



200,000 MEN NOW IN CAMPS WILL BE HOME IN 2 WEEKS.

Orders For Gradual Demobilization of All Troops Now in the United States Have Been Issued.

Orders have been issued, General March announced on Saturday for the gradual demobilization of all troops now in this country.

Demobilization will be in the following order: First development battalions, seventy-one in number, and comprising 98,199 men.

Second, conscientious objectors, not under arrest.

Third, spruce production division.

Fourth, central training school for officers with some modification.

Fifth, United States guards now numbering 135,000 men.

Sixth, railway units.

Seventh, depot brigades.

Eighth, replacement units.

Ninth, combat divisions.

There now are in the United States, 1,790,000 men under arms, General March said. Orders which will result in the immediate demobilization of 200,000 men already are issued and the men will be at their homes in the next two weeks.

When the reduction plan is under full operation, the chief of staff explained, 30,000 men each day will be released from the army.

Regarding the return of the troops in France, General March said the order in which the divisions will be withdrawn is being left to General Pershing. It is the intention of the War department however, as far as is practicable, to return each division to the locality from which the majority of the men came and to parade the division in adjacent cities so that the people may have a chance to give fitting welcomes.

As an example he said, the New England soldiers might be brought to Camp Devens and parade in Boston and other cities.

Orders have been cabled to General Pershing to begin the return at once of all casualties, sick and wounded who can be moved, and convalescents. A steady stream of these men should begin immediately to cross the Atlantic.

Camps at home will be cleared out to prepare for the return of the expeditionary forces and the general indicated that the process would be expedited. A unit of regular troops will be left at each camp to guard and police it in preparation for the arrival of the overseas units.

ALL TO GET BONUS OF MONTH'S SALARY.

Steps already have been taken toward the organization of the permanent army. All men new in the army have been or will be offered an honorable discharge from the emergency enlistment and an immediate reenlistment in the new forces. A fulough of one month will be given as an incentive to re-enlistment.

It was announced that congress will be asked to give each man discharged from the army regardless of whether he re-enlists, a bonus of one month's salary. General March pointed out also that all soldiers are entitled under law to wear their uniforms for three months after discharge. This will make less difficult the immediate task of supplying civilian clothing to the demobilized army.

The return of commissioned personnel of the army to civilian life, General March said, would be effected by dividing the present list of officers into three classes, those who desire commission are willing to hold themselves available for future service as reserve officers and those who desire honorable discharge from the service.

Instructions have been issued to the army staff corps to carry out reduction in their commissioned and enlisted personnel lists, keeping pace with the reduction of the line forces.

General Pershing has been directed to expedite complete casualty lists of his forces showing the names of every man killed or wounded or missing up to 11 a. m. November 11. General March would not hazard an estimate as to what the final total would be.

Meeting of County Grange.

The Centre County Pomona Grange will meet in the agricultural building, State College, Saturday, December 7th, 10 a. m. There will be the usual two sessions, with one and one-half hours intermission at noon. Patrons in attendance are all requested to bring a lunch with them.

C. R. NEFF, Master.

May Turn Over Airplanes To Postoffice Dept.

Airplanes and motor trucks not needed by the army after the conclusion of peace may be turned over to the postoffice department by the secretary of war under a provision of the postoffice appropriation bill for the present fiscal year.

The airplanes, postoffice officials said, can be used in the proposed extension of the aerial service while motor trucks can be placed in service on the new parcel post routes which it is planned to establish.

Influenza Claims Two Young Men at Spring Mills.

Two young men, in the prime of life, fell victims to the dread influenza, developing into pneumonia, at Spring Mills, Saturday afternoon. Donald Steele Allison died at three o'clock and Robert Franklin Neese followed him two hours later. The schools at Spring Mills have not yet been reopened and the churches also remain closed. The epidemic, however, is subsiding, there being very few new cases in that village.

ALLISON.—Donald Steele Allison, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allison, passed away at his home in Spring Mills Saturday afternoon at three o'clock after an illness of eight days. He had been employed in the Allison flouring mill, was a graduate of the Gregg township High school, and a young man of strict integrity and worth. His age was twenty years, four months and eleven days. Besides his parents, two brothers—Eugene and Clair Allison—of Renovo, survive. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. Rev. R. R. Jones officiated at the funeral services which were held on Monday afternoon. Burial at Spring Mills.

NEESE.—Robert Franklin Neese, the last son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Neese, died at the parental home Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, following an illness of ten days of influenza, resulting in pneumonia. He was a brother of Charles Neese, who died in camp five weeks ago of the same disease. Besides the parents six sisters survive. His age was eighteen years and twenty-six days. Burial was made in the Heckman cemetery Tuesday morning, Rev. W. D. Donat officiating.

