

TWENTY-FIVE OF PRETTIEST GIRLS IN BENEFIT PLAY

Specially Selected Beauties
From Patriotic Clubs
Will Participate.

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MEN FROM FORT OMAHA

Soldiers Admitted Free to
Entertainment at Bran-
deis February 8.

Twenty-five of the prettiest girls of the Omaha Patriotic league have been selected to participate in the special benefit entertainment for the Armenian Relief fund to be given at the Brandeis theater on February 8, under the auspices of the War Camp Community Service.

A certain section of the theater will be reserved for men in uniform and they will be admitted free of charge. Other seats will be sold at popular prices. Tickets will be on sale at the Burgess-Nash Co., Beaton Drug Co., Unitt-Doekal Drug Co., and the Girls' Community House, Seventeenth and Dodge streets.

Mrs. Wuest a Patroness.

The patronesses on committee include: Mrs. Jacob W. S. Wuest, Mrs. Charles T. Kountz, Mrs. J. A. Tancock, Miss Charlotte Townsend, Miss Grace Duell and Miss E. H. Johnston.

The committee is headed by Mrs. Wuest, chairman of executive committee, Miss Mildred Meeker, tickets, Miss Mary English, publicity, Miss Mary Marston, coach and stage manager, A. H. Johnston.

The program will consist of the comedy, "David Garick," followed by a sketch including many novel dancing, musical and other vaudeville numbers. Pupils of Professor Chambers will present a special program and some of the best known singing and dancing talent in the city will also participate.

Plenty of Pretty Girls.

Men's parts will be taken by girls throughout the entire performance.

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Rickenbacker on Way to America

New York—Secretary of War Baker accepted an invitation to a banquet by the American Automobile association here February 3, in honor of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, American premier ace.

The aviator is understood to be on the Atlantic due here in a few days.

Riot in Des Moines as Soldier Pinched

Des Moines, Ia.—Two officers, a captain and a first lieutenant, are under arrest and three overseas soldiers were tried by summary court-martial as the result of a riot which occurred when a city traffic officer arrested a soldier for disorderly conduct.

The protesting soldiers were joined by a large crowd of civilians, necessitating the calling out of the military police.

"DEMobilIZATION" OF FLAGS MEETS APPROVAL

The idea of celebrating "demobilization" of service flags with appropriate public programs during the period of Washington's birthday, on February 21 to 23, as suggested by the national War Camp Community service, is meeting with general approval, according to P. C. Williams, local secretary. The local office will furnish Liberty song books to organizations preparing programs for the occasion.

Former Commandant Is Now in France



Colonel H. B. Hersey.

REORGANIZATION OF AIR SERVICE PLANS

Outline Provides 21,853 Men
and 1,923 Officers in
New Army Branch.

Washington, D. C.—For the first time the table of organization of the air service is available as outlined as part of a proposed army of 500,000 men.

The table provides for an air service of 21,853 enlisted men and 1,923 officers. These will be divided as follows:

One major general, one brigadier general, twenty-two colonels, forty-five lieutenant colonels, 126 majors, 438 captains, 696 first lieutenants, 594 second lieutenants, 515 master signal electricians, 2,232 sergeants first-class, 1,737 sergeants, 134 mess sergeants, 2,485 corporals, 134 buglers first-class, 2,738 wagoners, 584 cooks, 4,336 privates first-class, 134 buglers and 6,744 privates.

The present organization of the war department is of course a wide departure from the organization which existed before we went into the war and it is wiser to keep what we have than to go back to the beginning and start over at some future time. It is a part of the purpose of this bill to enable the government to officer the newly constituted regular army by retaining in the service officers of proven ability who have come in either from the national guard or from civil life during the war and who desire to make the army a permanent career. The principle of promotion by selection rather than by strict seniority is introduced above the grade of captain. During the war of course promotion has been by selection and our experience shows it to be both a wise and a just method of promotion.

A soft blue white diamond weighing 385 carats has been found at the Jagers Fountain mine, Orange river colony.

Iowa's inebriate asylum at Knoxville will be changed to a home for feeble-minded children by the middle of February.

Four Men Leave Gas Bag Staff

Sergeant W. O'Neil Goodwin and Corporals Ralph Magrum and Joseph McGlynn, three members of the Gas Bag staff since the paper was established, were discharged last week.

Sergeant Goodwin, the associate editor, goes back to his old position on the Pittsburg Sun. Corporal Magrum, society editor, who was a Denver Post reporter before entering the service, has left the newspaper game to go on the road for a large commercial house.

"Joe" McGlynn, sporting editor and advertising manager, is "resting comfortably" in a life "de luxe." Joe is living at the Henshaw. He has forgotten the vow he made to kidnap the post bugler.

Sergeant Alva Zieme, staff cartoonist, expects to be discharged this week.

GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE INSURANCE

Approximately 4,000,000 officers and men of the army and navy are now insured with the United States government for a grand total of almost \$37,000,000,000.

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New York—Abolition of "no smoking" signs in Y. M. C. A. buildings is suggested in a letter to general secretaries sent out by Dr. George J. Fisher, head of the physical department of the international committee. Dr. Fisher said he advised the secretaries that in view of the return of soldiers and sailors, all arbitrary rulings on the use of tobacco be done away with.

EARLY VICTORY WAS DUE TO YANKS' WORK WRITES HERSEY

Morale Here High, Declares Commandant

"The morale of Fort Omaha is better than at any post I have ever been in," Colonel Jacob W. S. Wuest, Commanding Officer, declared at a mass meeting of all the men in the post on the parade grounds Monday night.

The commandant commended the men for splendid manner in which they have accepted their necessary stay at the post.

Major Gresse, who was visiting the post, spoke along the same lines.

Both speakers were warmly received by the men.

FAREWELL MILITARY BALL SATURDAY EVE

Last Official Downtown
Dance to Be Held at
City Auditorium.

Special Minstrel Show Is
Scheduled in Connection
With Big Affair.

A final farewell military ball and minstrel show for the officers and men of the three military stations, Fort Omaha, Crook and Florence fields, will be held at the Omaha Auditorium, Saturday night, January 25.

It will be a farewell ball in a double sense. It will be positively the last official military dance to be given down town, by order of the Commanding Officer, and many of the officers and men who attend the affair will soon be on their way to points in all parts of the country with their discharges.

Forty-Piece Orchestra.

A special orchestra of forty pieces has been engaged for the evening and scores of novel features have been planned to make the ball the most enjoyable of those of military character ever given in this city.

Decorations are in charge of a particularly capable committee and are expected to be very attractive. On account of the fact that this will be the final military ball, a grand splurge will be made to outclass all previous efforts in this line.

The stage will be occupied by refreshment concessions. As an additional novelty it will be camouflaged as a picnic grove, making a spiffy place for Buddies to bring their Sweeties for a drink or dish

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To Erect Memorial for Dead Aviators

Officers of the division of military aeronautics will co-operate with the interior department in erecting a memorial to aviators killed in the war.

The following named officers are constituted a board, to meet at the call of the president, for the purpose of assisting and co-operating with the secretary of the interior and Mr. George B. Dorr in the matter of the erection of a monument in the Sier de Monts National park to the aviators who have died during the war: Major General W. L. Kenly, A. S. A.; Colonel F. R. Kenney, A. S. A.; Colonel Arthur Woods, A. S. A., and Captain Grover O'Neill, A. S. A.

Former Post Commandant
Says This in Letter
From France.

MET MANY MEN FROM
FORT OMAHA ON FRONT

Was on Way to Zone of Ac-
tion When Armistice
Was Signed.

Colonel Jacob W. S. Wuest, commandant, has received a letter from Colonel H. B. Hersey, former post commander, who is now with the American expeditionary forces in France. Following is the letter:

Balloon School A. E. F.

A. P. O. 705,

American Ex. Forces.

January 1, 1919.

Lieut.-Col. J. W. S. Wuest,

U. S. Army Balloon School,
Fort Omaha, Neb.

My Dear Colonel Wuest:

Your letter of December 11 just reached me today, so my first letter 1919 goes to you with wishes for happiness and prosperity to you and Mrs. Wuest throughout the year.

I was quite shocked to hear of Lieut. Horning's death. He was quite a fine boy, and I am sure he will be missed by all the officers of the Balloon School. For the last several days I have been thinking of him and his death.

When I first came over, I went up to St. Maxient for about three days, then to Tours, where I reported to Colonel Chandler. I was sent out to the front immediately, but the fighting stopped and the armistice was signed while I was en route. I had a very interesting trip all through the Verdun region, Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel. Was over all those great battlefields and then out into Germany. I was fortunate enough to be in Metz when the French troops made their entry in that city.

On returning I thought probably I would find orders to go back to the states as soon as I reached Tours, but Colonel Chandler said that he wanted me to come down here and take command of the A. E. F. Balloon School and run through one more class here and then close the school. I have done this, and I am now getting the companies ready to return to the states. In this connection, I wish to say that I have recommended that all balloon companies be sent to Fort Omaha for mustering out. It is very doubtful whether it will be done or not. In fact, it will probably require quite an effort on the part of the Omaha people to get it ordered.

This school is located about twelve or fifteen miles, almost directly west, from Bordeaux, and is adjacent to the big artillery camp, known as Camp de Souge.

I have found the work quite interesting here, and met lots of old friends, as the Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth companies are stationed here. Also the One Hundred and First and One Hundred and Second, these

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70TH BALLOON COMPANY COMMANDING OFFICER DIES FROM INFLUENZA

Lieutenant Charles F. Baer, commanding officer of the Seventieth Balloon company, which trained at Fort Omaha and is now stationed at Fort Lee Hall, Va., died while on leave of absence in Philadelphia from influenza.

The body was taken to White City, Kas., for burial on January 15.

ORGANIZATION NEWS

BALLOON HOUSE.

G. C. Wiedersum.

The numerous free balloon flights which have been staged from here during the past week, have kept the Balloon house crew on the jump both night and day.

The following is a list of the flights for the week ending January 19:

On January 12, at 8:00 a. m. a 35,000 foot balloon with Lieutenant George D. Kingsland as pilot, and Colonel Ralph C. Caldwell, Lieuts. Lew Wallace W. Taylor, Joseph S. Bigelow and Sergeant Casper as passengers, was sent up and after a successful trip landed at Pacific Junction, Ia. Lieut. Taylor took the balloon from there on a solo flight.

On January 14, at 9:00 a. m. Colonel Caldwell in a 19,000 cubic foot balloon, left the North field and after a pleasant but uneventful voyage landed at Hastings, Neb.

