have notified Germany that they reserve the right to occupy the neutral zone east of the Rhine from the Cologne bridge to the Dutch frontier.

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FORT CROOK CHRISTMAS.

Soldiers and children of officers at Fort Crook will have a Christmas celebration, with "Santa Claus," tree "n' ever'thing," according to plans of the National League for Women's Service. Trimble Bros. gave the tree. League members are packing 1,000 boxes, given by the Eggers-O'Flyng Co.

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EXCHANGE PAGE

Interned.

There are thousands of men in the A. E. F. Who did not volunteer, And plenty more will be going over Who'd just as leave stay here. The most unfortunate man today Is the fellow who came to the front And offered his all to this country's call And was ready to bear the brunt— But was cast aside and assigned elsewhere To replacements or Depot Brigade, And there to remain till he grew insane As he waited in vain for aid. For his longed-for chance to go to France Does not materialize; He storms and he frets but he never gets His chance like the other guy. He writes in despair to his friends over there That he'd give ten years of his life If he could get in it for only a minute To try out his luck in the strife. Now, last year they told him that they had to hold him On this side with other good men To train recruits in making safes, Yet again and again. Now the end of the fight is almost in sight, He's as far from the front as at first; Is it any great wonder he thinks it's a blunder And his soreness cannot be dispersed? For now it would seem that his fondest dream— To fight for the U. S. A. Will never arrive, altho he may strive, And hope against hope for The Day

The unlucky ones in this great World war Are not the men who are killed, Nor the wounded ones, be they allies or Huns, No matter what blood they have spilled. The most unfortunate man today Is the man who jumped at the chance To fight like Hell from the tap of the bell But who'll never see service in France. —Army and Navy Journal.

Passing the Buck.

The Colonel calls the Major, When he wants something done; And the Major calls the Captain, And starts him on the run. The Captain then gets busy, And strives to make it suit, By shifting all the baggage On a shavetail Second Lieut.

The said Lieutenant ponders, And strokes his smooth jaw, Then calls a trusty Sergeant— To him lays down the law.

The Sergeant calls the Corporal, Explains how it must be; Then the Corporal calls a Private, And that poor Private's me! —Judge.

"You say that neither of your stenographers wants a vacation this year. That's singular." "Not at all. You see, I recently hired a handsome young secretary and neither of the girls is willing to go away and leave the field to the other one."

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RIALTO THEATER Week December 8th. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, W. M. FARNUM in "RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE."

Compulsory Education

It is just as well to face the facts. If you doubt the need of compulsory education read the following extracts from letter actually received from one of the headquarters camps in the United States: "I ain't got no book learning and I hope I am writing for inflammation." "She is staying at a disipated house." "Just a line to let you know that I am a window and have four children." "Previous to his departure we were married to the justice of peace." "I have a four months baby and he is my only support." "He was inducted into the surface." "I was discharged from the army for a goiter which I was sent home on." "I did not know that my husband has a middle name and if he did, I don't think it was 'None.'" "Owing to my condition which I walked in three months for a broken leg which is No. 95." "I am left with a child seven months old and she is a baby and can't work." "And he was my best supporter." "I am his wife and only air." "You asked for allotment number. I have four boys and two girls." "Please correct my name as I could not and would not go under an consumed name." Extracts of a letter from a boy to his mother: "I am writing in the Y. M. C. A. with the piano playing in my uniform." "To whom it may concern: Please return my marriage certificate, baby hasn't eaten in three days." "Now, Mrs. Wilson, I need help bad. See if the president can't help me. I need him to see after me." "Both sides of our parents are old and poor." "Please send me a wife's form." "I have been in bed thirteen years with one doctor and I intend

to try another." "Dear Mr. Wilson: I have already written to Mr. Headquarters and received no reply and if I don't get one I am going to write to Uncle Sam himself. I am a poor woman and all I have is in the front." "We have your letter. I am his grandmother and grandfather and he was kept and bred up in this house according to your instructions." "You have changed my little girl to a boy. Will that make any difference?" "Please let me know if John has put in an application for a wife and child." "I'm writing to ask you why I have not received my elopement. His money was kept from him for the elopement which I never received." "You have taken my man away to fight and he was the best fighter I ever had." "Now you will have to keep me or who in the Hell will if you don't." "My boy has been put in charge of a Spittoon (platoon.) Will I get more money now?" "My son is in Co 153 infancy." "Please tell me is he living or dead and if so what is his address." —EXCHANGE.

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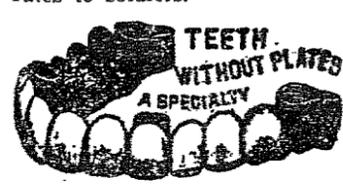
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ORGANIZATION NEWS

HEADQUARTERS.

Sergeant Krohl is one of those "LUCKY BIRDS," so to speak, he having received his discharge, to accept employment with the Burlington Railroad in Denver Colorado.

And now the Operator at the World-Herald will have a rest, since Sgt. Smith is assured that the street cars are again running to the Famous Bee Farm, in Sarpy County.

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Familiar scene, along the Banks of the Old Missouri, north of Florence "Sgt. Jim Suttie, taking his dog out for a stroll. Why not take pity on some Lonely Bachelor Girl, Jim?

Corporal Payne is what we might term, "Over anxious" these days, poor boy can't sleep well any more. After he receives his discharge, he will be at home to his friends, "BEHIND THE BARS" at the American State Bank, 18th and Farnam street, Omaha, Neb.

Corporal Weir, is now specializing in duties, as a "Traffic Cop" and is desirous of securing lessons from some one who might be a little more competent of the task than he now is. Any one answering this description please call, "Depot Traffic" is quite a task isn't it Charlie?

MOTOR TRANSPORT CORPS

Harold G. Bell.

Tangeman is away on a five day pass.

For instructions as to how to have a good time on a furlough ask our friend "Miss Curtis." It must have been a great time according to her story. But fellows there must be some handshaking going on some place. When "SHE" returned there was a big promotion awaiting "her." Just think "Miss Curtis is now a 1st. cl. Private. If we don't watch out "SHE" will soon be a beloved non com.

Some men are rather peeved because they did not get released. For instance Majors, Holt, Baur and many others we might mention.

One of the lucky ones to get out was Cfr. Murray. Mikealbe.

Ramer has his Stutz almost ready for a speed trial. Watch your step you Ford drivers.

Oh! Yes! Witt is painting over in Garage No. 1. What! Gone again?

Finally the Gas Station is running full blast and Chesebrough says it is easier to pump 450 gallons of gas for Fort Crook now. If you don't think so ask him.

One of the hardest workers Cfr. 1st. class. Dolan is leaving on a 10 day furlough.

Welch doesn't want out of the army at least he hasn't put in for it.

Our esteemed 1st. Sergeant Casper enlisted March 1917. April 1917 was the drawing line. Maybe you think he is feeling good. If you do you have another think coming.

BALLOON HOUSE

R. A. Baker.

Corporal Wayne Moore is arousing basketball spirit in the balloon house, with the intentions of organizing a balloon house team. Practice takes place after working hours each evening.

A new school for non-commissioned officers started December 8. Corporal Forsberg romped off with the high mark in the balloon examination, with a final average of 99 per cent. Howard and McGinnis were a close second, each having an average of 98 per cent.

Lt. Geo. D. Kingsland has resumed his duties here again, after an absence of several days on account of having contracted a light attack of pneumonia.

Pvt. Walter Jewell taught the cadets the art of knot tying, rope splicing, etc., during the illness of Lt. Hotchkiss.

An extension of five days was granted Sgt. Pownee and Pvt. Freitag, who are in Kansas City, Mo., demonstrating a French barrage balloon at the war exhibit.

Recently, Pvt. "Gem" Jewell posed for a series of over 200 pictures, showing every important step in the tying of every practical knot. Some of the pictures have been finished and they show very clearly the secret of knot tying. The illustrations are to be used in a text book on rigging, which when completed will be used by army students in acrostatics.

Pvt. E. D. White is recuperating from an attack of pneumonia, at the home of Mrs. Meade, on Grant

street, where he was suddenly taken ill.

THE TELEPHONE SCHOOL

Albert Tradup.

Since the telephone school for enlisted men started, a total of 732 men have passed through the courses. The force of instructors for these classes has been gathered from the enlisted men of the post, but for the most part the instructors were men of previous experience and training with either telephone companies or other electrical concerns.

The classes are held in lecture room No. 1 of the north barracks and this room has been fitted up with apparatus to such an extent that it is now as complete a laboratory for telephone work as could be desired. The telephone apparatus such as the field sets, the field switchboards, the balloon sets, etc., have been separated into their component parts and placed on boards or plaques in such a manner that each set may be completely wired by the students. This gives excellent practice in learning the circuits of these various pieces of equipment.

A map box containing six large maps of telephone equipment has been added to the room and the maps have proven very useful in the class lectures because of the large scale and accuracy of the drawings.

A manual of telephony has been prepared consisting of lessons on the following subject: Electricity, magnetism, electro-magnetism, induced currents, receiver, transmitter, induction coil and condenser, signalling apparatus, the field set, field set troubles, the balloon set and reel cart, the field switchboard, switchboard troubles, line troubles, the field telephone system, line construction. The manual was compiled by Corp. Albert Tradup and printed in the post print shop.

PERSONNEL OFFICE

P. S. Coloni.

If anyone should ask, it is now Corporal Cox, he surely deserved his promotion.

Sgt. Ellwein received a letter the other day and to his surprise it contained a bill for a Yiddish Clearance Sale, which was sent to him by two dames with the notation to take advantage of that sale. Maybe they were right as we do not know what the sergeant intends to do after he is discharged.

"I surely thought enough of that girl to marry her at one time, but now every letter I get, she tells me of the good times she has with the 'FRAT' guys."—Corporal Davis. Corp. Evans says it's no use to sleep in a bunk, when you can be in a real bed.

Pvt. Coloni who is "sick in quarters" has been the ornament of this office ever since he has come out of the hospital.

Pvt. 1cl. Koty's den has been labeled "Keep out except on Business."

Privates Koty and Tucker have been promoted to Privates first class.