Thanksgiving Services.

A union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Lutheran church, Centre Hall, on Thursday morning, November 28th, at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. J. A. Shultz, of the United Evangelical church will preach the sermon.

At Spring Mills the Thanksgiving service will be held in the Reformed church at 10:30 a. m. Rev. E. E. Haney will preach.

An offering will be lifted at both services and will be donated to the National Y. M. C. A. (not for War Work).

Board of Health Met.

The local Board of Health held a meeting on Monday evening in the office of Squire Brungart. Owing to the fact that the influenza has broken out anew, and the seven or eight cases are wholly confined to school children, the Board decided that the school building shall be fumigated once a week until the epidemic is brought under full control. They also passed a ruling that the congregating of minors in stores and business places be prohibited.

Farmers Institutes Start This Week.

Farmers' Institutes started in various sections of the State on Monday and during the winter months a large corps of agricultural speakers will meet with the 200,000 farmers of the Commonwealth and discuss problems and outline new plans for increased production.

The institutes held annually under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture are one of the big features of the year in every agricultural county of the State. The speakers are all practical men and women from farms, orchards and colleges where they have made good and have messages to carry to the rural residents of the Commonwealth. Director of Institutes, Charles E. Carothers has arranged unusually attractive programs for this season and every possible problem will be discussed in these gatherings.

In Centre county Institutes will be held at Rebersburg, January 27 and 28; at Pine Grove Mills, January 29 and 30; and at Stormstown, January 31 and February 1.

Landing Site Selected at Bellefonte for Aerial Mail Route.

Bellefonte is preparing to have everything in readiness when the first flight of the mail carrying machine is made on December 15th. The air line, known as the Wilson aerial mail route, will run between New York and Chicago, and about a week ago Bellefonte was positively assured of having the town made the first station on the route. G. C. Conner, chief clerk in the postoffice department at Washington, was in Bellefonte and selected the field on Thomas Beaver's farm as the most desirable for the landing of the machine.

A contract was drawn up which calls for the erection of a hanger and oil house. The hanger is to be 60x120 feet in size, capable of housing three machines. The oil house will be of only moderate size, just sufficient to keep a stock of oil and gas on hand. The building will be located at the east end of the field and when the service has been put into operation at least one extra machine will be kept in the hanger all the time in case of emergency. The contract for the buildings has been let to Gerret & Lambert, but the contract will have to be sent to Washington for approval before building operations can be begun.

MORE LETTERS FROM "OUR BOYS."

From "Over There" and Cantonments Come Interesting Letters.—William Kerlin in Transport When Peace News Came; Order for Sailing Cancelled.

A Letter of Appreciation from a Be-friended Soldier.

Reporter readers remember the story of heroism concerning Bruce Stump, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stump, of near Centre Hall, which appeared in this paper several months ago; how he carried a wounded comrade over a field swept by enemy machine gun fire, to a point of safety. Last week Mr. Stump received a letter from the be-friended soldier, in which he mentions the incident. The letter follows:

Somewhere in France, October 17, 1918.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Stump:

I do not know if my mother wrote to you as I asked her, but in case she has not, I am now able to do so myself.

First of all I had better introduce myself. I am Sgt. Clark of G company, 110 Infantry, and Bruce and I are the best of pals.

He and I were in the same squad at El Paso in 1916 and were both made sergeants the same day and assigned to the same platoon at Camp Hancock.

At present, I am a patient in a hospital, near Paris. It is due to Bruce that I am here instead of being possibly a prisoner in Germany.

On the night of the twenty eighth of July, Bruce and I shared a little hole in the ground for about a three hours sleep.

At 3:45 a. m. the morning of the twenty-ninth we commenced an advance toward a woods. About eight o'clock in the morning I was shot thru both legs by a machine gun bullet.

Later, when an order for retreating two hundred yards was given, Bruce came to me. "Kid", he said (we called each other by that name) "I am not going to retreat without you." I could not get him to leave me. Finally another fellow came along and the two of them, tired and weary as they were, carried me thru a field swept by machine gun fire for three or four hundred yards, to a safe spot and from there to a first-aid station, about five miles distant. Then Bruce left me and I was sent on to this hospital.

I can not express how much I owe Bruce, and now, I am broken in spirit for I saw in a casualty list that Bruce is missing in action. I immediately wrote to the Lieutenant to find out anything I could. I may be able to secure some word concerning Bruce, and if so I will write it to you at once.

Bruce certainly was a model soldier and a pal and friend worth having and nothing would please me better than that we two were once more soldiering side by side and sharing our all. I am, Sincerely,

HARRY E. CLARKE.

Sgt. Harry E. Clarke, A. R. C. M. Hospital No. 1 American E. F. France

Aboard Transport When Peace News Came. Did Not Start for "Over."