On January 15, at 3:45 a. m. with Captain Goodale, as pilot, and Captain R. C. Pierce, Lieuts. Ralph A. Reynolds, Joseph S. Bigelow and Sergeant Clarence G. Powney as passengers, a 35,000 foot balloon was sent away from the North field. It was Captain Goodale's second trip of the year, and after three and one-half hours in the air landed at Corning, Ia., about seventy-five miles distant. Lieutenant Bigelow continued from there on a solo flight and he landed 1½ hours later at Orient, Ia.

The most exciting trip of the week was started on the morning of January 17, when a 35,000 foot balloon with Colonel R. C. Caldwell, as pilot, and Major Arthur Boettcher, and Lieuts. Donald C. Spalsbury, Joseph S. Bigelow and Frank C. Denney, took to the air. Upon reaching an altitude of about 2000 feet a strong wind was encountered, and the balloon landed just ninety miles away eighty-five minutes later after having uprooted two telephone poles, about eighty feet of wire fence and posts, and with this collection of debris made a cross country jaunt just grazing by a school house, coming to a halt about one-fourth of a mile farther on. No one was injured, but several occupants of the basket lost their equilibrium several times.

In direct contrast to the above, a most gentle trip was made in a 35,000 foot balloon on Sunday afternoon with Capt. John G. Ayling, as pilot, and Lieuts. Donald C. Spalsbury and Eugene and Sergt. Dornbusch as passengers. After several hours in the air a landing was made at Calhoun, Neb., just about sixteen miles distant.

With the above schedule for just one week, some of the boys here are wondering whether the war is really over. It any honest-to-goodness soldier wants a position, just apply at the balloon house.

QUARTERMASTER DEPOT

H. O. Castberg.

This week, the Omaha Q. M. depot is represented in the columns of the Gas Bag for the first time, and to be sure, the men on duty at the depot feel complimented in the fact that they are associated with such an enterprising and interesting publication.

The Omaha depot, which is located at Twenty-second and Hickory streets, is perhaps the oldest military post of its kind in this part of the country, some of the oldest buildings having been erected as early as 1881. Formerly it was known as the "government corral," and many fine mules and horses were quartered there. About the time of the Mexican trouble in 1916 most of the mounts were shipped to different military camps, so that the outbreak of the war found the corral taking on the aspect of a full fledged general depot, and today army supplies of every description are shipped to troops in every corner of the world.

The personnel staff of the Omaha depot is as follows: Colonel F. A. Grant, quartermaster; Lieut. Col. Holcom, finance officer; Maj. William H. Faringhy, chief property officer, and Capt. Chas. W. Ballard, personnel officer.

"When a feller needs a friend" was never so vividly impressed upon the boys at the Omaha depot until the time for taking inventory came to hand, when every sort of a "hand" was pressed into service. However, it is with a sigh of relief that they can now say "it is finished," for the taking of the inventory practically was completed Saturday evening, January 18. The job has been in progress during the first of the year, and during the past few weeks, all shipments have been suspended, in order that all the time may be devoted to the

"taking of the count." And believe us, it was some count!

Sgt. George Doane Keller is another of the men on duty at the Omaha depot to receive his "hiking papers" from this man's army, he having been honorably discharged from the service last week. Sgt. Keller was "in" about four months, during which time he was transportation clerk. He is an Omaha boy, and intends to return to his law practice in this city, now that he is through serving his country.

Lieut. John R. Moser, who has been stationed at the Omaha depot, in charge of domestic shipments of clothing was among the officers who attended the inventory school held at Washington the latter part of December. He has been returned to this depot, and is acting as inventory officer for this zone. Lieut. Moser's home is in Salt Lake City, Utah.

CADETS.

The First Flying Cadet company, held a farewell party on the evening of January 16. Nine couples were present and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Present were Cadet Allyn and Miss Richardson, Cadet Gray and Miss Barbee, Cadet Capeland and Miss McCreery, Cadet Reed and Miss Dugdale, Cadet Ettinger and Miss Metcalf, Cadet Loudon and Miss Liknovski, Sergeant McKay and Miss Garrett, Sergeant Marty and Miss Gilchrist and Sergeant and Mrs. Bibb.

The evening started with a dinner at the Fontenelle, included a box party at the Orpheum and ended with refreshments and dancing at the Henshaw.

Friday, January 17, Cadets Copeland, Gray, Ettinger, Reed and Landen left for Arcadia, Cal., where they will complete the course of instructions for reserve commissions.

The Cadet company has been demobilized and remains only as a memory to the several hundred cadets who at one time or another were members.

Lieutenant McKay, commanding officer of the company, has received his discharge.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

Julius du Bose.

Corporal Rhoades has returned from furlough, visiting his family, who was ill.

Private Lightfoot, transportation clerk of the Q. M. office, has had his discharge approved by the discharge board and intends to return to civil life.

Private Holbert, messenger for the Q. M. office, has left on a ten-day furlough to his home in Richmond, Va.

Dick Kitchen, manager of the Paxton hotel, came out to the fort last week dressed a la soup and lettuce and says, "I have not yet stopped celebrating the freedom recently granted me from salutes and bugle calls."

Privates Tishaman and Debinsky are helping to move the clothing department to the new warehouse. Every time they are at work one can hear them moan, "Oh, you Frisco!" "Oh, you Chicago!" their respective homes before joining the army.

Private Early Kellogg of the barn has been promoted to messenger in Private Holbert's temporary absence. Early is tickled with his new work and says, "I don't want to look another army mule in the face."

Corporal Soronsen, truck driver, had his right arm broken and was knocked unconscious by the backfire of the engine of a truck which he was endeavoring to crank on a cold morning last week.

Sergeant Pittelke of the commis-

sary is rushing a girl in the north part of Omaha and says, "Fellows, I am going into the florist business here on receiving my discharge from the army." What will the old girls back in Kentucky think when their Freddie fails to put in an appearance at the Standard Manufacturing company, where he was employed?

47TH BALLOON COMPANY

O'Flinn and Cox.

Sergeant Ross again has a large family! Quite a number of men were transferred to this company from the 48th and 63rd companies. Leave it to the old 47th to get all the special duty men! The company now consists of telephone men, plumbers, printers, balloon house men, engineers, truck drivers—and—and—we've forgotten the rest!

Ex-corporal Singer has been stepping high this week. We're kind of in the dark as to the reason—but ask him what good looking young lady winked at him at the musicale held a few days ago at the "Y."

Private Gamburg secured a furlough and is visiting at home—the reason: was homesick to see his wife(?)

Private John O'Flinn, formerly of the Star Advertising Co. of Chicago, is now advertising manager of the Fort Omaha Gas Bag. He is fully qualified in every respect and we are confident he will make a success at his work.

Sergeant Brown, our "top-kick," received his "quit papers" last week. We all hated to see him leave—but congratulate him on being so fortunate! Sergeant James B. Morgan, of the machine gun school, is now our first sergeant.

Private Icl Nels O. Cox is circulation manager of our paper, had previous experience with the Burnet Bulletin of Burnet, Tex., which him a valuable addition to our force.

Sgt. James B. Morgan has won the everlasting friendship of the boys of the 47th since he was made top sergeant, by staying in bed and keeping his calisthenics with him. Here's hoping he will sleep all winter.

We feel sorry for our editor, Sergeant Shea, since Lucille left Merritt's. He is all dressed up and no place to go.

Speaking about "pep," our cocky little duty sergeant is "broke out with it" when it comes to getting out details. For the enlightenment of our readers he is the ladies' man par excellence! See "Honey."

Among others to receive discharges were Sergt. Heilman and Sergt. Flemming, Corporals Ellis and Keller. The former was first duty sergeant and has been succeeded by Corporal Haney, being promoted to sergeant. We do not know the names of the privates who were discharged—but suffice it to say—there were quite a few.

61ST BALLOON COMPANY

Sergeant F. C. Ewing.

Our barracks have begun to look as if some of our boarders had moved. Twenty-four birds have "flew the coop" with their "H. D.'s." We believe they would like to remain with us, rabbits, but orders are orders and they had to go.

First Sergeant Taylor, one of the lucky twenty-four, bade us goodbye over the telephone in order that the flood of tears would not wash Florence field away. With his three silver stripes and one red one, he leaves the company with a record. He was one of the three enlisted

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men who organized this company, August 28, 1918. The other two are doomed for life. He made a good first sergeant, fair and square with every man, was his motto. We rejoice with him in his good luck, but we are sorry to give him up.

Corporal Earl Poor is acting first sergeant and believes in getting out his details. He is good at the job, only when he eats hard boiled eggs for breakfast, you had better look out for he will be hard all day.

We are expecting to have some visitors soon, Sixty-second company, that is, those that are left, will be transferred to our company. We congratulate them upon their choice of companies, but can find plenty of detail work for them when they arrive.

Mr. Franklin P. Quick, our former company commander, made us a short visit last week.

Private Johnson still rings the door bell on Howard street every Thursday night, he does not realize that the prices of door bells are higher since the war began.

Private Sahl, formerly mail orderly, has dressed himself in full dress uniform and makes a very good K. P. There was only one disadvantage in his past work and that was handling "dead letters." Scraping pans and slinging hash can not compare with that.

The acting sergeants, corporals and acting first-class privates are fighting the battles of Florence field to a victorious end. We do not know when peace will be signed, but hope that our discharge will be soon.

63D BALLOON COMPANY

E. W. Gherke.

Mr. James C. Suttie, formerly Sergeant "Jim" was around visiting the boys the other day in his civilian clothes. Wonder when we will be able to do the same?

No. 1 squad room is pretty well supplied with sergeants and corporals at present, as the personnel force is now in our company.

Case of the photographic department has recently been promoted to corporal. Let us hope he doesn't get as hard boiled as some of the corporals we have had.

We notice Private William Rusie answers roll call every morning now.

81ST BALLOON COMPANY

A. D. F.

Lieutenant E. S. Kassler, jr., left for Fort Morgan, Colo., in charge of a detachment to be discharged there.

Lieutenant C. A. Osburn is now in command of the High Ball balloon company.

Lieutenants Bird and Howell reported to this company for duty. Sidney I. Bacon reported to the company is now our top kick.

Private Morrison has been on fire guard quite often lately. Wonder why?

Private Ratzman has been relieved from duty as sandbag corporal and has returned to civilian

life. He was our most earnest worker and, lucky enough to get out with the crowd last week, will take up his profession in the wild country of Texas as an A-1 plow-pusher. This line of work doubtless will bring back the forgotten smile. His friends all wish him good luck and success.

Private J. J. Sullivan, who has been assisting in the office, was relieved and reported back to his old job of basket corporal.