What's up, Sgt. Harrower has purchased a supply of pillow slips of the Q. M.

ENGINEERING DEPT.

Mr. Grupe, Civil Eng. of the Engineering Dept., is going to Kansas City for Supervision work on balloon hangars.

Rumors go around that Lieut. Lehr is buying a certain brand of red apples by the box. Now we know that he doesn't eat them all himself, therefore a Sherlock Holmes is wanted to clear up the mystery.

Cpl. Tempest, since the armistice has been signed, imagines that he is on the railroad flagging trains.

Pvt. Ellison formerly of the 62nd has just been transferred to the 73rd.

Pvt. Vancura is consoling himself in solemn and scientific thoughts.

Bolgiano is heart broken. Unfortunately he is forced to move his drafting table and his beloved corner will know him no more. Its not the same as abdicating, eh! what? Bolgy!

Miss Kendall is energetic to say the least, as headquarters says they have received a number of letters to mail from the Engineering Dept.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

Julius du Bose.

Pvt. Tishman the man who recently met his water-loo with a big black bear which was sleeping in his bed on his return one dark night three weeks ago says, "can you imagine it fellows, when we sell out all the shoes in Fort Omaha

there is more."

Corp. Doran and Pvt. Henderson of the ordnance corps who fill all the shells for the big gun, are learning the business of another branch of the army these days. Pvt. Henderson insists the work is entirely out of his line, and carries his own whistle.

Pvt. Patton of the bakery, who sees better by night, can be seen, often, rushing a tall girl down Farnam street.

Pvt. Geyot of the bakery had the misfortune of being in a Ford that was turned over and wrecked. He sustained severe cuts and bruises.

Corp. Scoville of the Commissary who brushes his hair many times during the day and likes old army shirts, would like to take a few pupils in the Detachment for evening instructions on table manners, his one strong point is, "not to drink soup from a bowl."—But, practise what you preach.

Pvt. Nolet has returned from a furlough in Massachusetts and is rather breezy with accounts of his experiences and says, "the famous old Boston baked beans," have not lost their flavor.

47TH BALLOON COMPANY

M. E. Herskind.

Private Gault reported back to the company after spending ten days at Iron Mountain, Missouri.

Sergeant Cassili is the busy man these days, having charge of the sale of advertising space in the Souvenir Program, which will be issued for the Big Military Ball.

Private Atkins was away on a three day pass, his father being seriously ill at Cortland.

Private Hill has taken the place of Pvt. 1cl. Vandercreek in the Orderly Room, account of Vandercreek being on special duty at the Personnel office.

Have you noticed the blue print signs we are putting out advertising our Ball? Private Hill of Orderly Room fame did this work, of which we are all very much pleased.

Private Hermansen was called home on account of the serious illness of his mother. He will spend a ten day furlough at Milltown, Wisconsin.

Private Milne returned Sunday night after having spent ten days husking corn at Crookston, Nebraska.

Private Sullivan, who is away from the company on farm furlough, has written that he is sick with the "flu" at Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Private Gamberg (6 feet eight inches) is leading in the sale of tickets. We wonder whether it is done by persuasion or intimidation.

48TH BALLOON COMPANY

The 48th Company is certainly glad to know that they are being "reported" for the Gas Bag, by Corporal Maginai. With the thirty of forty "Fair ones" that he has on the string, to help him gather in the news, who could be better fitted to perform this very important duty. In fact they seem to be so anxious to report to him when at the dance it is impossible to get near him, on account of the crowd surrounding him. Go to it "Mac," we are for you, but ask you to let us dance with them occasionally.

Sergeant Sackett is showing great interest and love for flowers lately. He says he loves 'em all, but his favorite is the Rose. We don't blame you Harry.

The other day two of our men went into the Red Cross canteen to get some breakfast. Upon entering they noticed a group of young ladies deeply absorbed in some object in the center of the group, which seemed to hold them spellbound. Upon further investigation it was found the center of attraction to be none other than the "Pride of this company," more prominently known among the ladies as (Oh, Sergeant) Harrison, the Gibson man, who last week declared himself through with the ladies forever.

59TH BALLOON COMPANY

Paul J. Rozmajzl.

The Fifty-ninth Balloon company extends the hand of welcome to Lieutenant N. Robert Reasoner, recently attached to this command for duty, and compliments him on his choice of companies, as he picked the best one in the post.

Speaking of basketball, have you seen our team in action all dolled up in their new suits? They certainly are a classy looking outfit and they are going to play just as classy ball. Lieutenant Anderson, coach of the team and also a prospective candidate for the post team, is putting the men through three hours of stiff practice every afternoon and if they continue to improve the way they have been some company team in the post is going to have a hard tussle.

Private J. Bellof returned Saturday from a ten-day furlough. He

was in Boston, Mass., to attend the wedding of his sister and while there saw three ships arrive from overseas loaded with the boys who helped in the big scrap.

Private Samuel A. Rice was discharged on December 12 on account of dependents. He experienced the misfortune of losing his mother and father while in the service, leaving his brother and sister without any means of support, which necessitated him to request his discharge. We all regret his departure and wish him all the success in the world in his future undertakings.

Sergeant Raymond A. Baker, who has been in the hospital for the past month with Spanish influenza and pneumonia, has been granted a furlough and has left for his home where we all hope he will regain the strength he lost while sick.

62D BALLOON COMPANY

Maurice F. Murphy.

George Wilson is happy, men, and there's a reason. George is slow, but, like the proverbial snail, "gets there."

It's like this, men. George was standing on the corner of Sixteenth and Farnam streets, when they shy, innocent and believing, came along and looked pityingly at his stick. However, the stick was the "open sesame" to conversation. "Yes," said George, pathetically, "it happened about three weeks ago. The balloon was swaying unsteadily some 5,000 feet in the air, and in my anxiety to get correct mathematical observations to direct artillery fire I fell out of the basket. But, you see, those are the chances that we cadets must take." Like George, they fell, thus explaining his daily, feverish haste after chow to get to the corner of Sixteenth and Farnam.

McGlynn has returned—wittier, wiser and wordier than ever. The noncoms room is smiling again, in fact, grinning. So fascinatingly, so charmingly did he entertain Beddy on Beddy's bunk about the marvels of Chi., its lights, its rush, its wild, wild women, and its gurgling liquids that Beddy came to with a round, circular, disc-like hole in his collar, where a neglected, forgotten camel had fallen. Ah, Beddy, be warned; Mac's blonde was more a dream than a reality! Watch him, Beddy, watch him!

"I don't want the flower, Hawk, I want you!" Don't that give you a Payne?

The malignant trouble of officitis is still bothering Corporal Hinds—not to mention Sergeant Bushnell. Watch the injunction, corporal, the sergeant is getting wild.

When he dies and people would ask about him they'll make clear to you and to all posterity that he was an aristocrat, the bluest of the blue, but a spendthrift, a sorry, sorry spendthrift. His London-like clothes, his Parisian manners, his Ailamose artistry, his Dublin wit and humor, and his voice, his cultured, pretty, modulated voice, left him soaring above his fellow barracks-birds. But his reckless, thoughtless, even wild expenditure of money—other people's money—is terrific, quite terrific. The Fon-

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63D BALLOON COMPANY

Private E. W. Gehrke.

Private Knight (Good Night) is still king of the K. P.'s. Wonder if he has seen his shadow lately.

It is rather lonesome in No. 1 squad room since Corporals Weder-sum and Jensen have been transferred.

Yes Dad Stockbridge is still with us. We were worried for fear he might be getting his discharge.

Sergeant "Dutch" Missig is still beating it down Fort street toward Twenty-fourth. Wonder why he doesn't get married and save shoe leather.

Happy Johnson reports he has not been sleeping well the last few nights. The reason: We have sheets now.

Sergeant Johnson says it is awful hard to get up in the morning.

Sergeant Eads, we understand, has been visiting West Farnam street. Look out, sergeant. Private DeYoung visits the same house occasionally.

During inspection Sunday morning the commanding officer was checking up on identification tags and incidentally asked Private Truelson how often he shaved. The reply was: "I have never been issued any, sir."

The general topic of conversation around all corners of the barracks is, "When will we be discharged?"

Sergeant Suttie still has charge of the sweeping brigade in No. 1 squad room. You can see him every morning smoking his usual 10-center.

73D BALLOON COMPANY

C. B. Mackell.

The fine looking gentleman they call Sergeant Harrower and his cute little mustache, certainly make a hit with the feminine sex.

This man Porter sprang a surprise the other evening when he demonstrated a new fancy dance.

We now have a fine fellow on K. P., Pvt. Gelderman. He is a fast man and the mess sergeant is certainly pleased with him.

Sergeant Harrower and Sergeant Farrington get along just like two

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Fort Crook Notes

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

Sergeant Gates is the most over-worked man in the whole post at present. He has not even the time to get back to the quarters to get his meals regularly, and there seems to be only one solution for this problem of Gates', which is to cover the most space in the shortest time—roller skates.

Sergeant Spellman is at the present "acting ordnance sergeant," which has made him such a busy man that it is entirely impossible to locate him anywhere. We are sure glad to note the progress of Sgt. Spellman, for he is well deserving and all the boys wish him luck in his new job.

Moranville succeeded in kidding somebody out of a pass and went home for a few days. He sure was one happy boy when he left.

Cashman is specializing in saving dinners for those who come late. He is making wonderful progress.

Shorty is now commander-in-chief of the kitchen, he having two K. P.s on duty and the place shines like the midnight sun.

The mess sergeant has so many dates down town, official and others, that he forgets half of them. The other night he missed one of the best parties ever held in the town.

Lt. Hall is evidently a graduate of the school of conservation, he being reclamation officer.

Mach raves on.

60TH BALLOON COMPANY

Sergeant Elide is a very busy man these days—courting down town. Many of the boys have discovered that white bed sheets are not

ala Leavenworth hair cut. He should keep his hat on at all times.

Private Fisher has returned from furlough.

Our dance was just right. Lots of room to move around, pretty girls and lots of 'em, and first-class "jazz" furnished by Dan Desdunes.

Christmas furloughs are in the limelight! "Many are called but few are chosen."

