

ROOKIES SHIFTED IN GREAT WAR CAMPS AS THE TASK OF MAKING REAL SOLDIERS PROCEEDS

MOTHER FROM HOME CHEERED AT MEADE

"Good-By, Little Girl" Sung as One Thousand Depart for Dixie

CHEERED ON DEPARTING

Philadelphia Section Marched Between Double Lines to Inspiring Martial Music

CAMP MEADE, Admiral, Md., Oct. 17.

A little woman who had come from Philadelphia and through tear-stained eyes saw her boy and the boys of other mothers, to the total of 1000, depart for a southern training camp.

And the boys, members of the dandy 316th Infantry, mindful that they were starting on a journey that would bring them nearer to the fighting lines in France, cheered, and as their train pulled away made an attempt to console the weeping mother by singing the chorus of "Good-By Little Girl, Good-By."

Perhaps there was one boy a bit more happy than the rest, for he had kissed his "ma" good-by, a privilege that he alone enjoyed. He was Harry C. Brown, of 2013 South Dorrance street, and a member of Company M. When he learned that he had been selected to leave Camp Meade, he wired his mother and she was on hand this morning to say farewell.

"I have three boys in the service," sobbed Mrs. Brown, "and could not let Harry go without a farewell kiss."

Mrs. Brown was one of a small group of women that made the journey to Admiral, and the only mother, she did not spare her time when Harry stepped out of line to greet her, and for nearly three minutes held him in her arms. It was a parting so genuine and sincere that the boys' brave commander a rousing cheer when he returned to the line and another cheer for the faithful little mother.

One thousand men of the regiment left at 10 o'clock, and prior to their leaving the Philadelphia section was given a royal send off. Colonel O. B. Rosenbaum had the regiment assembled, and as the departing members marched through the double line of soldiers the band enlightened the occasion by playing "Over There."

"Uncle Sammy" and other camp favorites were sung by the first group to arrive at the Disney station was the bunch from the Fifth Ward. There were fifteen men in the bunch, and as John W. Malley, who led the crowd put it, "After the Carey men" a bit of the French.

Thirty-five men from the Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue district, with Frank Coats and George Kennedy in the lead, came next.

Everybody was in a happy frame of mind, although a bit disappointed that they were not given an opportunity to visit their homes before leaving.

Lewis Katz, 1423 South Second street, Philadelphia's first citizen to be selected for the National Army, was one of the notables to leave. He was one of the famous 258 men and comes from Draft Board No. 1.

"I want to be the first selected man to arrive in France," was his comment. One thousand men from the 316 Infantry are packing up their belongings and making ready to leave tomorrow.

Camp Meade's Liberty Bond campaign is getting real results, for subscriptions total \$482,500. The 316 Infantry is leading other units with a total of \$48,350.

Confident that the sunny dispositions of the Pennsylvanians contribute little to the work of putting real pep and fighting spirit into the Seventeenth Division, officers launched a drive today that will eliminate a big part of the camp's perpetual smile.

Despite the willingness of the men and their desire to acquire military knowledge, it is apparent that few appreciate the seriousness of the war or have any conception as to their real duty.

This condition, according to ranking officers, retards the development of the division and puts it in a class that is far removed from the fighting division under General Pershing.

"The men must be impressed with the seriousness of the war," is the gist of orders issued today to regimental commanders. "Impress upon their minds the real situation. Tell them that they are engaged in a serious work; that they are going abroad to fight and that they must develop a fighting spirit. The philosophy of William Penn must be discarded because you cannot beat the Huns with love and smiles."

"The men must learn," said a major of infantry, "that war is not play, and that the only way to develop a real fighting unit is to generate a fighting spirit. The men must learn to hate the Huns; for they are deserving of all the hate that we can muster. The men must make every day in order to beat the vicious Germans and now is the time to learn about the kind of sacrifices to be made."

Stories dealing with the vice situation at Little Penn are resented by the men. They feel that these stories reflect upon their conduct, and as proof that conditions are O. K. point to the statement made by General Kuhn. The general when discussing that phase of the camp life made it plain that vice crusaders are welcome at any time.

"Let them come and look us over," says General Kuhn. "They will find that conditions are not what they are painted by a few persons who are not familiar with the situation. The general when discussing that phase of the camp life made it plain that vice crusaders are welcome at any time."

LETTER FROM A SELECTED MAN AT CAMP MEADE TO HIS MOTHER

Departure of 5000 Pennsylvanians Puts a Crimp in Athletic Sports—But Arrival of Italian Contingent Promises Good Addition to the Outfit

CAMP MEADE, Admiral, Md., Oct. 17.

DEAR MOTHER—Little Penn has been somewhat disturbed during the last few days, and it is doubtful if any man in camp is quite as happy as he was before the housecleaning. We that bunch are hundreds of boys from the old town.