Anyone wishing information regarding the popularity of sailors should interview Private Schmitt at his downtown headquarters at the Wellington Inn.

Quite a few of the Omaha girls have a sorrowful look lately. The reason is that smiling Bill Kirby has gone back to New Jersey to fight the mosquitoes.

Corporal Fenstemaker just returned from Minneapolis on a five-day pass. Let us hope it does not turn out to be serious, Fensty.

Private Hall just returned from another "rabbit" hunt. He is planning on taking Silent Bob Hatley on his next trip. By the way, Bob bought some sheep last week and is counting the hours when he will get out to see them.

Private Godfrey accepted a new position at one of the officer's quarters as fireman and orderly.

All ye rabbits better be on the lookout, as the company is about to get its rifles, and first in order is to hunt up all rabbits in the season.

Privates Reed and Stine on January 22 performed their first labor since entering service. Hurrah, boys, we're glad to see you do something for a change.

The Eighty-first company is now up to the front by adding Act. Buck Private Stiers on the roster. In regards to rabbits, he has all rabbits outclassed by being a genuine "flannel-tail."

Cooks Batton and Neuberger are arranging a swell feed for Sunday dinner. Cook Batton is busy instructing his crew in pastry work.

Regarding the Truth.

"De truth ain't allus easy to git at," said Uncle Eben. "A man kin sometimes say sumpin' in half a minute dar he can't explain in five years."—Washington Star.

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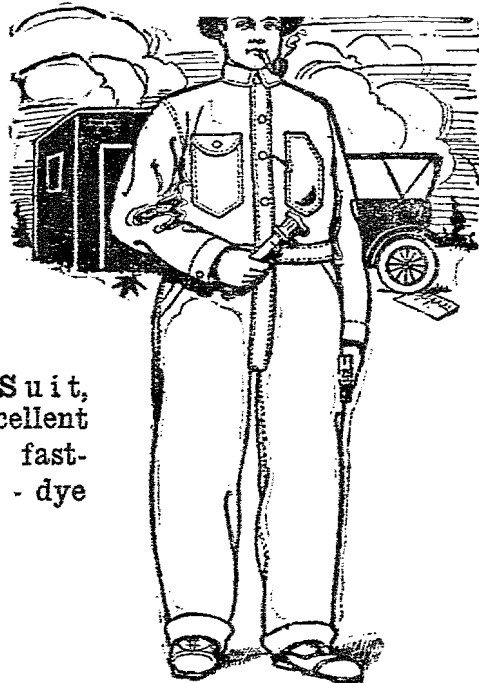
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TWENTY-FOUR OFFICERS WILL GET D. S. MEDALS

Ten Major Generals, Thirteen Brigadiers, 1 Colonel Named by Pershing.

Washington, D. C.—Ten major generals, thirteen brigadier generals and one colonel have been selected by General Pershing for distinguished service medals for their work in connection with the creation of the American army in France and its successful assault of the German lines. The citations were made public by the war department.

One of the major generals, Charles T. Menoher, commander of the Forty-second (Rainbow) division, now director of the air service, was decorated yesterday by Secretary Baker. General Pershing's citation of this officer showed that the division participated in practically all of the important engagements of the American army, and it said that the "reputation as a fighting unit of the Forty-second division is in no small measure due to the soldierly qualities and military leadership of this officer."

The other major generals to be decorated are William H. Wright, successively commander of the Thirty-seventh division, the Third, Fifth and Seventh army corps and the Eighty-ninth division; George W. Read, Thirtieth division; John L. Hines, successively regimental, brigade, division and corps commander; Charles H. Muir, Twenty-eighth division; Charles P. Summerall, First division and Fifth army corps; William G. Haan, Thirty-second division; Henry T. Allen, Ninetieth division; Adelbert P. Cronkhite, Eightieth division, and Francis J. Kernan, organizer of the overseas service and supply and member of the supreme war council.

The brigadier generals decorated are Leroy Altinge, assistant chief of staff, A. E. F.; Preston Brown, chief of staff of the Second division and later commander of the Third division; Avery D. Andrews, assistant chief of staff in charge of transportation; Dennis E. Nolan, chief of intelligence, A. E. F.; Fox Connor, assistant chief of staff in charge of equipment; Harold B. Fiske, chief of training section, general staff, A. E. F.; Harry A. Smith, commandant of army schools at Langres, France, and civil administrator in occupied German territory; Johnson Hagood, organizer of training system in France; Paul B. Malone, brigade commander during major operations; Frank R. McCoy, secretary, general staff, A. E. F., and subsequently commander of the Sixty-third brigade; Hugh A. Drum, chief of staff, First army, and William D. Connor, assistant chief of staff of the A. E. F., and later chief of staff of the service of supply.

The colonel named is John McA. Palmer, who was on the general staff and later commanded the Fifty-eighth infantry brigade north of Verdun.

EARLY VICTORY DUE TO YANKS' WORK

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two being made up from the surplus strength of other companies, which came 200 strong and were then reduced to 170.

I have practically closed up, and expect the companies to begin moving out within the next week or ten days. Colonel Chandler promised me, when I had arranged for getting the companies under way, that I would get orders for me to return to the states, so I presume I will be over soon after you receive this letter.

Since coming over here, my opinion of Fort Omaha has risen still higher for it is an actual fact that no balloon school in the world has done as good work, taking all together, as Fort Omaha.

I knew that we had been doing good work but I did not realize it at the time how favorably it would compare with the work done at other schools.

The balloon companies have a wonderful reputation over here; very much higher than heavier than air organizations. Their strict attention to duty, their cheerful acceptance of discipline, together with their really remarkable efficiency have won for them the highest praise.

In the fights of Chateau Thierry, the St. Mihiel push and the long Argonne drive, they kept right up

"Bring on the Civies" Is the Reigning Cry of the Returning Yank Soldiers



"Bring on the civies!"

'Tis the countersign of the discharged soldier. One hears it at home as he shakes the mothballs out of the cedar chest. And one hears it at the suit, shirt, hat and shoe stores, where he joyfully tries on duds that are not O. D.

Uncle Sam gives him three months to change back into unarmy clothes, but the quest for civies begins three minutes after the homecoming.

Before the clothing store mirrors they try on blues and blacks and grays and stripes, and usually it is the first coat they try that produces, "This'll do. Can't wait to have it altered. Take it as it is."

A couple of partly ununiformed

men stood before a mirror trying on caps. They'd had enough of hats.

"How do you like this?" asked one. "Fine, how's this baby? Say, they feel swell," replied the other new civilian.

They gave their campaign hats to the clerk. One's hatcord was gold, the wearer was a captain, and the other was blue, he was a buck private doughboy.

Mothers and sisters and wives never looked so well as they do in an O. D. uniform, campaign hat and broad substantial shoes, but to themselves they never looked so well as they do on return to civies.

Conservative, business men's suits are in demand.

They also go in for dress suits. One returned lieutenant refused his bride-to-be a military wedding, and sported soup and fish at the altar.

And shoes. The soldiers for months have heard lectures on getting shoes large enough, and shoes made to fit the feet, not feet made to fit the shoes, but they hit at once for "something stylish," and the stylish shoe they want has a pointed toe, and is fitted for silk socks.

To mother and the girls they never looked so well as they do in an O. D. uniform, campaign hat and broad substantial shoes, but to themselves they never looked so well as they do on return to civies.

And the boys win. Mother and the girls submit to their demand, "Bring on the civies!"

with fighting units and were ready to work with the Artillery, sometimes before the Artillery was in position. In some cases, balloons were maneuvered ten or twelve kilometers by hand across country to get into new positions. In doing this work, they kept up the continual drive in rainy weather and under most depressing conditions, but were always ready to furnish information as soon as it could be used. Many balloons have been burned and the Observers have had to jump for their lives. In some cases, one observer has had two or three balloons in a day, but would immediately get another balloon and go up. As garrison troops in camps, they have shown excellent discipline and acquired the reputation, which the Division Commander here at Camp Souge said to me, that "he never had any trouble from balloon troops—that I knew they would be all right anywhere." Isn't it really fine that the boys have shown up so splendidly. Anyone connected with the Balloon Service really has reason to be proud of it.

Nearly all the boys are quite anxious to get back and mustered out, and I think that most of the companies will be returning within the next four or five months. The first ones will probably leave almost as soon as this letter does, and others will follow from time to time.

I was, of course, sorry not to have gotten over in time to have had some active work on the front, but I am glad that the war has ended, and ended with such a grand victory for all of us. It was the American troops that made the quick ending possible. So full of dash and enthusiasm that although their losses were heavy the Germans could not hold them at all. Their own intelligence reports said that the American troops, which they had expected to be lacking in training and discipline, had proven

to be shock troops of the first quality. And so throughout the slow Argonne drive, machine gun nests and all kinds of difficulties, natural and artificial, had to be overcome, but it was one steady pound, pound, driving to the German heart, the fact that they had met men who were the superior in regard to fighting quality. The morale of the German army fell rapidly, as they realized that millions more like our boys on the front would come if necessary. It is truly wonderful, the work done by these troops from the States.

Please remember me kindly to all the good friends at Fort Omaha and in the city of Omaha when you see them. I hope to get mustered out as soon as I reach the States, and back to quiet life again. With the kindest regards to you and Mrs. Wuest, I am

Sincerely yours,
H. B. HERSEY.

FAREWELL MILITARY BALL SATURDAY EVE

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of ice cream and a quiet talk between dances.

Great Minstrel Show.

The initial attraction of the evening will be a minstrel show. The cast will include original talent from the personnel of the three posts. The exact arrangement of parts is kept a mystery and oodles of surprises are promised. The affair is expected to make a big hit.

A series of short vaudeville skits, sketches, stunts and acts will be interspersed with the dancing. The entire evening will be chocked cram full of entertainment of the most desirable character. Dancing will continue until 1 a. m.

Sale of tickets will be limited. Those in charge desire to avoid filling the auditorium to uncomfort-

able capacity. Soldiers and their friends have been given the first opportunity to purchase them at 75 cents each. They have been placed on sale at downtown hotels and drug stores and at points in the three posts.

Committees in Charge.

Major Eugene W. Crockett is chairman of the affair. The general committee includes Captains Wedemeyer, Whites, Goodale, Pierce, Harrell, Townsend, Wise, Alexander and Ayling.

Other committees are: Finance and tickets: Captain Pierce, Lieutenants McEntire, Kirkpatrick and Cluck.

Advertising and publicity: Captain Ayling, Lieutenants Harrison, Reber, Ogilbee and Sergeant William Shea.