Corporal Hay was at the dance. This information for his better half. It must be said, however, that he was very coy and restrained. Hay was scared to death—he nearly had to escort a couple girls home, but by explaining that he was a married man of a few weeks, secured relief.

61ST BALLOON COMPANY

FINIS C. EWING.

Our company has been reduced to 100 men, having transferred forty-three men. This number allows us enough room to place every man in the barracks (former Mess-halls), and with the large stoves just installed makes it very warm. We should worry when Miss Winter comes with her 20 below.

We lost two more men this week, both dying with pneumonia. Private Martin B. Meinke from Houston, Tex., and Private Bickford A. Welch from Wessington Springs, S. D. Both men had many warm friends in the company and will be remembered by us all.

Sergeant Taylor has returned from Wessington, S. D., where he escorted the remains of Private Welch.

Cooks Wind and Hunter have returned from a few days' furlough. Their eyes showed the lack of sleep. Evidence that they had some time.

The quartermaster and the merchants of the city have sold a number of uniforms to our men. We are preparing to go home soon well dressed. We advise that they do not over estimate their rating, as the Sixty-first company is only allowed a certain number of colonels, majors and captains.

Corporal Hansen is very uneasy, fearing that the quarantine will be issued to us again. Going home to his wife every night is fine style for a soldier, but when in quarantine he is out of luck.

A Merry Xmas to those in the service, but those that have received their discharges, well luck to you.

As comfortable as they look. There are many coms and abs and other

signals of keen distress heard from one end of the barracks to the other, caused by pretty (some are not) pink toes coming in contact with their chilling exterior.

Can anyone tell us (confidentially, of course) when the war department will act upon our petitions for discharge? If there is such a person, let him step out for it would be quite a burden from the shoulders of a great many who are already laden with other cares.

On behalf of the entire company, we wish to extend our appreciation to the Isabella club for the dance given at the K. C. hall last Friday evening. Every man that attended had a very pleasant time, but the night was too short. "Doc" Taylor, with his usually keen eye for amusement sure did take the boys with his many stunts.

Some of the boys don't know whether they are in the army or not—judging from the good times they have down town. Watch your step!

The company is stirring loose some material for a basketball team. One of these days we expect to get ready and play most anybody a game.

Does anybody of either Fort Omaha or Fort Crook or even Florence field know where the "key to the parade ground" is?

74TH BALLOON COMPANY

Private Robert Neal was sent up to headquarters to act as orderly for a while. He was so well liked that we were asked to leave him there.

Yelvington is stepping very high these days. Aside from being an excellent telegraph operator he is a fast man with the ladies. He has all the phone operators just stunned with his bewitching eyes and pearly teeth and some ladies down town seem to have quite a bit of official business to transact in Yelvington's department, though we are at a loss to know how they found out that he was in charge.

He has a wonderful excuse for getting an early pass every day. You see he is trying to get a discharge and seems to need six affidavits, one each day, and on the seventh he has to go to town to settle business matters with the Western Union.

We'll have to hand it to you kid, you ought to have been teaching the kaiser camouflage instead of tugging the telegraph instrument. "No other thing Yelvington, where were you during the time the lights went out in the post?"

Our popular D. R. Shaffer has returned to duty at headquarters and they are glad to have him back. Shaf was home for a few days and is a real happy boy now and as obliging as ever.

Dougherty is in charge of the M. & V. department at the present time, but he is so quiet you can't find anything of him, except at "certain times."

HOSPITAL.

Since Ralph Whistler was made a sergeant, he got quite reckless and went on a ten-day furlough, which he spent at his home in Indiana. Since returning "Back Home Again" gets Ralph all peeved, but the old "air" will swing

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bulldogs.

Cook Welsh's wife has been very ill, but is getting along nicely now.

Men transferred from the Seventy-third company to the other companies still eat with us. (We wonder why).

Cook Bena certainly loves the wild women, but he does stay in one night a week.

Privates West and Philpot are plugging up the squirrel holes in the trees and saving the nuts for themselves.

Corporal Davis is in love with himself, you can always find him in front of a mirror.

Pvt. Dale Williams thinks he has acquired a new job—not yet—

75TH BALLOON COMPANY

Montgomery Owens.

We are glad to report that our Company Commander, Lieutenant Kenneth H. Paterson, has recovered from the "flu" and again assumed his duties with the company.

Private Milton Graff has returned from a ten day furlough to Salt Lake City, Utah.

This company is now doing a big Christmas business. One day recently we received 35 men into the company and transferred 21 men out.

We are organizing a fine basketball team and hope to win the Post championship.

Several of our boys are now performing K. P. duties because they were too sick to do pick and shovel duty, but well enough to go to town that night.

At the super-dreadnaught inspection last Sunday the company was complimented on the excellent condition of their barracks.

Lieutenant Harris is enjoying life as usual.

Corporal Sowney is on a ten day furlough to his home in Philadelphia.

Discharges continues to be the principal topic of conversation and the latest rumor is that we will be paid Dec. 20th and discharged Dec. 22nd, so we can be at home for Christmas. Let us hope this is true.

81ST BALLOON COMPANY

Geo. J. Lamb.

Lieut. Loomis forming balloon detail in front of South Barracks:

"Fall in"

"Ratman here?"

"Yech." (Ratman's short cut to here.)

"Left by squads, march."

Lieut. Murphy is on a ten day leave of absence.

Pvts. Albert H. Schmitt and Edward J. Walburger are on furlough.

Pvts. 1st class, Fries and Fenstermaker have reported from Fort Crook.

Some one put acting Sergeant Ruby wise as to what enlistment period he is serving in. When things get the least bit dull this is the argument that drives dull care away.

If a few more stray cats make the 81st their headquarters it won't surprise some of the fellows to see Mess Sergeant Hodges list rabbit stew on the menu one of these days.

We massed ourselves on the bleachers Sunday morning and had the official photographer of the Post take a snap shot for the Rogues gallery. The jury is still out as to what results were accomplished.

Pvt. 1st class Charley Gump has been relieved from duty in the kitchen and can now resume his social duties in the vicinity of South Omaha.

FLORENCE FIELD

50TH BALLOON COMPANY

W. O'Neil Goodwin.

Corporal Leheners is in Salt Lake City on business.

Private Domina has been granted a furlough to visit his parents who are sick.

Furlough wanted by Edwards to visit Texas and jantie mule. Reported by the company scout. He will travel in forty-five-mile per hour Ford.

Privates Schroeder and Crawley are spending the week end at the former's home in Iowa.

Privates Stokes and Brewer are attending the "Non Com's" school.

Chauffeur R. E. Morris has been relieved from duty as cook. There were no spark plugs or magnets to fix on the stove.

Private Fleming still sports his

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race of "hair lips." Sam Croucher, his closest competitor seems to think Joe is using "Danderine" and should Joe win, Sam will immediately protest the contest on above grounds.

Top Kicker Beckly is maintaining two homes, one in the north and one in the "south."

Sergeant Crawford is as comfortable as ever, and it takes him the same length of time for him to tell who he is, as usual.

Shorty Albrecht is still swinging the lantern around the hospital doing night duty, and from the way things go when Shorty is on the job, don't know if we'll ever take him off.

Bob Fraser of the K. of C. is in the hospital suffering from "flu." The latest reports are that Bob is doing fine and the boys all certainly hope to see him back at his "home" in a few days.

OMAHA BOY DISCHARGED

Marius C. Thomsen, formerly cashier in the establishment of "Nicoll The Tailor," was enlisted at Fort Omaha on November 8, 1917. For a time he was a member of the 62nd Balloon company and from there was sent with several other men to the Machine Gun school at Wilbur Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. He and the rest of the boys graduated from there in a manner that made Fort Omaha famous, and this fame they carried with them when they went to the Cadet school at Fort Omaha and School of Military Aeronautics at Urbana. Thomsen graduated from the S. M. A. on October 12, 1918, and from there was sent to Camp Dick, Texas, which is a concentration camp for flyers-to-be. He was transferred from there to Arcadia, Cal., where he was discharged.

On April 11, 1918, Thomsen married Miss Lulu Andersen, a very attractive Omaha lady, but being in the service was unable to have much of a honeymoon. It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Thomsen will take a little vacation in the near future. The best wishes of the boys in Fort Omaha and Crook are with them.

Hug-Em Goes A. W. O. L.

Some people know bears, others do not. Shamers does not, neither does Chic Eggleston. The latter tied the black boy with an ordinary strong rope, forgetting that

bears have sharp teeth, consequently when Chic came back, at noon to take Hug-Em for dinner, no such animal was to be found. Great confusion began and an immediate search was instituted. All that day the faithful friends hunted all over the surrounding country for their friend, but of no avail.

Hug-Em sprung a surprise on us all, eluded guards in everything and was back in time for breakfast the following morning, much to the delight of the entire post.

Harold—"I thought you made a resolution not to drink any more."

Percy—"I did."

Harold—"But you are drinking as much as ever."

Percy—"Well, that isn't any more, is it?"—Pearson's Weekly.

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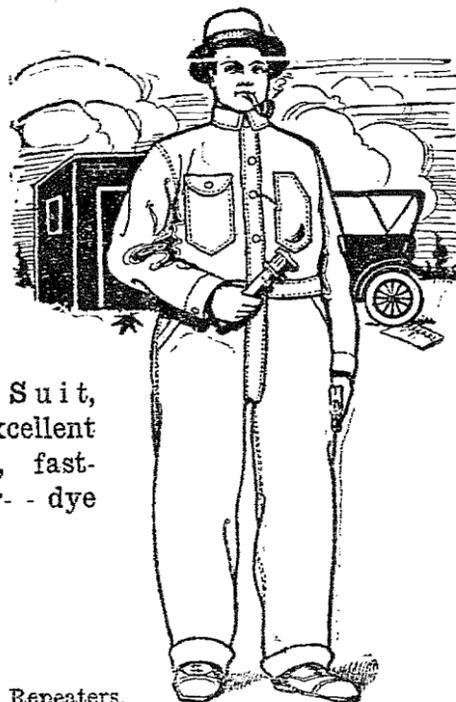
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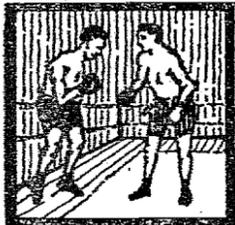
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OMAHA, NEBRASKA



SPORTING - NEWS



REAL K. O. PRIZE FIGHT AT FT. OMAHA MONDAY

Seven Ring Men Are Doing Road Work for Training; All Have Records.

