WHEN MR. ROOKIE RUNS GAMUT IN U. S. CAMPS, HE'LL BE READY TO MEET KAISER'S WORST

SIFTING' BEGUN AT LITTLE PENN

Officers Weeding Out Incompetents From Meade's Active Units

'HOUSECLEANING'

Classification Regarded as the Surest Means of Obtaining Military Efficiency

By a Staff Correspondent

CAMP MEADE, Annapolts Junction, Md., Is an effort to put the Seventy-ninth Diviis on a genuine war footing the work of seeding out incompetents from active units proceeding with vigor and will not stop the last dullard and inefficient sol-

er has been removed separate the wheat from the chaff is the mante the wheat from the char is the mance of an order issued at division iguarters, and an order that is being uted with enthusiasm by every officer wrand with the personnel of the divi-

How many men will be affected by the how many men will be allected by the beasecteaning is not known, but it is certain that every man discarded from active ants or those who are transferred to depot brigades will have a slim chance to see

Eventually they will be sent to France, but not until they are listed as good sol-

training period.

be housecleaning is under way in every The housecleaning is under way in every eganization at Camp Meade, but particularly in the infantry units. In these units a majority of the men who are failing to measure up to National Army standards are those who do not understand the language. Their inability to interpret orders is a serious handicap not only to them, but to their organizations, for their incomparance. their organizations, for their incompetency exards the development of their associates. retards the development of their associates, One captain when discussing this phase of Camp Meade life pointed to four men in his company which was on the drill grounds. Those men," said the captain, "have failed s develop and are retarding the develop-ment of the company. They are willing solders, but lack the capacity to grasp millmry knowledge, and in order to put the them. They will be placed in the depot brigades and after six months or a year will probably master the fundamentals of army life."

What is true of that company is true of parly every company in the camp, and until the incompetents are weeded out the division cannot be rated as a class A or-

That the Seventy-ninth will soon have that rating is the assertion of General Ruhn, and he does not propose to waste my time in the effort. "We must have map and pep," is what he tells the junior effects who are training the men and all who do not develop those qualities must step aside. The weeding process is based as a system evolved by the War Departand is so designed that every man whe joints the National Army can utilize his sril training to good advantage. To make such a system workable involves a tremen-fees amount of work, but Generi Kuhn believes that it is worth while. He believes that every soldier should have an opportusity to display his talents, and that when the soldier's talents indicate that he would make a better man for the artillery than for the infantry no time should be wasted in the transfer.

How the system works out is shown in the case of Michael Lasky, of Pottstown. Lasky was originally assigned to a field hospital, but when it was learned that he was an experienced man in railroad con-struction he was transferred to the Thirty-ofth Railway Engineers, which is helius afth Railway Engineers, which is being organized at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ili. Julius Fischer, of Philadelphia, member of headquarters company 315th Infantry. failed to win honors in the infastry drills, but owing to his training as a cabinetmaker has been sent to France, where he will on a special unit that is made up of car-

ers and joiners Telegraphers and telephone operators are etter fitted for the signal corps than farmers, and places are being given them in that organization. What applies to these men also applies to stenographers. mechanics, painters and, in fact, every trade and occupation.

GIBBONS TO BLESS K. OF C. BUILDING

CAMP MEADE, Md., Oct. 26.—Cardinal Ministration building of the Knights of Coumbus, which will be opened to the walle here next Sunday at 4 o'clock, Major General Kuhn, on behalf of his soldiers, will accept the structure as part of the can-tonment, and the exercises will be of a coremonial character. The managers of the new institution here say it will be entirely monsectarian. It will follow the general Mea of the Y. M. C. A. here and will entered to the same than the same to do its share in keeping the men terested and amused while they are in aining. Every man, regardless of creed, ill be welcomed to the building, and on day there will be masses for the Roman Catholic soldiers.

These young men who are serving Uncleam are to be instructed that they owe conclining to their relatives at home, and a campaign will be started to make each seincted man avail himself of the army in-mission. An officer from each regiment met today at the Y. M. C. A. administra-tion building and discussed plans to place the matter before the men. It was de-cided to canvass each unit and hold meet-

logs to explain this insurance plan. The athletic program in the Liberty Loan described scheduled for Wednesday was beld resterday on Postoffice Field. More held yesterday on Postoffice Field. More than \$75 athletes from all the companies Participated. The relay, the big event, went to the \$14th Infantry, with the \$12th Ar-



LETTER OF A SELECTED MAN AT CAMP MEADE TO HIS MOTHER

Cautions Loved Ones at Home Need to Heed Subscribes \$1,490,550, an Aver-Alarming Reports as to Morals Spread by Chronic Scandal Mongers

us it is worth noting that we are bearing up under them with remarkable fortitude.

Reserve Corps and National

Army Officers Are Given Permanent Assignments

CAMP McCLELLAN, ANNISTON, Ala.