Music: Captain Wedemeyer, Lieutenants Conklin, Connolly, Gledhill.

Entertainment: Captain Goodale, Lieutenants Burgess, Taylor and Dean.

Officer interest: Captain Harrell, Lieutenants Kingsland, Godfrey and Clapp.

Company interest: Captain Wise, Lieutenant Froehlich, Sergeants Caspar, Sampter, Flanders, Cooper and Jones.

Renting, seating, decorations, supper and liquid refreshments: Captain Alexander, Lieutenants Faulk and Reynolds.

Programs and public interest: Captain White, Captain Townsend, Lieutenants Thompson, Blackburn and Vollmar.

Police, military and civil: Lieutenants Spaulsberry and Blackburn.

Lighting: Lieutenant Powell. Medical department: Lieutenants Dedolph and Riggs.

Floor committee: Captain Townsend, Lieutenants Finley, McNeil, Bigelow, Holmes, Lundberg, Neely, MacLeod, Adams, Babcock, Dezen-dorf, Totson, Nelson, Bird, Harns, Howell, Dana, Dennen, Robertson, Callan and Jordan.

A. S. C. A. MEMBERS WILL CHANGE NAME

Naval and Marine Corps
Flying Officers Join
Association.

Although officers in the flying services of the army, navy and marine corps have always been eligible as members of the A. S. C. A., recent developments indicate that a large number of naval and marine corps flying officers will shortly join the association. In order that the association names shall be more indicative of the nature of the organization it has been recommended that it be changed to the Army and Navy Air Service association.

At a special meeting of the board of control of the association, held on January 15, at which representatives of naval aviation were present, it was voted to call a special meeting of the association for February 15, 1919, at which time two amendments to the constitution will be submitted with the approval of the board of control. These amendments will comprise the recommended change in name, and authority for the board of control to appoint temporary officers or members of the board, to take the place of officers or members who have resigned.

The naval officers present were, Commander Towers and Lieutenant Commander Billinger, U. S. N. and Major Cunningham U. S. M. C., who composed a committee selected at a meeting of a number of naval and marine corps aviation officers. Commander Towers reported that it was the sense of the meeting that, individually, the officers believed that the naval and marine flying officers should affiliate with the association.

At the February meeting it is intended that the details of the affiliation be carried out and that everything be done to make the association a representative national flying institution.

TWENTY-FIVE OF PRETTIEST GIRLS IN BENEFIT PLAY

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This feature alone would make the entertainment an attractive one. All of the girls' patriotic clubs in the city were called upon to furnish their prettiest members.

The list of participants for the second half of the performance, which will consist of a series of vaudeville sketches connected by a breezy little plot, is not completed. It is announced that Miss Adelaide Fogg and Miss Pleasant Holyoke, two of the prettiest and best known dancers in the city, will take prominent parts.

The cast of "David Garick" is as follows:

David Garick Minna Stedinger
Ingot Marjorie Corrigan
Chivy Elizabeth Beveridge
Ada Ingot Mildred Mekeel
Araminta Brown .. Daisy Constant
Mr. Jones Maude Corey
Mr. Smith Ethel Mulholland
Mrs. Smith Florence Olson
Mr. Brown Agnes Coffey
Thomas Clara McCurdy
George Katherine Beveridge

SOLDIERS IN FRANCE USE PIG FOR SENTRY

"When the war became a trench conflict the soldiers in the trenches cultivated pets—dogs, cats, parrots, and even goats and pigs," says Ladd Plumley in an article entitled "Strange Sentries" in the January issue of Boys' Life. "And it was soon observed that the feathered or four-footed friends knew that their masters were in peril and managed to give warning when a raid of the enemy was about to take place."

"The story is told of a little pig that was intended for a roast but never went into the baking oven. Piggy was owned by a French aviator, and, on excellent authority, it is said that 'Ace Piggy' showed his excitement when enemy planes were coming and managed in some piggy way to notify his master. These mysterious powers as a sentry were the wonder and talk of all the aviators of the sector and Piggy's masters came to depend absolutely upon his little sentry of coiled tail and beady eyes."

Show This to Your Dad.

General Foch is 97, rises promptly at 6:30, lunches at 12 and retires smack at 10:30—Boys' Life.

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SILVER STARS.

A new creature, which has "the rabbit" and "the handshaker" handicapped miles for sheer inane asininity, has sprung up in our midst.

His one purpose in life is to pat HIMSELF on the back every possible time.

His latest act of stupidity is to place a SILVER STAR under his service stripes. His reason for doing this he will tell you is because of his gallant act in enlisting voluntarily. In his own mind he has the edge on those who entered the service in the manner designated as most efficient by the president of the United States.

It matters not with what ardor these men afterward threw themselves into their new life, what sacrifices they made nor where they went for their country, his act was far more chivalrous than any of theirs.

I have seen many of these stars on the sleeves of men. I have seen none under THREE SERVICE CHEVRONS. Undoubtedly some men who volunteered directly after war was declared are wearing them.

But the majority of these GLORY GRABBERS are men who wear but one or two service chevrons—in other words, men who enlisted from six months to one year following the declaration of war—many, many days after DRAFTTEES WERE IN THE TRENCHES.

TAKE THEM OFF. THEY ARE AN INSULT TO THE WORD AMERICANISM.

And besides, who ever knew an UNMODEST hero?

THE GAS BAG.

The publication of the Gas Bag will continue.

Deeming it an essential institution of Fort Omaha, Lieutenant Colonel Jacob W. S. Wuest, commanding officer, directed that the publication of the Gas Bag be carried on.

Several of the members of the staff have been discharged but their places have been filled and the staff rebuilt. Plans to enlarge the scope of the paper are being worked out.

There are places for writers and cartoonists of ability on the staff. Men desiring to join are requested to call at the Gas Bag office in the North Barracks.

21 BALLOONS LOST IN LAST DRIVE

During the last Allied offensive, between September 26 and November 11, twenty-one American balloons were lost. A report on the balloon companies of the First army in France shows that fifteen balloons were destroyed by German aeroplanes and six by shells, and that the enemy lost at least fifty.

The Turn of the Road.

Private Charles Divine, 107th Infantry, A. E. F., in Judge.

We traveled love-roads, you and I,
Up lantered ways so dim and far
I thought some night we'd reach the sky
And stop to kiss upon a star.

But here's a road I take alone—
More roads there are than songs to sing—
O half of love is never known,
And half of life's remembering.

Think how my heart swings high with song,
Though dark the sky and rough the track!
You'll know its name, if I am long—
The road where only dreams come back.

An idea of how hot was the action in which the American units were engaged was indicated by the statement that the Eleventh Balloon company was attacked four times on October 6, and that Lieutenants J. A. McDevitt and G. D. Armstrong, attached to that company, were forced to jump twice to escape enemy attacks. Lieutenant W. J. R. Taylor, Sixth company, and Lieutenant B. T. Burt and J. A. Higgs, Seventh company, also made four jumps each. American officers in all, during the offensive, made thirty parachute jumps.

Lieutenant C. M. Reeves, a student observer with the Seventh company, was in the air only four hours and made three parachute jumps, two balloons being burned over his head.

Major-General Summerall, in a communication to the commanding officer of the corps balloon group, commended the companies for their work.

TRY THIS IN A FREE BALLOON

The Director of Military Aeronautics has ruled against the shooting of wild fowl with machine guns from aeroplanes.

"The shooting of wild fowl with machine guns from aeroplanes is absolutely forbidden. Aeroplanes will not be used in any manner for hunting or shooting wild fowl. Aeroplane flights along the coast, or at any place where migratory wild fowl may be found, will be conducted in such a manner as to interfere as little as possible with the habits and feeding of the wild fowl."

"Commanding Officers will use every means to carry out the regulations and will bring to trial any offenders that may in the future be guilty of breaking any of them."

PERSONNEL OFFICE.

P. S. Coloni.

With the strength of the post decreased 35 per cent, night work in this office will be considered "quo ante bellum."

On the flight list: Sgt. Evans, Corporals Davis and Ent. Remarks: "I was afraid of losing my happy home."—Evans. "I kissed her photograph (Saurel Tops) good-bye."—Davis. "So long West Point and Quacker Town."—Ent.

The 73rd company being demobilized the entire personnel staff has been transferred to the 63rd. We surely will miss Captain Wise, or, as most of us called him, "Daddy." His favorite "haw haws," and his early morning call of "rise and shine" will be heard no more by us.

For Sale—Four weeks' growth, the feather duster on my upper lip. Inspection permitted by application only, and a deposit must be made. —Sgt. 1cl Zerbs.

By the way, corporal, there is a certain girl in a small hamlet of Nebraska, that is awaiting for an explanation to an article that recently appeared in this column, so please don't break the lassie's little heart.

Considerable "stepping" was done during the past week by Sgt. 1cl Ellwein. We haven't all met her, but some say "She's a doll."

"If I go to bed, I will dream of discharges, so it is best for me to stay all night and get through with this work."—Corp. Cox. (And by

so doing he was forced to quit and sleep for two long days and by information given us by the top-kick of the 63rd, a locomotive couldn't wake him up.)

TRAINING OF WOUNDED OFFERS ADVANTAGES

Camp Taylor to Be Equipped to Accommodate 3,000 Maimed Heroes.

Louisville, Ky.—A reconstruction department of the overseas convalescent detachment is being organized and will be put into operation shortly at Camp Zachary Taylor. Three thousand wounded soldiers from overseas will be trained in occupations, which will make them economic assets instead of a burden upon society.

The courses will cover from three months to a year, and will include seventeen subjects. Officers and enlisted men, white and negroes, will be given the same opportunities. The course to which each individual is assigned will be gauged not only by his physical infirmities, but his previous educational or mechanical training.

While the students in the big school are being trained, they will be paid \$65 a month and will receive clothing, quarters and rations as well as medical attention of the highest degree.

Alights on Roof, Aviator Wins Prize

Paris.—Jules Vederines, the aviator, won a prize of 25,000 francs for being the first airman to land on the roof of a house during a flight.

He performed the feat by landing on the roof of the Galleries Lafayette, a large department store near the St. Lazare station, making the spectacular landing as he skimmed the parapet surrounding the roof by only a few inches. The machine was slightly damaged, but Vederines was injured. He says he intends to fly around the world.

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11TH BALLOON CO. SAW MUCH SERVICE

Fort Omaha Unit Was in Continuous Action Since September.

First Lieutenant Charles E. Barber, commanding officer of the Eleventh Balloon company, A. E. F., has recently reported to the director of military aeronautics. Lieutenant Barber was recalled to serve here as an instructor at one of the southern camps.