Just how near William W. Kerlin came to sailing for France is shown in the following letter:

Camp Stewart, Va., (Newport News) Nov. 14, 1918.

Dear folks:

This is an embarkation camp and we have been having a real easy life since here. When we left Camp Lee we were billeted thru for France but after spending ten hours aboard the transport Susquehanna, formerly the German ship Rhine, we were transferred to Newport News and marched to this camp. If we don't see the other side I am glad that we at least had the experience of boarding and spending some time upon the transport. There were 10,000 soldiers and 500 sailors aboard and at the hour (4:00 p. m. Monday) that we were scheduled to sail for the big pond the order was received to go to Newport News instead. It is needless to say there were thousands of thoroughly disgusted and sorely disappointed soldiers. The meals served upon the transport were as good as any we received in camp and the corned beef and hard tack we carried with us was to be used only in case we should become stranded.

The Susquehanna, so we were informed by the sailors, had been attacked three times by enemy "subs." on the last trip. They have made seven trips across with soldiers. The most amusing part of the big boat, to me, was the manner in which we were "ranked in"—like cord wood. Whiteman and I were quartered on third deck, about ten feet above water level. The decks are seven feet deep and one man slept above me and one below. There was not a square inch of space wasted on the entire ship.

There are about 12,000 men in this camp at present, one-half heavy artillery men. Some of them were on the Atlantic several days and were recalled by wireless. It all depends on the outcome of things over there whether or

not we will cross. I doubt, tho, whether we will see the other side.

This is a beautiful section of the state. The camp is along the mouth of the James river and less than one mile from Newport News. We (the 113 Prov. Co.) took a hike thru Newport News this a. m. and were given a fifteen minute rest in the heart of the city. It is a very busy place.

I have not had any mail since Sunday. Hope the folks back home are all well. We are having lovely weather here; in fact, we have had very little rain—less than six days—since I left Centre Hall. Have had a number of rains at night but owing to the sandy soil it leaves no trace in the morning.

Where is Bill? Have not heard anything of him for some time; no doubt he is across.

I wrote a card to Freda on Monday advising her I had arrived, or rather, my vessel had arrived, safely in foreign port. Some joke, I'll say. Of course, in case you do not hear from me for a period of two weeks or more you may reasonably expect to receive this card.

Best wishes to all.

BILL KERLIN.

From J. Guy Weiland.

(Formerly of Linden Hall, to his aunt, Mrs. J. M. Garbrick, of Bedford.)

France, Oct. 16th, 1918.

Dear aunt and all:

Have a few minutes of spare time tonight so will write you a few lines. I received a letter from you yesterday with some other mail and was very glad to get it and to know you made the trip you had planned down to Lebanon county; and best of all is that you were able to persuade Uncle Sam and Dad to have their photo's taken. I sure am glad of that; we have been wanting Dad to have his taken this long time. I had one taken just before I left Camp Merritt and they were sent home. I don't know if they were much good or not, and I only had six finished but if they are good I will get more finished and will see that you get one.

I had a letter from home yesterday and they said they were very busy and that you folks had been in. We get mail pretty good over here so far, they are from three to four weeks old when we get them and I don't think that is bad when there is such an enormous amount of mail coming over.

One day this week I was very much surprised to get a package from the folks in the office where I worked. It had been mailed to Camp Merritt and forwarded. I sure was surprised to get it. It had in it a box of cigars, carton of cigarettes and a lot of chocolates, salted peanuts and chewing gum. I sure appreciated it.

Since I wrote last we have made several moves. Last Friday a week ago we left our quarters and took a train. We were on the train about twenty-four hours. Last Sunday morning we unloaded and that night hiked sixteen miles. It sure was some hike with the heavy packs we had. We were at that place from Monday until Thursday night and then came to where we are now, about ten miles from our last stopping place. This time they brought us over on trucks, we were glad for that. This time we are not in a town but in barracks buildings and are in as nice a place as we ever had. We wouldn't care a bit if we were kept here. Can't say where we are but can hear the heavy artillery very plainly.

There is a "Y" building pretty close to where we are now. I was up there last night and there was preparatory service; was there for it. This morning they had communion. I was going to go up this morning but when I came back I found we were to go out on detail work today, so I couldn't go. We are doing a lot of detail work now, every day in fact. Working at railroads, unloading and loading provisions. It isn't hard work so I don't mind it.

Eighteen of us were promoted to corporals, effective October 1st. I was one of them. We got the orders night before last. We have twenty-six in our Company now. There are supposed to be 32, so there are still a few more to be appointed. I was glad to get it; it means that much more wages for me and I can use it.