"Battling" Kirby, Canadian Champ, on List; Wrestling Match on the Bill.

A real prize fight, with knockouts, decisions by the referee, 'n everything, is promised Omaha for Christmas week. The event will be staged in the big garage No. 2, at Fort Omaha Monday night, 8 o'clock, as a part of the gala week at the fort.

Five soldier prize fighters, training under the careful supervision of Denny Ryan, are doing road work, boxing their shadows, punching the bag and eating according to schedule to get ready for the fray. They have been brought to Omaha from camps all over the country for the event.

The Omaha public is invited. Tickets are on sale at Beaton's, the Omaha Athletic club, the Pontenelle and the Stock Exchange, South Side.

Wrestling and several "dark horse" features are also on the bill. Matches have not been completed. They will be announced Friday.

The fighters, with their records, follow:

Fighters With Records.

"Kid" Henderson, amateur ring champion of Montana; weight 145; fought in Butte for the miners; won several bouts by the knockout route.

"Santiago" Montoya, a Mexican with speed and dash, known for his ability as a clean hitter. Welterweight champ of Kelly Field, and known there as "K. O." Montoya.

"Battling" Kirby, champion of

the Canadian army; weight 135; went ten rounds with Tom Murphy to a draw; won ten-round scrap with Pat O'Brien, Toronto; stopped in second round of his bout with Wisniewsky of Winnipeg because knockouts were not allowed; won ten-round bouts with all members of the sport battalion in his own weight; is a hard, fast, snappy hitter.

"Kid" King, claims he can beat Kirby; fast and hard hitting army man, with a string of successful fights behind him.

"K. O." Kenny, fast 155-pounder, who challenges all comers, soldiers or civilians.

Famous Wrestlers.

The wrestlers on the bill are equally famous. The two leaders are:

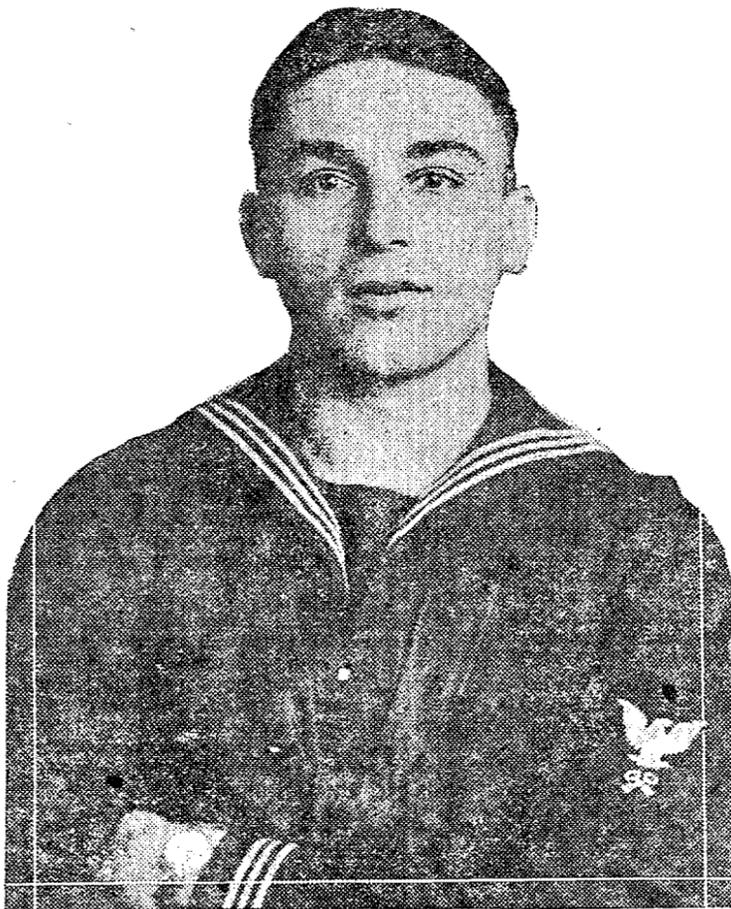
Scandrett, who went an hour and a half with Farmer Burns, champion of his college; threw Casper Brugger at Redfield, S. D., and is known as a strong-arm North Dakotan.

Stensbol, champion of South Dakota at 130 pounds, by throwing the former champion in two falls in an hour and twenty-four minutes. He threw John Bridge in two falls in a half hour at Gann Valley, S. D. He wrestled two hours and thirty minutes to a draw with a Sioux Indian weighing 150 pounds.

50TH WALLOPS THE COMMERCE HIGH

To the tune of 44 to 26 the Fiftieth Balloon Company took the measure of the High School of Commerce basketball five. The ball tossers from Florence Field staged a snappy exhibition and they are especially delighted with the victory, as the Commerce team figures on being a prominent contender in the Y. M. C. A. league. The Fiftieth started off with Adams and Menking as forwards, Lieutenant Lydiard as center, Lieutenant Faulk and Windhorst as guards. After the first half Nelson substituted for Lydiard and Patterson for Faulk. Later Patterson took Menking's position and Ickman dropped into the Patterson vacancy.

Stecher, Out of the Navy, He's Ready for Caddock



This picture of Joe Stecher was taken Tuesday by a World-Herald photographer.

Joe Stecher returned to Omaha this morning, honorably discharged after five months spent teaching Great Lakes training station sailors how to wrestle. Fifty thousand sailor lads from all parts of the globe received instructions in the

Stecher method and some of them, according to their instructor, show a lot of promise.

"I never felt better," said the famous wrestler, toying with the pocket of his sailor jacket. "I gained five pounds."

Stecher now weighs 210 pounds. "All I think about now is meeting Caddock."

Caddock, said Stecher, is with the Eighty-eighth division in France and his division is one of those to return soon. "I'll wait until after he has a chance to rest up, then I'll challenge him. He can't refuse to meet me if he is meeting other big men of the country."

Stecher isn't worrying about John Pesek of Shelton, who wishes to wrestle him. "I have heard he is a comer," said Stecher.

Stecher left this afternoon for Dodge, Neb., to spend Christmas with his folks. His wife, who has been staying with him near the Great Lakes station, returned home last Thursday.

After Christmas he will accept some of his man offers for matches.

The famous wrestler was high in his praise of the sailor's life. "It is a great thing for the boys; eating regularly, sleeping regularly, and living right," he said. "It'll make a better man out of anyone. Every one in our station gained weight with the life, and that is certainly a high sign of health."

"I would get up every morning at 6, get to the station by 8, and work all day. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays we had big classes. I would work with one of the instructors, the boys looking on. I would work sometimes with the heavyweights myself. Then the boys would work with each other while I watched and coached them. I had five assistant instructors and we taught the whole station of 50,000 men."

"They had fights every Wednesday. I put on the gloves and practiced, just to develop a little speed. They thought I would make a good boxer and wanted me to go ahead with it, but I thought I had better stick to my own line."

Stecher said he learned no new wrestling tactics, but that he had much opportunity to perfect old holds and to try out some new ones which he figured out for himself.

He met many Nebraska boys, he said, and mentioned Swanson, Stevenson and McAndrews of Omaha. He met Galloway of Fremont, Cain of Wisner and Lane of Fremont. Stevenson was one of the instructors in wrestling with him.

"Of course I wanted to go over and help fight, but there is no use of us denying we are glad the war is over," said Stecher. "I enlisted and did my bit. I have a brother, Louis J. Stecher, who is on a United States submarine."

Stecher participated in a number of wrestling tournaments for war funds and other benefits while at the Great Lakes station, but he met none of the big men of the wrestling world.

The Advance on the Trenches



Athletic Carnival December 23

What promises to be a display of rare talent and company spirit will be seen at No. 1 Garage on the night of December 23. An athletic carnival will be on the boards and along with the demonstrations of physical prowess will be some diversions in minstrelsy and music. We are expecting a number of "city folks" to be in attendance, as the tickets for the event will be sold to all who want to attend. It's a party for all of us and the membership of officers and men in the Athletic association will admit them. To the public, ringside seats will be \$2, general admission \$1. Tickets will be on sale at Beaton's, Omaha Athletic club, South Omaha Live Stock exchange, Omaha Grain exchange and all military police. Come one, come all—that's the idea!

SOLDIERS MAY KEEP THEIR ARMY UNIFORMS

Secretary Baker informed Chairman Dent of the house military committee that the war department had decided that all discharged soldiers may permanently retain the uniform and overcoat they wear when mustered out.

Mr. Dent prepared a bill embodying the necessary authority. Previously the department had planned to have the clothing returned to the government three months after a soldier's discharge.

A Popular Leader of the Omaha Red Cross Circle



Miss Nelle Calvin.

Miss Nelle Calvin, as chairman of the 1918 Red Cross Christmas package committee, had charge of all work connected with sending gifts overseas. There were 3,500 boxes sent, each one having been inspected, wrapped and labeled for the mails.

Miss Calvin came to Omaha two years ago from Salt Lake City, and has been a very reliable and efficient worker in Red Cross work since the outbreak of the war.

She was the first woman to be supervisor of the state in surgical dressing work, to which task she devoted several months of her time.

Miss Nelle Calvin is a daughter of E. E. Calvin, president of the Union Pacific railroad.

On Flight

Lieutenant Maurice Cohen, formerly of Fort Omaha, who received his commission at Jacksonville, Fla., has received his release from service and returned to Omaha.

Second Lieutenant Theodore E. Faulk has been appointed Temporary Executive Officer of Florence Field during the absence of Captain F. DeP Townsend, who was granted a ten-day leave.

First Lieutenant Roland J. Gaupel, in addition to his other duties, has been detailed as Signal Officer at Fort Crook, Neb.

Second Lieutenant Carl E. Peinze has been relieved from duty with the 73d Balloon Company and attached to the 75th Balloon Company for duty.