The Eleventh Balloon company saw continuous service from the day last August when it went to the Toul sector. It operated during the St. Mihiel drive that began September 12 and the battle of the Argonne, September 26.

Looking back over those days Lieutenant Barber finds two days standing out conspicuously in his memory. One of these was at St. Mihiel with the Eleventh Balloon company at the Pontau Mousson, and word coming over the wire from the observer in the balloon that the Germans had started a box barrage about seven kilometers away. Word was sent to the intelligence section of the Thirtieth division, both by telegraph and by motorcycle, and a counter barrage was started at once by the artillery, that prevented the enemy from coming over and carrying out their plan. The commanding officer of the Ninetieth division expressed his appreciation of the service. This, said Lieutenant Barber, was only one instance showing the increasing confidence of the artillery in the balloons. A second day that stands out in the annals of the balloon company was one marked by four parachute jumps. The German planes were attacking from all sides—coming over in one continuous procession—and two observers had twice to abandon their balloons.

"But we lost only one balloon during the whole of our service," said Lieutenant Barber, "and that one we carried through the St. Mihiel campaign and through the Argonne. It had sixty-four bullet holes in it when it burned on October 6th."

"All the balloon equipment used by the A. E. F. in France was American made," said Lieutenant Barber, "except the winches—motors and tractors—which were supplied by the French and were very powerful, very effective, never once falling expectations."

There were twenty-one balloon companies in all. At St. Mihiel four or five of these were French, the rest American. At the Argonne there were three French balloon companies. These were east of Verdun. All the balloon companies west of Verdun were American. Looking over the battlefield about six balloons at a time would be visible, easily seen when spread over Grand Pre. The balloons were put up usually, about four kilometers from the German lines and from

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"NEWTON D. BAKER,
Secretary of War."

one to three kilometers from the allied artillery headquarters. At Chateau Thierry, however, they were sent up closer to the German lines.

"What bothered the balloon observers most were the mists of France," said Lieutenant Barber—"flashes of sunlight and blue sky, and then hours of low gray fog frustrating the best efforts of the balloon, shutting out swiftly what often promised to be an observation of great strategical importance."

Lieutenant Barber went over with the Thirty-third Aero squadron, but, being commissioned in the balloon division, was sent to the balloon school at Camp de Souge, near Bordeaux, which had been enlarged by absorbing the American Balloon school, formerly at Marny.

BOILED BRIEFS.

There may be 500,000 German soldiers still under arms, according to estimates of military experts of the British army.

Three returned sailors were grooms in a triple wedding at Jefferson, Ia., last week. Two were brothers and their sister was one of the brides.

The strangest mascot ever seen aboard ship, belongs to H. M. S. Valiant, a British dreadnought. It is a full-size boa constrictor.

Curiosity.

A girl was reading a letter to her chum on the street car. At the second page she stopped and said: "Will says that if the cold weather continues he is going to put on his O. D's. I'm so curious to know what they are, but I haven't the courage to write and ask him."—Judge.

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Miss Madelene Kendall; Our New Society Editor



Miss Madelene Kendall is the new Society Editor of the Gas Bag. Miss Kendall is a stenographer in the engineering department. She has been in the post since September, 1917. Before her assignment to the engineering office she was in the headquarters office. Miss Kendall, beyond doubt, is the only woman member of an army camp newspaper staff.

Dan Cupid Invades Florence Field Canteen Successfully

All Three Workers There Are Victims of His Well- Aimed Shafts.

Cupid put it all over the most versatile "flu" germ when he invaded the Florence Field canteen last month.

He cleaned house in positive fashion, scoring three hits out of a possible three. Morgan L. Croft, Charles Langley and Fenton M. Knowlton were the three men on special duty there.

Knowlton is the only surviving one of the trio—and Cupid didn't miss him.

Langley was the first to fall. While on a five-day leave early in December he visited his home in Detroit, Mich., and returned a benedict. His bride was Miss Carrie Hannett.

Shortly after the holidays, Croft and Miss Lottie M. Owens were married at the home of the bride's parents in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Croft are making their home at 3059 Curtis avenue.

On January 8 the third of the trio, Knowlton, and Miss Ella M. Johnson were quietly married at a church in Des Moines. The husband returned to duty here, leaving his bride to await his discharge.

Langley has received his release from service and Croft has been transferred to service in the can-



Mrs. Fenton M. Knowlton.

teen at the post.

Earl Webb, new man at the field canteen, says he doesn't fear Cupid at all. Although he parts his hair in the middle, he thinks he is immune.

SOLDIERS MAY NOW ESCORT GIRLS HOME

Soldiers may now escort Patriotic league girls home from social activities, according to announcement made by War Camp Community Service heads.

"This does not mean that the supervision will become lax, but that we will meet new conditions in a normal way," said Frances L. Range, publicity director.

"Our big purpose now is to change from war plans to reconstruction programs, and to establish normal comradeships between the men and girls."

"Men in uniforms at first resented the ban on taking girls home as a reflection on them. The rule was not a reflection but represented an organized effort to furnish entertainment in the days when communities were swamped with armies, almost in a day."

"The girls of Omaha have built up splendid standards in the clubs, and are delighted with the co-operation of the men in uniform who helped them live up to these standards."

— Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

On Thursday, January 16, the Rev. Mr. Austin of the Pearl Memorial Methodist church gave a fine talk on the duties of Christian men to state and government. Following his talk there was singing by a choir of twenty-five young ladies.

On Sunday evening Nebraska State Secretary Musselman spoke on "Future Opportunities."

Mrs. McLaughlin furnished an entertainment Monday evening. The most striking feature of the program was Miss Pauline Capps' dancing. Mr. Shanahan's monologue was very pleasing.

A play was given by the students of the Dramatic club of the University of Omaha on Wednesday. Music was furnished by a jazz band.

Secretary Seaton, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., was absent on a trip of several days to northern Minnesota.

Mr. Lichy of Chicago, head of the central department war work council, who is to sail soon for France, spent Monday in this city in conference with Secretary Radford.

DANCING CLASS HAS GRADUATED

The dancing class, which has been under instruction for two months at the Army and Navy club, has graduated and its members are swinging "wicked hoofs" at the various parties being held in honor of men in uniform.

The class has been discontinued temporarily, but will be resumed as soon as a new group can be formed. Any one interested is requested to report to Charles Levings at the club.

The new arrangement of the rooms at the Army and Navy club is meeting with the unqualified approval of the men who visit there.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE TO HAVE NOVEL IDEAS

Many new ideas will be introduced in 1919 White Elephant sale to be conducted by the Woman's Service league January 29, 30 and 31 at the auditorium. Refreshments this year will be served on the stage. A stairway leading to the stage will be erected. An elevated platform will be placed in the middle of

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Adorable Dancer Will Charm Men February 8

The "Shimi" dance is graceful and pretty if properly executed, according to Miss Adelaide Fogg, Omaha dancing teacher, and "it is perfectly awful to call it such a name!"

"It is really the 'tickle toe,' and



Miss Adelaide Fogg.

one of the most graceful and prettiest dances of the century," says the young teacher, whose beauty and dancing ability would make anything seem charming.

Miss Fogg will take a prominent part in the benefit entertainment to be given February 8 at the Brandeis theater by the War Camp Community Service for the Armenian Relief.

She may demonstrate the "Shimi" to prove her contention. Men in uniform will be honor guests at the performance.

The auditorium for the Fort Omaha band which will play music for dancing in a square to be blocked off.

A 5 and 10 cent table will be new. This table will receive seemingly worthless gifts. Housewives are urged to ransack their attics and cellars for "white elephants," which will be received at the auditorium January 27, 28 and 29.

SERVICE LEAGUE LIVES UP TO NAME

In rendering "service" in keeping with its name, the Woman's Service league throughout the period of the war has found many avenues of activity that were not touched by other organizations.

Recently the league has been furnishing "surprise" boxes for the wounded boys from overseas who pass through Omaha. It has supplied 218 boxes which are filled with dainty foods, little joke books, paper checker boards and other things to lighten the tedium of travel for the "litter" cases. At Christmas time the organization furnished 105 such boxes and the gratitude of the wounded men was touching in the extreme.

The league plans to continue such work, co-operating with the

Red Cross canteen. This is one of the many expenditures of the league which is planning to replenish its treasury at the White Elephant sale to be held at the auditorium January 29, 30 and 31.

COLLECT RAGS TO KEEP SOLDIERS BUSY

Young women members of the Patriotic and D. T. A. clubs in Omaha are to assist in furnishing occupation to wounded Nebraska soldiers recuperating in the Fort Des Moines hospital by collecting huge quantities of rags, which will be woven into rugs by the soldier boys. Looms have already been provided.

DANCES.

W. A. Frazer Grove No. 1, Woodmen of the World, will give a dance at Crounse Hall, Sixteenth and Capitol avenue, Friday evening, January 24. Soldiers are invited.

The Patricia club gave a dance for men in uniform on Monday evening, at the hall at Twenty-second and Locust.

On Saturday, January 25, there will be a dance given for soldiers at Jacobs Hall by the Patriot and Victory clubs.

The Cecilia club gave a dance Tuesday night, at the Saint Cecilia Parish House.

The D. T. A. girls entertained at a dance at the K. C. hall at Fort Omaha Wednesday night.

The S.O.S. club gave a dance at the Florence Field K. C. hall Wednesday night for the boys.

The Angelus club entertained boys from Fort Omaha at a dance Thursday evening at Druid hall.

The Household Epicure.

"So you are going to let your cook go?"

"Yes. Can't afford to keep her. I don't mind the salary, but her tastes in food are out of my reach."

—Washington Star.

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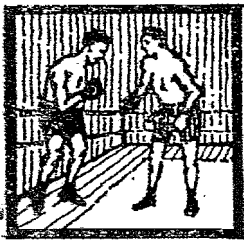
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DREXEL AND KIRBY WILL MIX AT FORT

Omaha Welterweight Agrees to Meet Post Scrapper in Fast Bout.

Five Boxing Matches and a Wrestling Round on Big Fight Night.

Jimmy Drexel, an Omaha welterweight scrapper of considerable fame, has been chosen to meet Batling Kirby, former champion of the Canadian army, in the feature attraction of "Fight Night" at Fort Omaha, February 3, Lieutenant Faulk, who is in charge of the program, has announced.

For more than a week Lieutenant Faulk searched for a suitable opponent for Kirby, who at the last fight night proved himself in the class of the 145-pound grapplers of the post. Finally, he located Drexel and Jimmy consented to take on the soldier champion. Kirby has received his discharge from the army and gone back to Illinois, but he has assured Lieutenant Faulk he will return to Omaha for the go. Drexel and Kirby will box six rounds.