Although the infantry regiments have been held intact, so far as organization is concerned, little is left of them, for nearly a thousand men have been taken from each of those units. The dandy Fifteenth, Philadelphia's own, is nothing but a skeleton of a regiment, for every company has been stripped.

The men who are left are making the best of it, but it is mighty lonesome. The boys have formed athletic teams, theatrical organizations and musical clubs, and things were going along swimmingly, with everybody smiling and determined to do his best. With the right spirit, the order to transfer 6000 men to camps in the South, and after our commanding officers began to execute the order they made short shrift of our concerns. It means that we must wait until the regiments are recruited before similar organizations can be formed, but as all of the selected men are imbued with the right spirit, there is little doubt that we can succeed in that effort.

SONS OF ITALY SHOW SPIRIT

A bunch of new arrivals made a good start, and a start that is worth noting in my letter. In this crowd were about forty Italians. They were assigned to the 154th Depot Brigade and within forty-eight hours after their arrival had taken steps to organize an Italian society.

It is probably the first society of its kind in the new National Army and proves that the sons of Italy who have made Philadelphia their home are aware of the needs of the army.

Nicola da Dario, 707 Fulton street, is one of the organizers and is slated for the presidency. He was born in Italy and has not obtained citizenship papers, but waived exemption and joined the army. Today he told me that there were so many Italians in the depot brigade that it was necessary to form a society.

"Many of our men," said Da Dario, "cannot speak English any too well and nobody can teach them so well as their own people. And these men get very lonesome unless they have their own kind of amusement, so we have decided to form a society for them. The membership will be restricted to Italians, and when we get things going a genuine Italian concert will be given."

The depot brigade is an important organization and one that serves in about the same capacity as a training battalion. Men in this unit are trained for all branches of the service, and as men are needed to fill the gaps in other units they are drawn from the brigade. The 154th is all to the good, and the Italians, who seem to monopolize honors, are taking to the work like ducklings to fresh water.

SEERGEANT CONWAY "BOSS"

First Sergeant Conway, of the regular army, who hails from 2517 North Thirty-second street, is in charge of the training camp and promises to develop a class A outfit out of the timber.

John di Santo, 734 South Ninth street, who has a keen sense of humor, reminded me that it was necessary for a bunch of

Italians to have an Irish boss, so that is why Uncle Sam put Conway on the job.

I suggested that one Irishman and forty Italians made a good fighting combination, and Di Santo replied: "Justaough Irish. And more spoil it."

Di Santo is not naturalized, but a willing soldier and will make good. Vito Dianno, of Reading, and Joseph Smeriglio, of 745 South Seventh street, Philadelphia, are also active in the organization of the society.

Captain A. V. Kaine, of Buffalo, and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, is in command of the outfit and is warm in his praise toward the men. Sergeant J. H. Lucas, also of the regular army, is one of the training officers.

Don't forget that passes to the camp are not necessary on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Sundays, so you can visit me without any difficulty or annoyance. The camp is open to visitors on those days. Must close, Mother dear, or I shall be late for the first movie show.

Good night, your devoted soldier son, BOB.

GRAVE NAVAL TOPICS DISCUSSED IN CAPITAL

Further Co-operation of Allied Fleets Considered at Washington Conference

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—A conference between the British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring Rice; the British naval attaché, Commodore Gaunt; Secretary Daniels and Admiral Benson, chief of operations, was held yesterday, at which naval co-operation was further discussed.

No announcement of the results of the conference was made, and it was generally regarded as a sequel to the discussions which have been going on between Secretary Daniels, Admiral Benson and Admiral Mayo, commander of the Atlantic fleet, who recently has returned from a naval conference with the Allies at London.

The only announcement Secretary Daniels has made of the conference so far is that they concern very grave subjects.

As usual, all information of the exact nature of the conference was withheld, but, as might be supposed, much of it concerned measures to combat the submarine campaign. It was said that, bearing in mind always the danger of overoptimism, the progress being made by the combined fleets was more than merely encouraging and that the participation of American ships had brought very favorable comment from the foreign officials.

Admiral Mayo is to remain here in conference with officials for several days, and before leaving he will see President Wilson.

Shrapnel Stops Hazleton Soldier

HAZLETON, Pa., Oct. 17.—Joseph Thomas, the first Hazleton boy in the cavalry list among Americans at the French front, wrote to friends here today that he was so severely wounded while with the Canadian contingent that he never will be able to enter the trenches again. He was at the front only two days when he was struck by a piece of shrapnel. He is in a London hospital.

DIX MEN TO LEAVE FOR DIXIE CAMPS

Jersey, New York and Delaware Troops to Go to Alabama and Georgia

FRENCH OFFICER CHEERED

Sight of Instructor Who Comes to Teach Modern Fighting Causes Ovation

CAMP DIX, Wrightstown, N. J., Oct. 17.