Second Lieutenant Nathan R. Reasoner has been relieved from duty as assistant to officer-in-charge of recruits at Fort Crook and attached to the 59th Balloon Company.

Lieutenant Joseph S. Biglow, jr., reported to Fort Omaha from Garden City, N. Y., to take the course of instruction.

Major P. E. Van Nostrand has gone to Washington, where he will be Executive Officer to the Director of Military Aeronautics.

Major R. S. Bamberger, formerly adjutant of Fort Omaha, has been relieved from the D. M. A. at Washington, and transferred to the Army Balloon School at Arcadia, Cal.

Lieutenant Simmons enjoyed an aeroplane ride last Sunday morning with Lieutenant J. M. Shimmom, aviator.

Colonel R. C. Caldwell arrived at Fort Omaha, and will take the course of instruction.

Lieutenant Franklin Knoblauch and Lieutenant Joseph Headsten will receive their discharges this week. Lieutenant Headsten will return to his home in Chicago.

Captain Alvin M. Whitney has been transferred to the Army Balloon School at Arcadia, Cal.

Lieutenant Patric H. Williams of the 85th Field Artillery, Camp Sheridan, Ala., has received his re-

lease from service and is in Omaha.

Lieutenant L. L. Miller, Q. M., has been transferred to Camp Funston, Kas.

Second Lieutenant Everett K. Hawley has been transferred to the 75th Balloon Company.

Second Lieutenant Charles S. Powell has been granted a ten-day leave of absence, effective December 23, and during his absence Second Lieutenant Robert H. Finley is appointed Temporary Post Signal Officer.

Second Lieutenant William E. Connolly has left for the Army Balloon School at Arcadia, Cal., to take the Observer's Course of study, and will return to Omaha as soon as his course is completed.

Second Lieutenant James C. Cluck has been granted a ten-day leave of absence, effective January 1. Lieutenant Maynard F. Lydiard has been appointed to look after his duties during his absence.

Lieutenant LeRoy C. Perkins escorted the body of First Lieutenant DeForest A. Horning to Phoenix, N. Y., who passed away at Fort Omaha, December 19.

Lieutenant Francis A. Groeger of the 74th Field Artillery, Camp Sheridan, Ala., has returned to Omaha, having received his release from the service.

Lieutenant Edward G. Hotchkiss, who has been ill for the past week with influenza, is improving nicely.

First Lieutenant Maurice L. Smith, M. C., and First Lieutenant Amos T. Fisher, M. C., have received their release from the service.

Captain Charles P. Clark has been relieved from duty at Fort Omaha, and will report to the Army Balloon School, Arcadia, Cal.

First Lieutenants James C. Holland, Carl E. Royer and Walter M. Vich and Second Lieutenants Harry C. Scheiberg and George V. Baer have been relieved from their duties at Fort Omaha and transferred to the Army Balloon School, Arcadia, Cal.

Second Lieutenant Roscoe G. Conklin, in addition to his other duties, is detailed as Post Exchange Officer.

Red Cross Roll Call

The Red Cross Roll Call membership drive which started Monday, in which all the women of Omaha are working so hard to make this one of Omaha's largest drives, needs your support.

From the standpoint of the canteen service it is going to take more funds to get the men back from overseas and training camps than it took to send them over there.

The canteen at the Union station has always been ready to assist the boys en route with advice, medical aid, food and comfort, as well as keeping them cheered, giving the men a good indication that the Omaha people are proud of their fighting men.

The contrast in all these between the going over and the coming back is decidedly noticeable. During the days of recruiting and preparation the men were well and exuberant, anxious to go, so a few cigarets, postal cards and a cheery word to each went a long way in the work, but there are now thousands of discharged men from training camps going home, happy that the war is over—but keenly disappointed that they didn't "get over" and silent when they think of the uncertain conditions ahead of them. Many, for one reason or another with scanty funds in which to return home, fall to the Red Cross to feed and comfort until they reach their destinations.

Then there are the hospital trains passing through Omaha, filled with silent broken men, sick and maimed traveling from New York to Colorado and California hospitals, who need every attention, emergency rations, hospital supplies, and for those who remain here during the afternoon and evening, and are able to leave the train, entertainment must be provided.

This all takes money and food, and people of Omaha must realize that the Red Cross still needs their hearty support to carry on the wonderful work. And this work is ahead of them until every man has reached home safely.

Mrs. Albert Wedemeyer and Mrs. Howard White, who were appointed to assist in the Red Cross Christmas roll call, canvassed the post Monday afternoon. Every party called on totaled 100 per cent.

Among the ladies of the command who attended the Red Cross circle and enjoyed a tea at Mrs. Jacob W. S. Wuest's quarters last Thursday were Mrs. Russell Crawford, Mrs. Martin O'Brien, Mrs. Adolph Lindquist, Mrs. Robert Clapp, Mrs. George Lundberg, Mrs. Karl Dodolph, Mrs. John Lancer and Mrs. C. A. Young.

Lieutenant and Mrs. William F. Collins were hosts at an informal dinner Thursday evening in honor of Lieutenant and Mrs. Karl Dodolph.

Miss Dorothy Phipps, who has been the house guest of Lieutenant and Mrs. Edwin Kessler, jr., for the past months, left Monday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Genevieve Phipps, for their home in Denver, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mallory are entertaining a party Christmas Eve at their home and among those invited are: Lieutenant and Mrs. Ralph A. Reynolds, Lieutenant and Mrs. William F. Collins, Lieutenant John Rahn of Arcadia, Cal., and Lieutenant Franklin Knoblauch of Minneapolis; Misses Lucy Mildred McKiel, Ann Hermanson, Frances Range, Alice Metcalf, Edith Capron and Ethel Magney and Messrs. Julius DeBose Hinkles of San Antonio, Tex., Landsstrom, Huffman, Rarrison, Putnam, McGinnis, McDonald and Magrum.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert H. Finley entertained at dinner Sunday evening, having as guests, Major and Mrs. Russell T. Crawford, Captain and Mrs. Gordon B. Logan, Lieutenant and Mrs. George C. Lundberg and Lieutenant and Mrs. Ralph A. Reynolds.

Major P. E. Van Nostrand, who visited his mother at San Antonio, Tex., who was ill with the influenza, reports that she is on the road to recovery.

Major and Mrs. Arthur Boettcher will take quarters at Fort Omaha this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Strong, who

was the house guest of Colonel and Mrs. Jacob W. S. Wuest, have arrived safely at their winter home in Eau Gallie, Fla.

Mrs. Russell T. Crawford entertained most informally at a tea Monday afternoon, her guests being Mrs. Albert Wedemeyer, Mrs. Howard White, Mrs. Gordon Logan, Mrs. George Ludberg and Mrs. William Sanders.

Colonel and Mrs. Jacob F. S. Wuest were hosts at a dinner Monday evening in honor of Colonel R. C. Caldwell, having as their guest Captain John Ayling.

Major and Mrs. Russell T. Crawford entertained Lieutenant and Mrs. Karl Dodolph for dinner Saturday evening.

Colonel and Mrs. Jacob W. S. Wuest were hosts at an informal dinner Thursday evening, having as their guests Captain and Mrs. Pierpont and Captain F. DeP Townsend.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Ralph A. Reynolds entertained at dinner Tuesday evening, their guests being Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mallory, Captain F. DeP Townsend and Lieutenant Steward Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. Edwin S. Kessler, jr., who has been ill for the past two weeks with the influenza, is recovering, and is able to be about the house.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Robinson entertained at dinner at the Omaha Athletic club Saturday, their guests being Colonel F. A. Grant and the Misses Dorothy, Helen and Mary Grant and Lieutenants Franklin Knoblauch, John Yates and Joseph Headsten.

Mrs. Robertson entertained a card party at her home Saturday evening for several officers of Fort Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mallory entertained ten guests at a dinner Sunday evening.

Mrs. John C. McKay, wife of Lieutenant McKay, has given up her quarters at Fort Omaha, and returned to her home in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. John R. Crowe, wife of Lieutenant Crowe, has given up her quarters at Fort Crook to return to her home at Kansas City, Mo.

Lieutenant and Mrs. George V. Baer, who were favorites of Fort Crook, left the forepart of the week for the Army Balloon School, Arcadia, Cal., where Lieutenant Baer will take a course in Aerial Observation.

Her many friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Lynn Carpenter Lockwood has been ill for the past week. She was very much missed from the Hostess Room.

Among some of the many ladies who volunteered their services at the Red Cross canteen at Fort Omaha last week were: Mesdames C. L. Gyer, Fred Nash, J. E. Davidson, Barton Millard, Lou Clark, Davis and Porter and the Misses Helen Walker, Erna Reed, Esther Wilhelm, Gertrude Stout, Martha Gyger, Geneva Miller, Mary English, Myrne Gilchrist, Ruth Miller, Winifred Lathrop, Ruby Klingbeil, Winifred Smith, Virginia Halpine, Irene McKnight, Corinne Elliott, Helen Pearce, Dorothy Morton and Maude Grebe.

Captain and Mrs. Wooley announce the birth of a son, born last Thursday at the Pollard hospital. Mrs. Wooley was formerly Miss Mayme Ringwalt of Chattanooga, Tenn. Captain Wooley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wooley of this city, and is a graduate of the 1917 class at West Point. He is now instructor in the Machine gun battalion at Camp Meade, and expects to spend Christmas in Omaha.

Mrs. J. M. Shimmom's father who lives at Lincoln, Neb., visited Lieut. and Mrs. Shimmom Sunday at Fort Crook.