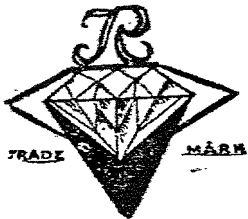
Principals in three other bouts have been named. Walsh and Erickson will go four rounds and Gates and Henderson will clash in a scrap over the same distance. All four are soldiers. Another bout will be between Roscoe and Spellman. Roscoe is a soldier; Spellman a local protege.

The other six-round bout of the evening will be between Lieutenant Faulk's dark horse, who is now known as "Denver," and a local man yet to be named.

A wrestling bout also is being scheduled. Jack Tolliver issued a challenge that no soldier of his weight in the world could throw him. Lieutenant Faulk hopes to uncover one who can.

Brewers to Change Name.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Patrons of the Milwaukee club of the American association are conducting a campaign to rename the "Brewers" now that the manufacture of beer, Milwaukee's leading industry, has practically been buried. The team has been called the "Brewers" since joining the association. The "Badgers" is favored.



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Old Smile Fades From Rick's Face

Des Moines, Ia.—Courting deaths in clashes with boche planes in the clouds or toying with fate in fantastic aerial acrobats has driven the once constant smile from the lips of Captain "Eddie" Rickenbacker, an ace of the American airmen in France.

This is disclosed in a photograph of the airman, with his machine, just received by a friend of Rickenbacker's auto racing days, when he resided in Des Moines. His face now seems grim and set.

"The smile of days gone by has faded considerably as you will notice," he confesses in an accompanying note. "This is my 220-horsepower Spad, which I have had eighteen victories with. Am feeling bully and hope to be back in God's country again soon."

BENNY LEONARD BESTS JOHNNY DUNDEE EASILY

Champion Leads Throughout With Exception of First and Second.

New Yorker Willing All the Time, but Opponent Is Too Fast for Him.

Newark, N. J.—Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, had no difficulty in outpointing Johnny Dundee of New York in an eight-round bout at the First Regiment armory here Monday night. The contestants weighed in at noon, Leonard tipping the scales at 134½ pounds and Dundee at 130.

With the exception of the first and second rounds, which went to Dundee on aggressiveness, the champion led throughout, landing the more effective blows. Dundee was willing at all times, but Leonard was too fast.

In the second and fourth rounds Leonard kept his opponent away with left hooks to the face and in the next round quickened the pace, cornering Dundee and sending in left hooks and short uppercuts.

The champion landed several rights to the body in the sixth and drove Dundee about the ring in the seventh with successive jabs.

In the final round Dundee was turned completely around by a hard left to the head. Dundee's face was marked when the bout ended.

Patsy Kline of Newark refereed.

MORE THAN 700 TEAMS FOR BIG BOWLING MEET

Toledo, O.—That there will be more than 700 teams in the nineteenth annual convention of the American Bowling congress to begin here March 8, was the assurance given by A. L. Langtry, secretary, at a meeting held here. Mr. Langtry reported that 100 teams are coming from Chicago, 200 will be entered from Toledo, twenty-five from St. Louis and thirty-two from Detroit. Entries close February 20.

Bronkie and Sloan Sign

New York.—The St. Louis American league club added two players to its 1919 roster here. Herman Bronkie, a third baseman, was purchased from the Indianapolis club, and Yale Sloan, at present in the navy, was signed to play when mustered out.

CREIGHTON TO PLAY CRACK NAVAL QUINT

Omaha Tossers Schedule Game With Sailors From Great Lakes Station.

Jack Tars Said by Experts to Be Best Five in Country.

Unless some cog in the machinery slips between now and February 15, Coach Tommy Mills of Creighton, hopes to see his basketball tossers wallop what experts of the east say is the greatest floor five in the entire country.

This super-team of Omaha lads hope to beat is the Great Lakes naval training five. They will play Creighton here on February 15.

The Great Lakes team has licked everything in sight in the east. It has given the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois, Big Ten conference teams, unmerciful drubbings as well as badly beating every other team they have faced. The sailors are led by Bill Chandler, last year captain of the Wisconsin quintet. For the last two years Chandler has been the outstanding star of the Big Ten conference.

Chandler has surrounded himself with a number of former Big Ten and other college stars.

But for all that this Jack Tar quintet has been said to be the classiest in the country. Mills predicts a victory for Creighton. Mills' confidence is felt by nearly all the basketball fans of Creighton. They maintained last year that Creighton had as good a team as ever stepped onto a floor, and they hold the same is true this year. And this year they expect their favorites to prove it by beating the sailors.

MAJORS WON'T SIGN TENTATIVE CONTRACT

Johnson and Heydler Refuse to Discuss Temporary Pact With Minors.

New York.—Ban Johnson and John A. Heydler, presidents respectively of the American and National Baseball leagues, decided at a conference not to sign at present a tentative agreement with the minor leagues.

Heydler said that he and Johnson would not sign the agreement until they had time to go into the subject more fully. They may take up the situation as presidents of their respective leagues at the next meeting of the national commission, he stated.

"I see no use in signing a temporary agreement," said Heydler. "If there is any discussion let it be over a real agreement between the two parties. The minors wanted to break the national agreement and we gave them permission to do so. Farrell Disappointed.

"By an unanimous vote of the sixteen major league clubs at the joint meeting last week, we agreed to respect the contracts, reservations up to twenty-one players and present territorial rights of the minor leagues. This is all on record. What more can they want?" John H. Farrell, secretary of the

National Association of Professional Baseball clubs, who had remained here to get the signatures of Heydler and Johnson, was greatly disappointed.

He said he did not think there would be any trouble in getting the signatures after the agreement had been approved by August Herrmann, chairman of the commission.

He added that while the big leagues had made several promises, the National association deemed it important that these promises should be in writing pending the drawing up of a lasting agreement. Names Committee.

President Johnson appointed Colonel Jacob Ruppert president of the New York club and Frank Navin president of the Detroit club as the American league committee to act with the national commission on the question of an available candidate for chairman of the national commission. They will act with the National League committee, William Baker of Philadelphia and William Veeck of Chicago.

\$11,000 MONTHLY PAY LIMIT IS REVOKED

New York.—The \$11,000 monthly salary limit decided on two days ago by the National league, was rescinded at a special executive

meeting of the league members here.

The new limit decided upon was considered insufficient and unworkable.

Wrestling Starts at "Y."

An amateur wrestling class started at the Young Men's Christian association Friday. Twelve amateur grapplers entered. The wrestling class is a forerunner of the second annual amateur Nebraska championship tournament which will be held at the "Y" in March.

Case Schedules Big Games.

Cleveland, O.—Case school of Applied Science football team will play Michigan at Ann Arbor on October 4, and Carnegie Tech. at Pittsburgh on October 18, according to the 1919 schedule.

Truth in Jest.

"The road to success is apt to be a long, hard one, my boy." "Are there no short cuts, father?" "Yes, my son. Our penitentiaries are full of men who took the short cuts."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

King George has been eating with the sailors. Wonder if he "rattles his gear" and shouts "Bring on the chow!"—Memphis Appeal.

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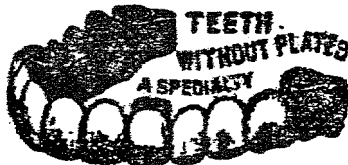
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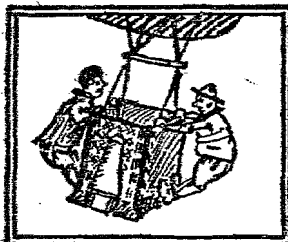
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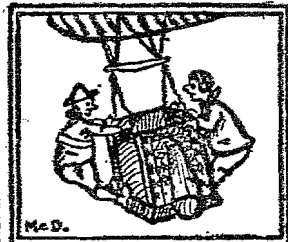
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Horrid Operator Gave Her Wrong Party on Phone

The other afternoon the office phone rang and a feminine voice said, "Hello, is this the — company? Call First Class Sergeant — to the phone."

"No, madam, this is not the — company, and I'm sorry, but Sergeant — would not be allowed to use the phone for outside communication, as this post system is for official business only."

"Oh, yes, he is; you see, I'm his wife, and I have called lots of times and never had any trouble getting him only sometimes when due to the inefficiency of some of the men, and I'm going to the commanding officer about it, too."

"But, my dear madam, I have run this telephone system for the last year and a half, and I assure you that your husband is not allowed to use it."

"Well, who are you, anyway?"

"I? Oh, my name's Powell."

A PATRIOTIC HISTORY.

A "BARLESS" KADET.

War was declared
And being
Patriotic
I enlisted in
The Air Service.
A commission
Looming up
Brightly
Before me.
Hardened by
Ground school work,
I came to
A flying field
To do or die.
I had a
Cross country
Flight
To make
Before I would
Be finished.
The night before
I bought my
Camouflage
An' everything,
And the tomorrow
Looked bright.
I cross-countryed
In fine style,
Returning with
A smile
As long as
My trip.
I checked in
All my clothes
When I heard
There would
Be no more
Commissions.
I have only
A pair of
Slippers and
An undershirt
Left.
What am I
To do?

—Rich Field Flyer.

Peace at Any Price.

Magistrate: Great Scot! officer, how did these men come to be so badly bruised and hattered up.

Officer: Please, your honor, they were discussing the peace settlement. —Baltimore American.

Uneasily lies the head that used to wear a crown. —Philadelphia Inquirer.

He Passed.

Medical Officer—Have you any organic trouble?
Recruit—No, sir. I ain't a bit musical. —Tit-Bits.

Fixing the Blame.

"Can you keep a secret, Peggy?"
"I can; but it's just my luck to tell things to other girls who can't." —Boston Transcript.

Consideration.

Tommy (at Red Cross concert)—What's that man got his eyes shut for while he's singing?
Friend—Because he can't bear to see us suffer. —London Opinion.

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She'll spy out any kind of man
And vamp him with her eyes.

And when her eyes are tired out,
She's not to be outdone,
She walks up to the counter
And vamps him with her tongue.

And when her tongue is worn to shreds
From gassing all the day,
She vamps 'em with her hands or feet.

Yes—? Or any other way.

LET'S TRY THIS ONE.

"You are a discharged soldier?" asked Judge Fitzgerald in Omaha police court, when George Hilton was arraigned on a charge of violating the automobile parking ordinance.

"Thank you!" said Hilton, and walked out of the court room.

Evidently the judge's inflection wasn't sufficiently pronounced. Hilton was in uniform, having been recently released from service.

HE COULDN'T GRASP IT.