Oct. 26.-Many of the Philadelphia reserve

corps and National Army officers who came here from Fort Niagara training camp

which they were attached several weeks

ago and are being given permanent assign-

nents with the headquarters companies of the three artillery regiments. There are

bout twenty lieutenants in each of these

companies, some being assigned to the

The trip of Mayor Ellis, of Camden, to

the camp is expected to prove of value to nim in the elections this year. He tried to most personally every soldier from Camden

entertained at dinner will not forget his rip in a hurry.

Major Winfield S. Price, of Camden, has

ecause they were never equipped with field

Camden men, taken from Company B of the engineer regiment, are helping to build the hig regimental exchange which is being creeted near the camp of the original Cam-

creeted near the camp of the original Cam-den company in the engineering outfit. Captain Thomas E. Hattley, of Philadel-phia, who is with the military police, has been doing special duty with Major Sander-ford Jarmon, the division ordnance officer, for several days. They have been checking up ordnance equipment throughout the camp. That Camden men are forging to the

lead down here is rhown in the fact that among the victorious team in the tent-pitch-ing contests yesterday were a number of

FARMERS FORM ASSOCIATION

Self-Paying Loans Plan of Towarda Organization

TOWANDA, Oct. 26.-A charter has been

granted to the Brafford County National Farm Loan Association, with main offices

Brake, Litchfield; vice president, W. B. Kennedy, Wyalusing; secretary and treas-urer, Mrs. Mary C. Hoffman, Towanda.

Through the association, farmers may borrow money up to half of the valuation

of their property at 6 per cent interest. Five per cent is interest and I per cent is applied on the principal as payments are

nde, so that in thirty-six years the loan free of encumbrance and the farm is

Facts About the Sugar Situation

Our Government has asked you to use sugar sparingly. We believe that the people of this country

More than two-thirds of the source of Europe's sugar supply is within the present battle lines. This

England and France and other countries have been

Ordinarily, nearly all of the Cuban raw sugar comes

In view of the exceptional world demand for sugar there is no surplus, and barely enough to tide us over

to the United States and is refined here, chiefly for

has resulted in greatly reducing the production of

will be glad to do their part to conserve the sugar

free from indebtedness.

supply when they know the facts.

These facts are as follows:

forced to go for sugar to Cuba.

home use. This is not the case now.

sugar in Europe.

SHIFTED AT CAMPS

Your devoted soldier son,

PHILADELPHIA MEN

Good night.

CAMP MEADE, Admiral, Md., Oct. 25.

EAR MOTHER—I find it almost an impossibility to pen you a letter withdiscovering to the per your a letter withdiscovering to the per your and DEAR MOTHER-I find it almost an out discussing a few of the camp notables; in fact, the human side of the cantonment is all that is interesting, and today I shall introduce you to John Espolucci, who admits that he is the happlest man at Little Penn.

Eopolucci is from Washington and a member of the 312th Machine Gun Battalion, which is more commonly styled "The Statesmen's Suicide Club." Few men in camp have more reason to be happy in regard to their assignments than the Washingtonian, for he has been given a chance to avenge the death of a brother.

Eopolucci's brother was the first American citizen to be killed after the declaration of war, and sacrificed his life when one of the German sea pirate sent an American ship to the bottom. John is in his twenty-second year, and when accepted by the Washington draft officials asked them to place him in a machine gun unit. They informed him that it was impossible for them to grant such a request, and explained em to grant such a request, and explained that his status in the new army was a matter for the staff officers to determine. Despite this disappointment, Eopolucei earned a few days later that virtually all of the Washington men selected for the Na-tional Army would be assigned to suicide clubs, and upon his arrival at the camp he

was overjoyed to learn that he had been chosen for that branch of the service. I met him today, and a happier man never lived. He told me that he was working with all the vim the the could muster and that he would surely handle one of the rapid-fire guis when General Kuhn leads the Seventyninth Division against the Huns.

AVENGE BROTHER'S DEATH "I shall avenge the death of my brother," mid the Italian, "and will make a few Ger-mans pay dearly for his murder. They may get me, but I shall get a few before they reach me."

There are 343 men in this outfit at the resent time, but that is only half the size of the battalion, for when developed to war strength it will contain at least 600.

The Washington crowd is versatile and, like other units, is cosmopolitan in its character. One of the notables is Joe Annin, a Washington newspaper man. Joe has been attached to the headquarters company and is the handy man in that detachment.

trip in a hurry.

Major Winfield S. Price, of Camden, has been kept busy the last few days trying to dispose of the case of the private of the old. Third Regiment who deserted from Sea Girt last summer and later was caught. Major Price was judge advocate of the court named to try the lad, but the procedure was never complete. When Major Price wanted to turn the case over to the new courts down heresthey handed it back to him, and he is now assembling the other members of the court originally named to hear the case. The change from light to heavy field artillery in no way bethere the Atlantic City hattery in the 110th Field Artillery. With the Camden battery, under command of Captain John Dittess, it is different. The heavy field artillery game is entirely different from the light, and the men have to begin at the bottom again. It isn't hard on the men of Captain Sody's outfit because they were never equipped with field Vid Olmsted, also a newspaper man, has seen made a sergeant in Company B, and was on the Mexican border for eight months with a Washington organization and is one of the few military authorities in the bat-

In your letter which reached me this morning you express some doubt concern-ing moral conditions at the camp and ask if you can do anything. There is but one thing that you and other mothers can do toward protecting the morals of the boys at Little Penn, and that is an easy task to perform. Just make a contribution to the Y. M. C. A. or Knights of Columbus, and those organizations will assume the responibility of tafeguarding the morals of Camp Meade soldiers.