Lieutenant and Mrs. George Adams, and Lieutenants Rolland Gaupel, Robert White, Fulmer and MacLeod were hosts at an informal dinner-dance Tuesday evening at the Adams quarters, which were beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and poinsettia. Their guests were Major and Mrs. Eugene Crockett, Captain and Mrs. Wriston Alexander, Captain and Mrs. John L. Travis, Captain Newman, Lieu-

tenant and Mrs. A. R. Burgess, Lieutenant and Mrs. R. R. Ensor, Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert L. Hall, Lieutenant and Mrs. L. C. Kimberlain, Lieutenant and Mrs. William H. Siefert, Lieutenant and Mrs. John L. Sheep, Lieutenant and Mrs. W. L. Fotherall, Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert G. Simmons, Lieutenant and Mrs. William R. Toston, Lieutenant and Mrs. Otto U. Weimer, Lieutenant and Mrs. F. E. Dennis and Lieutenant and Mrs. H. E. Babcock, Miss Laura Plummer, Mrs. R. L. Hamilton, Mrs. Scott and the Misses Helen Murphy, Corinne Elliott and Helen Pearce, and Lieutenants F. W. Gledhill, J. M. Shimmom, E. W. Blackburn, J. O. Donney, Harry Weber, Engleman and Mr. Loring.

Her many friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. John L. Travis of Fort Crook, accidentally fell on her porch, injuring her foot. It will be several weeks before she will be able to use it.

Colonel F. A. Grant, Q. M., was taken home ill Monday, and is confined to his bed.

Dances

The "Smiles" club, which has issued invitations to a dance on Saturday evening, December 21, has been postponed and guests will be notified as to their next dance.

Many large dances which were planned for Christmas week have been postponed on account of the influenza ban. But many soldiers will be entertained at private homes at Christmas time, and it is suggested that every soldier who has received an invitation for Christmas dinner to notify their hostess they are coming, and by all means phone your hostess in plenty of time should you not be able to be present, in order that she may invite some one else desiring the invitation.

Entertainments

A large Christmas celebration is being planned at Fort Omaha for nearly the entire week for the Officers and enlisted men for which no expense has been spared in the way of furnishing amusements, entertainments and presents.

All men of the post are urgently requested to set aside all engagements for Christmas Eve, December 24, and attend the big celebration which is being planned for them.

Garage No. 2 is all re-decorated for this occasion, a large entertainment will be arranged, and every one present will receive a well filled Christmas stocking.

Military Wedding

Sergeant Frederick E. Kaser, of Langley Field, and Miss Flora E. Melcher of Omaha, Nebraska, were married Saturday evening at 8:00 p. m. by Chaplain Sanders at the home of Dr. C. E. Patton.

Current Events

It is announced that Lieutenant Marion A. Baldwin is a connoisseur on pie, having been seen to visit the Red Cross canteen three times in one evening. This happened to be on a Saturday evening and possibly was a co-incidence.

Lieutenant George L. Carleton has received quite a number of letters the past week, and we are informed that they contained many kisses, he is under the impression that such things must be delivered, not merely dispatched, as kisses by mail are very unsatisfactory.

Lieutenant Cyrus Kauffman dropped in for supper with the 15th Balloon Company "Somewhere" in France and spent a very pleasant evening with Lieutenants Tom Jordan, Rolland Davis, Fred Cross, McQueen and several other Fort Omaha officers. They had a regular little reunion and their conversation centered mostly to Omaha.

Lt. Lawrence Phipps, jr., who received his commission at Fort Omaha, and who has been doing work in connection with the Balloon sector in England, visited the post last week. Lieutenant Phipps received his discharge and was returning to his home in Denver, Colo.

Lieutenant Biglow, who has been material officer at Morrison, Va., and who has seen many of the Balloon Companies depart for overseas who received their training at Fort Omaha, is here taking the course of instruction.

MAGAZINE SECTION

SILVER CHEVRONS

NED E. WILLIAMS.

Betty was extremely patriotic. In fact, she was supremely so. Every available minute of her time was devoted to work in one of the several branches of Red Cross and other war activities.

She knitted, rolled bandages, served in canteens, distributed candy and cigarets at the depots, drove her large motor car, promoted dances and parties for soldiers and participated in all of the big war work drives.

She was enthusiastic about everything and anything for the good of the boys in service. Civilians of military age were religiously ostracized and snubbed by her from the day the first volunteer organization left town for a big camp.

And when Bobby, her sweetheart since their days in high school, answered the call, Betty's pride made happiness of her sorrow. She really felt that Bobby should have gone with that first volunteer group, a Red Cross hospital unit.

Perhaps that was why he enlisted in the medical department of the regular army. He occasionally chided himself for not responding sooner. Although circumstances had prevented it.

Betty and Bobby made a strikingly typical picture at the railroad station. She was fascinatingly pretty and he was little short of handsome. Their engagement had long been "understood" in their set, so the farewell kiss caused no comment.

For the first few months letters were exchanged regularly between the big Kansas cantonment where Bobby was stationed and the house where Betty lived. And the little girl found time to send huge boxes of goodies almost every week to her soldier.

Then stories began to appear in the daily papers of the home town about the exciting experiences of the first volunteer unit, which had been sent almost directly to France after its organization. And there its members had been fortunate in securing unusual opportunities for distinguishing themselves and earning promotion.

The boys were making enviable records and the home town was proud of them. The subject was the customary and popular one in all conversations between relatives or friends of the soldiers. Visionaries painted tentative pictures of the scenes that would be enacted when the members of the unit returned with their overseas chevrons, one for each six months of service.

Betty began to anticipate the letters from Bobby that would chronicle his orders to proceed over there. She loved him and she knew that he needed only the opportunity to distinguish himself. She wanted him to have the chance to win promotion and honor. She wanted to be proud of him.

But his letters never referred to prospects for overseas service—or lack of them. He even wrote very little concerning his own activities, except that he was attached to the big base hospital of the Kansas camp. He wrote much about general life in the camp and more about his love for her and their plans for "when the war is over."

When Bobby wrote that he was coming home on furlough for the holidays, Betty frowned. It didn't seem fair to her, when the other boys of their set were facing death in France. He had been in service for a year now and she was beginning to dread that he wouldn't follow his chums across the seas. Had he really tried?

Betty was extremely patriotic.

Bobby came home. He made a stunning soldier-man and he was wearing two silver chevrons on his left sleeve, significant of his twelve months in service. Betty, somewhat mollified, was glad to see him and the two were together constantly during the first week of his furlough.

The girl could not have been guilty of a malicious intent to hurt her sweetheart's feelings. What she said was rather the result of her own keen disappointment. She was still proud of him, but she felt that she wouldn't be when the others returned.

"Aren't you ever going overseas, Bobby?" she asked him, one evening.

"I'm afraid not, now," he answered, solemnly.

"I'm so sorry," she said. "I'm proud of you and proud of your service chevrons. But they're silver, Bobby! I'd like it so much better if they were only gold."

Her words were selfishly cruel, but Betty was extremely patriotic.

Bobby wasn't excitable. He never lost his temper and he seldom spoke or acted hastily. But he returned to camp next morning without a word of explanation to anyone, although several days of his furlough were unexpired.

Betty needed no explanation.

It was weeks later when a soldier acquaintance of Betty's called upon her. He had been wounded at the front and had spent his period of convalescence at the same hospital in Kansas to which Bobby was assigned. He told Betty wonderful tales of experiences over there.

"By the way," he remarked. "Bobby is doing a wonderful work down in Kansas."

Betty's face paled, but she said nothing.

"He was the first man to volunteer last winter for work in the wards where the spinal meningitis patients were segregated. It must have taken more deliberate nerve than going over the top."

"And since then he has specialized in the vocational training of disabled men. That's as great a service as the bit which the rest of us have done abroad. I imagine it takes lots of grit to settle down and stick to a thing like that. I admire him for it."

"I think his silver chevrons stand for more than my gold ones. Don't you?"

But Betty couldn't answer.

How to Write a Christmas Poem—In One Lesson

BY HARRY IRVING SHUMWAY.

Would you like to give your wife an original poem for her Christmas present? Or, if you are a wife, would you not love to present your husband with a bit of your own hand-made verse? It will show your thoughtfulness, demonstrate that you have the artistic temperament and—cost you nothing. You say you cannot write verse? Oh, yes you can. The following easy and complete method will teach you in one lesson.

Now the first essential is words that rhyme. So let us garner a few choice words with a Christmas flavor. Holly, Yuletide, snow, merry, mistletoe, evergreen, present, diamond ring, set of furs, check, broke. There are others, of course, but these will do for an experiment. They are all words applicable to the holiday—especially the last one.

Let us suppose that you are a wife and you want to give your husband a nice verse for his Christmas gift. We start:

Oh, darling love, accept this folly,
You see the cleverness of using
the word "folly." It gives you a
chance to bring in its rhyme
"holly." Also it shows you are not
conceited about your work. The
first three words play up the heart
interest. Now the second line:

Bedecked with Yuletide's pretty
holly,

What could be sweeter than
that? Now we have two delightful
lines, showing sentiment, color and
the spirit of the time. For the
third line let us be a little more
practical.

If furs you see, my darling bloke,
Some of you will object to the
word "bloke," but this is poetic
license. You can call your husband
a bloke in a poem, when you
might not get away with it at any
other time. The word is necessary
to the last line.

'Hope it is before you're broke.
And there is your little verse
complete. This ought to be productive
of good results. Now, if you
are a man and wish to send your
wife a verse, proceed in the same
manner. We commence:

Merry Christmas, my sweetest
pet,

If that does not get her, then she
is indeed stony-hearted. A little
Yuletide salve like this will go a
long way toward making her fall
for the rest.

Be careful, dear, and don't get
wet,

This line shows your thoughtfulness
about her. It may take her
mind off the furs she is thinking
about, although that is doubtful.
The two lines read together are
very sweet and tender.

If you should die, I'd sob and
blubber,

Showing graphically how fond
you are of her. If you can get her
to shed a few tears here, it will
make the last line go great.

So wear these boots of para rubber.

Of course, there are other ways
of writing Christmas poems. You
can put holly berries in cocktails
instead of cherries, and drink
enough of them to write some highly
spirited verse. But most of us
poets use the above method. Don't
attempt the highbrow thing; you
may bust your lyre. Be natural,
even if you don't know a strophe
from a razor strop. Try it out on
your think tank and a Merry Christmas
to you.—Judge.

Good Bye Balloon!

The boys of Morrison have been
honorably discharged.

This is their parting shot to the
embarkation port as it appeared in
the "Airman," their camp paper:

All Together Boys.

Good-bye, dear, old Camp Morrison;
You quaint and lonely army hovel.
Future days I'll often think of you,
And your d— old pick and shovel.