War Correspondent Raymond G. Carroll, at a German prison camp in France, nodded toward a group of one-legged German prisoners.

"Each one of these cut-off legs," he said, "is a speech against the kaiser and militarism."

"A speech," said an English correspondent, puzzled.

"Yes," said Mr. Carroll, "A stump speech."
The Englishman is still puzzled. —Pearson's Weekly.

THERE ARE THREE KINDS

In search of a certain date in the history of the punitive expedition into Mexico, an Eagle with pad and pencil found his way into the office of one of the San Antonio newspapers.

"Good evening," he announced, his presence to the lady secretary to the managing editor. "I'm looking for a date."

"Yes?" she returned, "and may I ask with whom?" —Kelly Field Eagle.

Determined.

The lawyer was sitting at his desk absorbed in the preparation of a brief. So intent was he on his work that he did not hear the door as it was pushed gently open, nor see the curly head that was thrust into his office. A little sob attracted his notice, and, turning, he saw a face that was streaked with tears and told plainly that feeling had been hurt.

"Well, my little man, did you want to see me?"

"Are you a lawyer?"

"Yes. What do you want?"

"I want"—and there was a resolute ring in his voice—"I want a divorce from my papa and mamma." —New York Globe.

Comparison.

"It's just as wrong to gamble when you win as when you lose."

"Yassuh," asserted Mr. Erastus Pinkley. "De immorality is jes' as great, but he inconvenience ain't." —Washington Star.

Sour Grapes.

"Jack told me I was so interesting and so beautiful."

Marie—"And yet you will trust yourself for life with a man, who begins deceiving you even during his courtship." —Toronto Telegram.

If advice turns out to have been good, the giver is soon forgotten; if it proves to have been bad, he never hears the last of it. —Albany Journal.

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A high school boy, who has been employed as timekeeper, has had the opportunity of sleeping a couple of hours just before quitting time.

When the boy got home late one morning recently, his father asked him if his work had kept him at the plant.

"No," replied the boy, "the fellow who usually wakes me up forgot to do so this morning and I slept two hours after it was time to go home."

"Slept two hours after quitting time?"

"Yes," replied the boy, "but it is all right, I charged it up to overtime." —Youngstown Telegram.

WHY NOT SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, CHARLES

"Our shipbuilding program was in a bad way, but Charlie Schwab has given it a helping hand."

The speaker was Stanley Hawkins, director of camp singing in Camp Dix. He went on:

"Yes, Schwab has helped shipbuilding as efficaciously as the pretty girl helped her bashful adorer."

"As girl and adorer sat on the beach in the moonlight side by side, the young man said:

"Is your little Pekinese affectionate?"

"Affectionate? Indeed he is!" the girl replied. "Here, Fido! Come here and show Tom Jones how to kiss me." —Detroit Free Press.

EVEN AN ELEVATOR.

Intelligent Female (to balloon officer of observation sausage)—I wonder you don't have a ladder or a fire escape or something of that sort. Instead of just having that rope to climb up and down. —Aerial Age.

Her Wandering Boy.

An old mammy whose son was in France received a letter from him, the heading of which was "Somewhere in France."

On reading it, she exclaimed: "Just like that fool nigger to get lost over there!" —Judge.

It's all right to be prepared for the worst, but many a woman is reconciled to her loss long before her husband croaks. —Philadelphia Record.

No one wants this war to result in making the world safe for anarchy. That is why our boys must stay over there awhile. —Philadelphia Inquirer.

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When the steamship Northern Pacific was sinking in New York harbor some weeks ago, a lady called Fort Omaha, and with the best of intentions in the world, advised the officials of the post to send six or eight of our largest balloons post haste to the scene and raise the vessel. She left her name and address, but we won't tell.

Something Else Missing.

A short time ago when Mr. Trubee Davidson had made quite a hurried descent to the river in his flying boat, an enterprising reporter telephoned to the Aero Club of America, and speaking to Mr. Augustus Post, asked the reason for the mishap. Mr. Post told him that when Mr. Davidson had arrived over the Flying Yacht club landing he found that one of his cylinders was missing. Whereupon the reporter in all seriousness replied, "What! Did he forget to put it on before he started?" —Aerial Age.

Monkey Ranches Scarce.

An aviator landed in the outskirts of a western town with some plugs which needed tightening. The only person he could see around was a big shock-headed Swede.

"Say, friend," he said, "could you tell me where I could find a monkey wrench?"

The Swede looked at him blankly for a moment and then replied, "No, dis here bane sheep ranch an over dar bane a cattle ranch. Ay doan know vare de hall's a monkey ranch!" —Aerial Age.

"Liquor improves with age," remarks the connoisseur. "Yes, the longer you keep it the better it is for you," replied the passenger on the water wagon. —Philadelphia Record.

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BUNCH
OF us are
"STUCK" for a
WHILE longer
IN the service
BUT when I think
OF good times
AND good people
AND pretty girls
AROUND Fort Omaha
I am glad that I
AM not "stuck" at
KELLY Field
SO Omaha

I THANK YOU.

AIR SERVICE TOAST.

A toast to the boys who are sick-
ing,
Those lads with the brass and
the nerve,
To see this game to the doubtful
end,
With never a crook nor a curve,
A toast to the boys who are leav-
ing
To take up their work once
more;
Who drop their dreams they have
had so long—
And the days they used to soar,
And here's to the whole blamed
squadron,
That bunch that has worked like
hell—
For nearly a year through thick
and thin—
And now find themselves S. O. E.
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MAGAZINE SECTION



PIGEON MEETS A GIRL

By Frank D. Bianco

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It was a raw and misty evening and a cold drenching, drizzling mist kept falling unceasingly. It had been foggy that morning and only by noon had the fog raised enough to enable one to see a few paces before him. The fog had kept up all day and by evening the mist from the fog had drenched everything living and dead within touch of its cold, clammy hand.

Night had fallen and Pigeon was terribly restless. He felt homesick for his sunny fields of Texas. Unable to stand it any longer, he snatched his hat and went out into the drenching mist that kept falling. He approached the Y hut and heard loud clapping. This attracted his attention for the moment and he decided to go in. As he entered he knew there was an entertainment on for the boys. A lady sat at the piano playing a strange melody. Suddenly from the side of the platform there came a vision in red. It skipped about the stage in perfect unison with the music and Pigeon realized he was watching a dancer. She seemed so light on her feet, like a delicate bird fluttering on a breeze, high up in the skies. It was all new to Pigeon and he gazed in wonder and kept edging closer and closer to the stage. As she completed her dance he caught a glimpse of flashing white teeth and sparkling brown eyes and off she fluttered behind the wings.

The next number did not interest him and he tumbled out into the misty night again. He passed out the gate and walked unheeding the mist that fell and the narrow chill wind that swept through his overcoat, sending sure messages of approaching winter. He did not know how long he had walked and looked up just in time to see a great car whirl around a corner and then the wheels skidded and the enormous car crashed into an iron telephone pole. He heard a shrill scream, sounds of splintering glass and then quiet.

The next he knew he was bending over the frail form of a girl. How strange, he thought, her face seemed familiar. He went to the car, the driver was just recovering from the shock, and although somewhat dazed, managed to start the car which, after all, was not damaged beyond the splintering of the windshield. The girl, however, had been pitched clear out of the car and there was no telling how badly she was hurt. Only one thing occurred to Pigeon. There was a hospital at the fort and that was the nearest one he knew anything of, so he picked up the frail form and placing it gently in the rear seat, ordered the driver to rush back to the fort.

How they got there without further mishap was a miracle to Pigeon. The driver seemed to realize his mission and the car flew in spite of the slippery roads. A medical officer and two attendants took her from the car at the call of Pigeon and he was free to go back to his barracks, his task completed for the night.

It was late the next morning when he received a short note asking him to come and see her. He lost no time, and in a few minutes found himself standing beside her bedside. She lay there with her eyes closed and then slowly opened them. She smiled as she recognized him and Pigeon then knew it was the dancer he had seen the night before.

"I'm glad you came. I wanted to thank you."

He remained silent.

"Won't you tell me your name?" Her voice was so soft and appealing.

"Pigeon, er ah means Pegloe Johnson."

She laughed merrily at his confusion.

"You must come and see me after I am well, won't you?"

"Thank you, ma'am, ah will be glad to."

A week later Pigeon called at her home. She was waiting, when he knocked, at the door and opened it for him. A service flag hung in the door with two stars. Pigeon looked at them and then at her.

"My two brothers," she an-

swered his unasked question.

A sigh of relief escaped from Pigeon, for he had grave misgivings as to just what persons the two stars represented. He followed her into the parlor and she introduced him to her father and mother, who were delighted to see him and asked him about his home and his sunny Texas. He told them all he knew, for he liked to talk about his cotton fields and the warm, dreamy nights out in the open underneath a silvery moon.

The sun suddenly drooped behind a row of trees and Pigeon jumped up, almost forgetting how late it was getting. He excused himself and she made him promise to come back again. He did and left, and when he was out of sight, he broke into a run as though running away from himself. He could not explain it, only that he had met a girl.

Next Week: Another Adventure by Pigeon.

The Officers.

By Lieut. Wyatt Barbee, Garden City, N. J.

(Apologies to Kipling.)

Oh, I've taken this war where I've found it, And I've had me a hell of a time, I've had a collection of officers, And four of the lot were prime. One was a kid from West Point, And one was a duffer and also a bluffer, But the fourth put his nose out of joint.

It was a rookie to start with Green as the grass in the dell Captain McMullen he took me, And the captain was rougher than hell.

Two decades he'd been in the army, Two days since the draft took me in! But he taught me the way to squads right in a day, And I learned of the army from him!

Then I was shifted to Kelly, Or I might be cussing him yet; Drew me a second lieutenant, No brains, but a whole lot of pep. He thought he knew more than the colonel,

But the C. O. was wiser than sin. And he shipped him one day, to a field far away, But I learned about shave-tails from him.

Then I was transferred to Gerstner, Though I thought it was time to go 'cross;

Got me a captain from West Point, Who soon let me know who was boss.

I told him I was a mechanic, He said I looked more like a bum, So I had to K. P. and serve the ice tea, And I learned of the army from him.

Then I came up to this country—Along with a train load of men, In charge of a U. S. R. captain, A soldier he sure loved his men! He taught us how to be soldiers, We planned for the battles we'd win,

And the powers that be sent him over the sea, But we learned of the army from him!

Yes, I've taken this war where I found it, I've soldiered far from its sound, I wanted to kill off the Germans, But mosquitoes are all that I've found.