I saw the evening paper tonight, and noticed the Central Powers have appealed to President Wilson for peace. It's real good news, for if they really want peace at our terms they can get it. It certainly makes lots of happiness in this world and I know I sure would be glad to know I would get back to the States soon. And also the Fourth Liberty Loan looks as though it would be a great success.

Well, it's about bed time. I think I told you all the news for this time so will close. Will write you again before

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Contributors to War Work Campaign.

Centre Hall met its allotment in the United War Work Campaign, last week, the subscriptions totaling \$872.60. The pupils in the borough schools pledged themselves to raise \$135.00, the names of the scholars and the amounts of their pledges having appeared in last week's issue.

The list below is arranged in alphabetical order.

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The Reporter is deeply grateful to the great number of its appreciative subscribers who have made it possible for us to make a very creditable showing insofar as the government requirements on paid up subscriptions is concerned.

We make one more appeal to those who have not yet brought their label figures up to date. Please attend to the matter at once.

The first number of the Centre Hall Lecture course will come Thursday evening, December 5th. Those who have not already lifted their tickets will find them in the hands of Rev. J. A. Shultz, Secretary of the committee, ready for delivery.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The PINK label this week. Pork has taken a tumble in the market and farmers are finding it hard to dispose of fat cattle.

Phone your orders for oysters for Thanksgiving Day to 26R5, Centre Hall—Wm. McClenahan.

Considerable work was done on the Brushvalley road—now state road—last week by a large force of men.

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. It will be the greatest day of its kind ever known in the history of the nation.

A number of wild turkeys were sighted by local hunters last Friday, the opening day, but no kills were registered.

We don't need a barrel, but a little, just a little, yellow paint could be used to an advantage and that in dear old Centre Hall.

Public sale of the household goods of the late Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Potter will be held in Centre Hall on Saturday, the 30th of November, at one o'clock.

A little mathematical calculation shows that if 100,000 American boys are sent home from France every month, it will require nearly two years to bring the 2,200,000 of them home.

The deer season is approaching and opens on Monday, December 2nd. Many local hunters are arranging their work so that they can put in the greater part of the two weeks' season in their camp in the Seven Mountains.

Centre county must measure up to every patriotic requirement. The sales of W. S. S. have not yet reached the \$20.00 per capita figure. Subscribe again next week in the final effort to reach the goal. Centre county must not fail.

Friday the 8th inst., was the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Kerstetter, of near Millheim. Plans had been made to celebrate the event and invite all the children to come home and participate in the celebration, but Charles Kerstetter, the station agent at Montgomery, one of the sons, was seriously ill at the time suffering with influenza and the celebration was postponed.

Game Protectors Batchelor and Wingard while walking along the railroad tracks, east of Coburn, on Friday morning found a number of sticks of dynamite and a piece of fuse and caps on the tracks near the bridge east of the first tunnel, says the Millheim Journal. The fuse was capped and several pieces of burned fuse were found nearby. The officers brought their find to the Coburn station and Mr. Campbell immediately communicated the circumstances to the railroad officials and on Friday afternoon three detectives were already on the job and have been working on several duds.

Lieut. Gerald Austin Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Robinson, of Milesburg, and a former resident of Centre Hall, has written a letter home under date of October 3rd which states that he has been wounded twice—the first time by shrapnel and the last time by machine gun fire. He is in Company E, 111th Infantry, 28th Division, and had just recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital as the result of the first wound when he caught it again. How serious he is injured he did not state but he is now in the hospital and expected to get out of it and rejoin his command about the 15th of this month which happily now is not necessary—as the Huns have surrendered. All the parents know of their son's second injury is that the second wound is in the head, which caused partial paralysis for a time.

Eighty or ninety steers, eleven mules and fourteen hogs, and more than 3,000 chickens were slaughtered Tuesday morning of last week when a slow freight is said to have disregarded stop signals and a train of live stock sidwiped it on the switches, near Lewistown. A locomotive and more than a dozen cars were wrecked and reduced to kindling wood, the debris scattering over four tracks. One stock car loaded with mules shot high in the air and settled down on the top of a steel coal car where the wrecking crews found it intact and removed it to a place of safety at the side of the tracks. Two car loads of dead animals were sent to the rendering plant at Milroy on Wednesday night.

The disabled mules, steers and hogs were shot and they were buried in a trench along the right of way. A few of the steers and many of the chickens were sold at very low figures. One steer, weighing 1,200 pounds, is said to have been sold for \$15.00 and it required the combined effort of sixteen men to get it away from the wreck. Chickens were sold at twenty cents each. There were four car loads of chickens in the wreck and before day light the wrecking and track forces picked the live ones up and utilizing a double bow that stood nearby without a tenant, soon had them confined where they would remain quiet throughout the day.