AN' EVERYTHIN'.

The Second Loot
He's got a pair of
Wings that shine
n'everything—

A golden hat cord,
Pair of bars
n'everything,
And if you think he's a
Bashful chile,
Just give him a little
Smile,
And you will get him.
Oh, yes, you'll
Get him,
And he'll go wild
n'everything.

He's got a mustache,
And he's full o' pep
n'everything—
And if you list to
What he tells
You'll think you're
Hearing wedding bells—
Oh, yes, he's a bear,
But on the Square,
It's all hot air—
N'EVERYTHING.

—Tale Spins.

TO THE GUARD

His ears are cold, as the sentry
bold,
Goes tramp, tramp, tramp, along
his Post.

His hands are numb, he's feeling
bum,
The O. D. just gave him a roast.

When ah at once a noise is heard
He thought that it may be a thief,
With shaking knees he challenged
him,
It was the Corporal with relief.

Pigeon and Step Ladder Corps

By Frank D. Bianco

A high wind was whipping the
Balloon Hangar at South Field as
Pigeon slowly paced around it. He
was on Hangar Guard and waiting
for the last relief for the night and
then he would be free all day. It
was a raw wind, which foretold
rain, and he shivered once or
twice, and fumed impatiently be-
cause the time passed so slow.

His thoughts were occupied with
the events of the day before. Again
and again he thought of his resolu-
tion to join the Step Ladder
Corps. How inspired he felt at the
thought that now he would serve
his country, as his forefathers be-
fore him had done. His thoughts
went coursing through his mind
and he swore softly, impatiently at
the slow passing of time.

Once more he paced around the
Hangar and heaved a sigh of relief
upon seeing the relief guard ap-
proaching. At last he was free
from duty and he retreated to the
barracks for a cold shower and his
bunk. He would sleep until noon
and then he could make his prepa-
rations to join the Step Ladder
Corps. With a buoyant heart and
free spirit he now was going into
action. The crash of bursting shell
and shrill scream of bullet would
soon be crooning their melodies
as he sat crouched in a trench,
waiting that tense moment when
the order would come, "Over the
Top."

Under the shower and even as
he threw off his clothes, his
thoughts raced on, in their enthusi-
asm of his mission with the Step
Ladder Corps. Thoroughly fatigued
both by pacing his watch, and by
his thoughts he flung himself upon
his bunk and was lost in sleep.

The rush for Chow awoke him
from his slumbers, and he sat up
quickly, threw on his clothes and
went in search of Austin and Grebe.
As luck would have it both were
on duty as Room Orderlies that
day so he could consult with them
freely about his new adventure.

After Chow he found Austin and
Grebe sitting on their bunks and
approached them, his heart pound-
ing viciously. Austin winked at
Grebe. Pigeon was a rookie with-
out a doubt and all rookies had to
be initiated into the inner secrets
of this man's army.

"Whats on your mind, Pigeon?"
"Well fellahs, ah want to ask you
hep on something. Yo all knows we
was talkin about dis yere Step Ladder
Corps yistiday an ah done de-
cided ah want ter join hit. Reckon
yo all cud hep a feller?"

Austin naturally being the
spokesman of the two opened up.

"You bet, Pigeon, we'll give you
all the help you want. The first
thing to do is to get your equip-
ment. Above all the most impor-
tant is your Step Ladder. Look up
the Post Carpenter, tell him you are
joining the Step Ladder Corps and
that you want to draw a ladder.
When you get your ladder look us
up and we'll put you wise to the
next step."

Pigeon set out jubilantly in quest
of the Post Carpenter. After an
hour of search, following various di-
rections through various and de-
vious parts of the Post he finally lo-
cated the Carpenter. In his shop
and busily working he had not seen
Pigeon enter and Pigeon almost
awfully struck approached him and
finally spoke.

"Ah-er-are you the Post Carpen-
ter?"

The carpenter looked up from his
bench, where he was busily mark-
ing off some boards and his wrinkled
old face beamed into a myriad
of smiles.

"That's what they generally call
me, son, what can I do for you?"

"Ah-er ahm Pegloe Johnson and
ah's gwine ter join the Step Ladder
Corps and ah wants ter get a
ladder."

The carpenter had been expecting
Pigeon, having been prompted by
Austin and now that his thoughts
were confirmed he spoke more free-
ly.

"Yes sir, my boy, I've been ex-
pecting some young fellows to join
that Corps and so I prepared myself.
I've got one done now and she's
sure a peach."

He went to a corner of his shop
and brought forth a small wooden
ladder made in two sections, four
feet in length and connected with
hinges so that, opened, it made an

eight foot ladder, and folded a four
foot ladder, equipped with straps
that it could be carried on the back
like a pack.

Pigeon clutched the ladder in his
arms and with a faint murmur of
thanks departed hastily in search
of Austin again. He found them
both, Austin and Grebe, doing bunk
fatigue with a will, all their own.

"Ah got er fellahs and ah sho
am rarin ter go!"

"Good for you Pigeon now you
can say you are on your way to
France."

"What does ah do now?"

"Report for duty. Get out your
full pack equipment, strap your lad-
der on your back and report to
headquarters. You'll be out in no
time."

With pack settled firmly upon his
shoulders and ladder slung from
Pack, Pigeon set out for headquar-
ters. The regimental band was out
for practice and as Pigeon struck
across the parade ground, the band
crashed into the 'National Emblem
March.' Pigeon squared his shoul-
ders and fell into step with the
music. He was off to war and with
colors flying and band playing he
was going into action.

Casual soldiers stopped and
stared at the grotesque figure, and
he marched across the Field. Bow
legged, slightly bent under his im-
mense load of pack and ladder, Pigeon
marched calmly on. Up the
steps he marched, entered the first
door, completely ignored the Ser-
geant Major at his desk and walked
directly into the Adjutant's office.
He came to a halt before the Adju-
tant and saluted.

"Sir, Private Pegloe Johnson," re-
ports for duty with the Step Ladder
Corps."

The Adjutant looked up from his
mass of papers, he scowled, and
sputtered, his face turned many
hued, like the colors of the rainbow
and finally he bursted out.

"W-what's that, Well I'll be
d—!"

He called the Sergeant Major.
"Escort this maniac to the guard
house and confine him, I'll prefer
charges against him later."

Pigeon stood dazed, stupefied,
speechless. A word from the Ser-
geant Major and he followed him
out and down the street, his mind
as through in a trance. He had a
vague sense of walking into the
guard house, an iron door grated on
its hinges and Pigeon sat upon a
hard bunk, staring before him, try-
ing to pierce the gloom of misfor-
tune that enveloped him. He
scratched his head,—he as rays did
that when thinking hard—the cloud
began to lift. A ray of light broke
through and then he realized he had
been the victim of a rud' joke.

He grinned ironically to himself
as he thought, in his own homely
way, "Every dog has its day" and
his chance would come for retri-
bution. He smiled now, almost let
out a chuckle, then lay down upon
his bunk to dream again of his sun-
ny home in the cotton fields of
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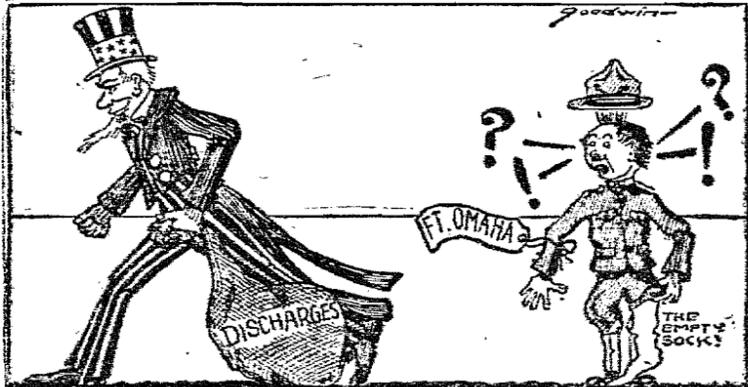
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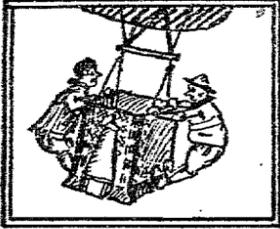
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Mixed Identities

One of Sergeant Patchek's ground removers was leaning on his shovel wondering when his troubles would be over when he was approached by a company orderly. "Did you see the chaplain?" questioned the orderly. "No, was he at the Y movies last night?" retorted the knight of the shovel.

FIRESID SITS BY A FORT OMAHA VET.

Thirty Years After the War.
Grandson: "Grandfather, in what branch of the army did you serve?"
Grandfather: The Balloon corps, my son; the Balloon corps."
Grandson: "Grandfather, tell me about some of the battles you were in. I'd enjoy hearing you tell about that cruel and bloody war, and the bullet wounds you received."
Grandfather: "My son, I will show you some of the scars. Look at my hands."
Grandson: "That was a terrible war—they even used pieces of rope for bullets, didn't they?"
Son: "Father, did you play 'rabbit' when you were in the army?"
Father: "No, my son, I played horse. They rode me."
Son: "Father, is it possible that we shall have another war?"
Father: "Yes, my boy, when they call for volunteers for the balloon service."

Literally!

He was a "buck" private in one of the balloon companies.
He wanted a pass.
But he had been on pass the night before and feared that to put his name on the pass list would only bring censure upon himself.
But he wanted the pass very badly.
So he hiked to the "C. O." and told his troubles.
The captain fumed.
Then—"About face." "Forward—MARCH."
The "buck" went. And that was all until—
They heard from him ten days later on Broadway, where he was still awaiting the command, "Halt!"

AROUND OMAHA

And "Quit Papers"
A number of old friends from Morrison have been discharged.
They are now in the city with their overseas caps
One of them called at Fort Omaha and shook his "pardon" in a K. P.'s face

I THANK YOU

Flying Private

A private had just landed from a balloon flight when he was advised by his friends that he made a wonderful record and that he was entitled to wear an observer's wing on his manly chest. The fellows kept it up until they finally convinced him that he had flying pay coming to him and that the regulation wing must be procured immediately. Later the "kidded" buck stopped the sergeant and confidentially asked him for a pass to Fort Omaha so he could get a wing at the canteen.