So when this old war is over, And a lot of civilians we'll be—My children can hear, at all times of the year,

Of the Long Island Battle from me! —OLE SCOUT.

Demobilize All but the Regulars

Washington, D. C.—Demobilization of combat units in the United States has been ordered, General March, chief of staff, told the house military committee.

This means, he added, that every unit of the army in the United States, with the exception of two regular regiments held for police duty at each camp, has been ordered demobilized.

9 IN AIR SERVICE GET D. S. CROSSES

Captain, Seven Lieutenants and Sergeant Are to Be Decorated.

The commander in chief, in the name of the president, has awarded the distinguished service cross to the following named officers and soldiers for acts of extraordinary heroism described after their names:

Sergeant (first class) Fred C. Graveline, Twentieth aero squadron, first day bombardment group (A. S. No. 20083). For repeated acts of extraordinary heroism in action near Villers-Devant-Dun, France, and Mouzon, France, September 29 and November 5, 1918. Volunteering to act as observer and aerial gunner because of the shortage of officer observers. Sergeant Graveline started on seven bombing missions, successfully reaching his objective on fourteen of these expeditions, shooting down two enemy aircraft. On two occasions, while flying in the rear of his formation he drove off superior numbers of German machines. Home address, Mrs. Josephine Graveline, his wife, 537 Main street, Springfield, Mass.

Captain Christopher W. Ford, air service, 103d aero pursuit squadron. For repeated acts of extraordinary heroism in action near Rheims, France, March 27, 1918, and near Armentieres, France, May 21, 1918. Near Rheims on March 27 Captain Ford, while on a patrol with two other pilots, led his formation in an attack on eight enemy planes. After twenty minutes of fighting the American formation shot down three German machines, of which one was destroyed by this officer. Near Armentieres on May 21 he again led a patrol of six planes in attacking twenty enemy aircraft. The attack resulted in ten individual combats. Captain Ford shot down one hostile plane and his patrol routed the others. Home address, Mrs. Harriett Chuff, aunt, 462 West 131st street, New York city, N. Y.

First Lieutenant Edward B. Cutter (deceased), Nineteenth aero squadron. For extraordinary heroism in action near Cunel, France, October 21, 1918. Responding to an urgent request for a plane to penetrate the enemy lines to ascertain whether or not the enemy was preparing to counter attack, Lieutenant Cutter immediately volunteered for the mission. Obligated to fly at a very low altitude on account of the unfavorable weather conditions, he was under terrific fire of the enemy at all times, by skillful dodging he managed to cross the enemy lines. His plane was seen to suddenly lurch and crash the short distance to the ground, both he and his observer being killed. Home address, Mrs. Mary S. Cutter, mother, Anoka, Minn.

First Lieutenant James A. Healy, air service, 147th aero squadron. For extraordinary heroism in action near Grandpre, France, October 30, 1918. Becoming separated from his patrol, Lieutenant Healy, flying at an altitude of 600 meters, discovered an enemy plane (type Halberstadt) hiding in the sun 200 meters above him, which he attacked and sent to the ground in a spiral dive. He then engaged two other machines (type Fokker) which had been attempting to attack him. He succeeded in outmaneuvering them, and finally shot down one of the Fokkers. He returned without a drop of gasoline in his tank. Home address, Mrs. Mary A. Healy, mother, 361 Union street, Jersey City, N. J.

First Lieutenant Murray K. Guthrie, air service, Thirteenth aero squadron. For extraordinary heroism in action near Andsanne, France, October 1, 1918. Lieutenant Guthrie was a member of an offensive patrol of four planes, which was attacked far behind the enemy's lines by six German machines. One of our pilots was forced to withdraw by the failure of his machine guns, and two others were surrounded and overpowered. Lieutenant Guthrie fought the six enemy planes alone for ten minutes and destroyed one of them. For the following act of extraordinary heroism in action near Mont-

Battle of "Is Sur Tile"

The Gas Bag received the following from Sgt. F. M. Petty, with the A. E. F. in France. Sergeant Petty was a member of the famous old Third Balloon company, which was one of the first organizations to be mobilized at Fort Omaha.

The poem:

Of the air service and the Q. M. C. There is no thrilling tale to tell So why did they call us the S. O. S. When we were always S. O. L.

Pistols and rifles everywhere In our camp Is Sur Tile Cannons and guns here and there But nary a bun to kill

Juggling ponderous balloons All day and throughout the night Existing on stum and corn willie Still we were not in the fight

We worked, yes, we slaved like demons When exhausted we slept like swine Our muscles and sinews protesting Till we envied the men on the line.

The major raised hell with the captain The captain raised hell with the lieutenant The lieutenant raised hell with the sergeant And the sergeant followed suit.

It was labor, hell and commotion With thousands of balloons to fix Cursin' and growling we called it The battle of Is Sur Tile.

Shrieks of engines around us The rattle and crash of the trains While airplanes roared in the heavens While we ate our chow in the rain.

In the rain and cold we labored Exposure and danger defied, And sickness claimed its victims Yes, lots of our fellows died.

You may think we had it easy And remark about our spines But we'd gladly traded places With the fellows on the line.

But we know and always remember And tell our kiddies with a thrill How the SOS was SOL In the battle of Is Sur Tile.

faucon, France, October 4, 1918, Lieutenant Guthrie is awarded one bar: When the leader of his patrol was blown to pieces by a shell Lieutenant Guthrie took command and attacked the formation of six enemy planes. Although he became separated from his companions he succeeded in destroying one of his opponents.

For the following act of extraordinary heroism in action near Fontaine, France, November 4, 1918, Lieutenant Guthrie is awarded one bar: As flight commander, Lieutenant Guthrie led his formation of six planes to the attack of seven enemy planes (type Fokker); six of the enemy were destroyed, one of which was sent down by this officer. Immediately following this combat he attacked and drove off four hostile machines (type Fokker), which were about to attack one of our balloons. Home address, K. R. Guthrie, father, care of A. T. & N. Railway, Mobile, Ala.

First Lieutenant Lloyd A. Hamilton (deceased), Seventeenth aero squadron. For extraordinary heroism in action at Varsseuere, Belgium, August 13, 1918. Leading a low bombing attack on a German airdrome thirty miles behind the line, Lieutenant Hamilton destroyed the hangars on the north side of the airdrome and then attacked a row of enemy machines, flying as low as twenty feet from the ground despite intense gunfire, and setting fire to three of the German planes. He then turned and fired bursts through the windows of the chateau in which the German pilots were quartered, twenty-six of whom were afterward reported killed. Next of kin, Rev. John A. Hamilton, father, 25 Buell street, Burlington, Vt.

First Lieutenant Louis G. Bernheimer, air service, pilot, Eighty-eighth aero squadron. For the following act of extraordinary heroism in action near Tailley, France, November 2, 1918: Lieutenant Bernheimer and First Lieutenant Ralph P. Bagby, observer, on their own initiative, went on a reconnaissance mission, flying fifteen kilometers behind the German lines, securing valuable information on the condition of the bridges across the Meuse river and enemy activity in the back areas and harassing enemy troops. Home address, Sidney Bernheimer, father, 128 East Seventy-second street, New York.

First Lieutenant Frank Ordiseoil Hunter, air service, 139th aero pursuit squadron. For the following act of extraordinary heroism in action near Verneville, France, September 17, 1918: Leading a patrol of three planes, Lieutenant Hunter attacked eight enemy machines. He then returned to the flight and succeeded in destroying another and driving off the others. Home address, John H. Hunter, father, 216 East Gaston street, Savannah, Ga.

First Lieutenant Ralph P. Bagby, field artillery, observer, Eighty-

eighth aero squadron. For extraordinary heroism in action near Tailley, France, November 2, 1918. Lieutenant Bagby and First Lieutenant Louis G. Bernheimer, pilot, on their own initiative went on a reconnaissance mission, flying fifty kilometers behind the German lines, securing valuable information as to the condition of the bridges across the Meuse river and enemy activity in the back areas and also harassing enemy troops. Home address, R. J. Bagby, father, New Haven, Mo.

A. L. STEVENS GOES THROUGH A BARRAGE

With Four Other Balloonists Recent Post Visitor Has Narrow Escape.

A party of balloonists from Washington experienced near Aberdeen, Md., yesterday all the thrills of flying at the front. Due to change in wind currents and lack of appreciation of the balloonists, situation by the officers at Aberdeen, the balloon, while near the ground, passed through a heavy barrage of different size shells being fired by the test batteries at this proving ground.

The balloon was piloted by A. Leo Stevens, a well known balloonist and had as passengers, Capt. W. L. Saunders, Capt. W. P. Fuller, all of the D. M. C., Captain H. W. Treat and Second Lieutenant A. F. Jaquith, of aircraft production, all of whom are safe back home today after their unusual experience.

The balloon left the Polo grounds at 11:25 A.M., passed in a northeasterly direction over Camp Mead. A little later they passed somewhat to the East of Baltimore and crossed the Patapsco river. Meeting thence over the West shore of Chesapeake Bay, they approached Aberdeen Proving Ground at 1:45 and heard heavy firing in their front. Trying to learn the cause and to be as careful as possible, they descended to within about 300 feet above the ground, which was unsuitable for landing. They shouted to people on the ground, asked that the authorities of the proving ground be requested to cease firing until they passed over, but they were assured that it was perfectly safe.

The wind at this time was blowing very strong, and heading them toward the bay. A few minutes later they noticed that the ground below was full of shell craters and they suddenly observed several shells exploding just beneath them. The detonations shook the basket as though it had struck an obstacle. In order to escape the bursting shells they immediately threw ballast over the side and the balloon mounted suddenly. They finally reached an elevation of 5,000 feet. And passed out of the danger zone, as an easterly current took them across the Delaware river and over southern New Jersey.

A landing was made at 5:00 P. M. about about twenty miles north-west of Atlantic City at Camp Amatol. While they did not know it then, the balloonists had literally jumped out of the frying pan into the fire for it was discovered later that their landing place was the storing station for the Atlantic Loading Company and they were informed that they had landed among vast stores of T. N. T. The buildings over which they had just skimmed and among which they had landed, were literally packed with this high powered explosive, but a second time they escaped without an accident. After the balloon was packed for shipment to Washington the party returned by automobiles and trains.

PROMOTIONS OF ENLISTED MEN

Promotions of enlisted men of the air service will be made as usual. Enlisted men may be promoted or appointed to non-commissioned grades by any officer of the air service under whose direct command they may be serving.

Recommendations for the appointment of master electricians will continue to be made to the D. M. A.; however, recommendations for promotion to that grade should only be made in case of those men who are to continue in the service.