One thousand men who are to go to Anniston, Ala., will be taken from the First, Second, Third and Fourth New Jersey training battalions, together with seventy-five men from the Delaware machine-gun company.

Those who will go to the Georgia camp will be taken from the Fifth New York training battalion, the Sixth New Jersey training battalion, the 209th and 310th New York Infantry, the 211th New Jersey Infantry, the 307th and 309th New York field artillery, the 208th New Jersey field artillery and the 307th Delaware machine-gun company.

A total of \$630,500 worth of Liberty Bonds has been sold to the men in camp here, it has been announced.

The first foreign officer to arrive at Camp Dix is Captain Paul Conde of the French Army. Captain Conde was a member of the French engineering corps and has been in service in the war since the Battle of the Marne. He was in the famous offensive of the Champagne in 1916 and in the recent Somme "push." He was shot at Verdun.

The sight of Captain Conde as he sped through the camp in an automobile with Colonel Edward B. Markham caused a sensation. Captain Conde, with his neat, trim, blue uniform, has given the officers and men here an ideal of soldierly appearance, and it was noticeable that the younger officers were considerably impressed. Not the least conspicuous and the most impressive thing about his uniform was the many-hued ribbons he wore. These ribbons are the emblems of the many medals and military honors he has won for valor and meritorious service.

In all there will be about ten foreign officers here. Just how many will be French and how many will be English is not yet known here, nor is it known just how soon they will arrive. A special building has been erected for them and Lieutenant Hammond has been assigned to take charge of their mess and the care of their barracks.

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NATIONAL ARMY MEN AT HANCOCK

Arrival of 1000 Pennsylvanians—Many Reports of Absence Without Leave

STERN PENALTY PROMISED

Finding of Two Uniforms on Canal Banks Causes Suspension of Deserter

CAMP HANCOCK, Augusta, Ga., Oct. 17.

The first selective service men consigned to Camp Hancock are enamped today side by side with their National Guard brothers. One thousand strong the National Army men arrived in Augusta yesterday, in two sections, the first at noon, the last three hours later. National Army officers were in charge of the movement. They will return to Meade as soon as the men are settled.

The 1000 troops upon arrival were marched to the depot brigade, where they have been assigned to the four dismounted regiments which make up General O'Neil's command. All the selected men are glad to be at Camp Hancock and welcome the Indian summer weather as a relief from the cold of the Maryland army.

Since the Pennsylvania division arrived in Augusta there have been many reports of men absent without leave. The thing has become rather frequent and several men held on the "A. W. L." charge were brought in yesterday with the National Army men.

Absence without leave is a military offense that is closely aligned with desertion. A man may be absent without leave and not be a deserter, although the military law holds that a soldier in such absence without leave for more than ten days.

To prove a soldier a deserter, it is necessary to have proof that desertion is the intent, and if such can be proved a soldier,

If caught, even after a five-minute absence from the camp, is a deserter. Desertion is a very serious offense in peace times, and especially so in war. All soldiers absent without leave are subject to general court-martial proceedings.

The Pennsylvanians absent without leave from Camp Hancock will be dealt with in keeping with the law, and justice will meted out accordingly.

The uniforms of two Pennsylvania soldiers were found on the banks of the Augusta Canal yesterday. Local police authorities and the Pennsylvania military police are seeking a clue as to the owners. It is generally thought that the owners are deserters and changed their clothing to escape recognition.

Teachers Meet for Instruction

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 17.—The fifty-fifth teachers' annual institute of Schuylkill county held its first full day's session here yesterday, with an enrollment of 1500.

The instructors were Dr. N. C. Shaffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Dr. Charles Zuehlke of Boston; Prof. J. H. Griggs, of the Kittanning State Normal School, and Professor H. P. of Walsack College, Crawfordville, Ind.

These same educators spoke at the noon meeting of the Pottsville Rotary Club, and at the annual reunion of the Keystone State Normal School in the evening. Judge Koch, of the Schuylkill bench, was among the speakers at the latter event.

Seek to Learn Who Sells Troops Liqueur

YORK, Pa., Oct. 17.—The York County Retail and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association has offered a reward of \$10 for the arrest and conviction of any person furnishing liquor to soldiers. Recently so many arrests were made here of persons selling liquor to the men in uniform from the cantonment at Gettysburg that Harvey Smith, a deputy United States marshal, of Harrisburg, intimated the Government would close all saloons here.

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Boy Swallows Half Dollar; in Hospital. ATLANTIC CITY, Pa., Oct. 17.—Harry Getler, twelve years old, is in Shamokin Hospital in a serious condition as the result of having swallowed a half dollar. Two X-ray pictures were taken of the stomach, but the foreign object could not be detected. Doctors say an operation will be necessary.

Allies Get \$98,000,000 More. WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The United States yesterday made loans of \$98,000,000 to Russia, \$25,000,000 to Great Britain, \$25,000,000 to France and \$23,000,000 to Italy.