Balloonatics.

Pretty near time for sky pilots to become earth worms. "As the butterfly loseth its wings, so shall they."

A study in expression: Watch an officer draw his flying pay.

Mary loved an officer,
So the story goes;
While the war was goin' on
He called her lovin' Rose.
But now since Kaiser Bill has fled
and Germany is all bolshevikied,
her officer has returned
to the girl he left behind, and all that
Rose can inventory is a collar ornament
and a piece of balloon fabric.

When we are old and gray we'll bring our great grandchildren to Omaha and show them the battle ground where we fought and fell to make the world a safe place to live in.

PAPERK WORK OF CORPORAL BUNK

From: Cpl. Pete Bunk, Officer I. C. Orderly Tent.
To: Lieut. acting as Capt. 221st Balloon Co.
Subject: Trouble with the Commanding Officer.

1.—Sir the Lieut. will remember you said I have no doubt the Commanding Officer would be glad to have your suggestions so I took advantage of your permission and called up the C. O. When the Cpl. I. C. the C. O. said Office of the Commanding Officer I said Officer I. C. Orderly Tent wishes to speak to the Commanding Officer. I got that O. K., didn't I Lieut? But when he put the C. O. on the phone I got flustered and forgot to say who was speaking but started off by telling him, Well, I had all my paperwork done and thought I would call him up and tell him a good idea to send to Genl. Kenly to pass on to Pres. Wilson. I said I know them Germans because there were lots of them living where I was brung up and they can't understand this college talk to Pres is handing out but if he wants them to get it in their beans that we can't be fooled just give them an answer in about seven words. I said now if Pres Wilson can't forget that he was a college president and don't want to cuss them out he might just say Take it up with King Albert of Belgium what he says suits the U. S. I said Colonel them Germans never been to Princeton they can't understand highbrow stuff. Just wire the President to treat 'em rough and tell where where to go to. I said send the 221st Balloon Co., over and let them be the newclous of a cussing brigade and have Wilson send word through Genl. Pershing just how he wants the Germans bawled out and the Lieut. of my company will bawl them Good and Proper just like you do me and the maneuvering sergt.

2.—Well we must of been cut off or else it set the C. O. thinking because I couldn't get no answer and I couldn't get the Cpl. I. C. the C. O. to understand what I wanted after that and I didn't get to finish with the Commanding Officer.

3.—Recommended that the Lieut. take this up with the C. O. and see if the 221st Balloon Company can't get over quicker as the newclous of the Cussing Brigade. The Lieut. can take me down to Hdqrs. and bawl me out Good & Proper about paperwork before the C. O. if the C. O. wants a demonstration. I should worry knowing it is a demonstration.

JIM D. BUNK
Cpl. I. C. Orderly Tent.

Not in the Army

An officer was inhaling the ozone in front of a downtown hotel when a "rookie" who passed failed to salute. The officer ran him down and asked him why he did not raise his hand when he passed one of Uncle Sam's barred bosses. The "rookie" didn't answer. "What branch of service are you in?" queried the officer. "Motor Transport Corps," was the answer. "Oh!" said the officer, "that accounts for it—your not in the army."

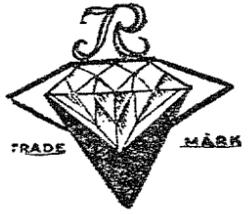
Be of Good Cheer.

A year has wrought great changes in the world. Christmas seems less of a tradition and more of an actuality than it seemed twelve months ago. In this country, at least, the rejoicing over recent happenings abroad may well be followed by something like a normal celebration of the season of good cheer.

For four depressing years, Christmas has seemed to have been lost to the world, with all the blessed lessons its long observance had inculcated. And for those four years, a weary period, horror and apprehension have been the chief phases of emotion the world over, while even a year ago they were dominant and compelling.

But this Christmas is different. It sees thankfulness and hope in countries where suffering and despair have long held sway. The lands directly involved in the world's greatest catastrophe, so sorely pressed, so vitally tried, during a period which has transcended all other periods in history in the magnitude of its events, its cumulative terrors, and the sinister nature of its possibilities, are beginning to realize that their fortitude and sacrifices have not been in vain. And in other lands, oppressed for ages, new peoples will rise to participate with their rescuers in liberty. Their redemption may be delayed by sinister influences, but it seems assured.

America, potent in the enforcement of a new conception of humanity, has earned the right newly Christmas, as of old, will again emphasize joy and good will. In fact, such are the circumstances that it will hereafter mean more than it has ever meant before, for the world never again can pass through a period that nullifies or obscures the significance of the day.—Judge.



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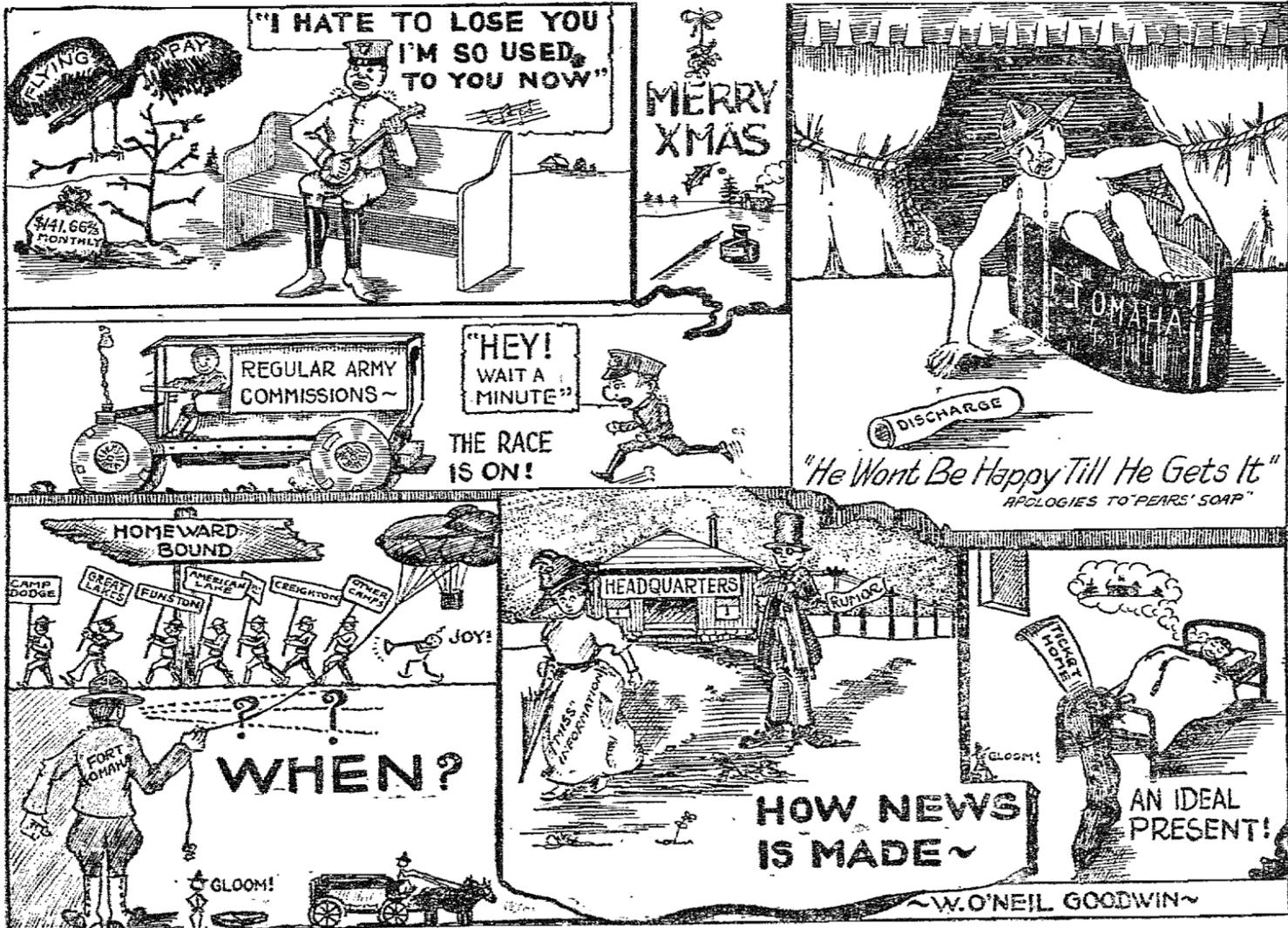
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WILLIAM A. SHEA.

In the picture the artist has shown an American soldier, discharge in hand, ready to "step off."

He is in the west.

He may be a Fort Omahan and then, again, he may not.

It does not matter which post he is leaving. Paramount—he is at the fork of his life's path.

All his future accomplishment—successes, every event in his coming existence will be governed by his first step.

He takes off with all in his favor. Physically and mentally he is fit—more so even than when he entered the service. His body and mind have strengthened and grown under the stress of his training. He has developed unbelieveably.

In this first step there will be no decision. It will be a powerful stride and will carry him miles into his future. Let him think before he steps.

This, America, is a country of glorious God-given, hero-preserved opportunities. With youthful enthusiasm it

is fairly vibrating with impatience to accomplish great things. Its east and its west, its north and its south, all are places of Utopian existence.

The east is a wonderful living place, a splendid working place, a gay playing place. There is little wonder that those who made it, point with pride, which is pardonable, to its teeming cities, its marvelous commerce, its immense industries.

But youth needs youth and for the young man of today the west, yet in its infancy, is the opportune place.

Its growing cities, yet in infancy, its broad, rich farm land awaiting cultivation, its mountains, rich in minerals, and its forests of virgin timber are his for the taking.

Where could the soldier, who offered his might that all might be free, find a dwelling place more apropos his own nature.

In its very atmosphere there exists a spirit analogous to his own ideals.

It is the most free spot in the Land of Liberty.

"Over there" men have given their lives to make this world a better place to live in. "Carry on" and make our country a more suitable place for those who survive you.

The farms and the cities of the west need men that their expansion will not stop. In the development of the west lies the destiny of the United States.

Soldier, once more you are called upon to "do your bit" for yourself and for your country.

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