They are doing a splendid job at it, too, and can do better if they obtain the funds. The Y. M. C. A. is spending a big sum of money at the camp and in the very near future will ask Philadelphia to contribute \$1,000,000 toward the work. The Knights of Columbus also need funds and are making an effort to raise money through church organizations.

CAMP MORALS CLEAN You have read General Kuhn's statement in regard to conditions, but to ease four mind I shall permit Joe Annin, the trained observer, to say a few words on

that line.
"A better camp," says Annin, "does not exist. It is so isolated that vice, in or even near the camp is out the question and can exist only in the minds of imaginative.

creatures who are looking for trouble.
"Statements which detail the hazards to
which the men are subjected are absurd and reflect upon every man in camp. Be-fore any scandal monger makes an address that deals with the terrible conditions at Camp Meade it would be worth while and

in fact only fair to the soldlers for him to pay the camp a visit."

This is what Annin says and every man in camp will substantiate his statement.

I forgot to mention in my last letter that the heating plants are in operation.

HANCOCK DOES BIT ROOKIES NOW FACE IN LIBERTY DRIVE PSYCHOLOGY SQUAD

age of More Than One Bond Per Man

111TH LED ALL REGIMENTS

AMP HANCOCK, Augusta, Ga., Oct. 26. Camp Hancock, augusta, Ga., Oct.
Camp Hancock's subscription to the second loan was \$1,490,550, an average of approximately \$55 per man, or more than one bond per capita. The figures were made public by Captain W. B. Churchman, Jr., shortly before midnight last night, immed-

enority before midnight last night, in-lately after tabulation of the lists.

The total may vary slightly upon check-ing, but not enough to make any material difference. Of the total as announced, \$1,-384,000 was subscribed on the allotment plan, the soldier paying a percentage from plan, the soldier paying a percentage from his salary each month, the remainder taken through Augusta and Pennsylvania banks. The 111th Infantry led the regiments of the division with a total of \$257,000, the 109th Field Artillery ranking second with \$119,350. The banner company of the 111th was C, with a subscription of \$25,400, while Rattery B led the 109th Artillery with approximately \$20,000. The enlisted strength of the 111th, officers and man, is 3956; of the 109th Artillery, 1363. Company B of the 1222 Field Signal Battallon. 3958; of the 109th Artillery, 1363. Com-pany B. of the 103d Field Signal Battalion, takes the prize for the highest per capita are being taken from the organizations to

takes the prize for the highest per capital subscription—\$105.

The campaign at Camp Hancock closed Wednesday at midnight, having extended over a period of two weeks. The last day's drive netted \$570,550. The division has hade a truly remarkable showing—this, too, in the face of the reorganization which, by reason of the multitudinous details it engendered, greatly handicapped the Liberty Loan workers.

airplane, telephone, balloen, radio and other Loan workers.
Captain W. B. Churchman, Jr., and
Lieutenant E. G. Frank, who have directed the campaign at the camp, have labored un-ceasingly to the end that the division's sub-scription should pass the million mark and who was in the camp, and he succeeded in shaking hands with most of the men. Furthermore, the Camden officers whom he

the results reflect great credit upon them and all who assisted them. A great military parade celebrating the A great mintary parade celebrating the success of the Liberty Lean drive at the camp was staged today, the honor units participating. They were the lilth Infantry, under Colonel F. L. Kearns; the 169th Field Artillery, under Colonel Asher Miner, and Company B, of the signal corps Primarily for the purpose of celebrating the success at the camp, the parade was also for the purpose of instilling more buy-a-bond spirit in the city.

STAGE MISHAP INJURES MELBA

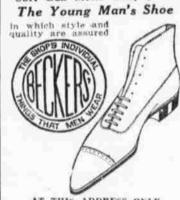
Falling Lights Strike Singer, Who Bravely Continues After Interval

FORT WORTH, Tex., Oct. 26.—Severe injuries were suffered by Mme. Nellie Metha, opera singer during the presentation of "Faust" here, when a row of lights at the back of the stage fell and struck her. She was bruised about the body and for

Mmc. Melba resumed her role after the

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Men at Dix Will Be Subjected to Strenuous Mental Tests

WILL FACILITATE WORK

By a Staff Correspondent CAMP DIX, Wrightstown, N. J., Oct. 26.
Preparations are now being made in the Base Hospital here for the conduct of a distinctly new departure in classification of soldlers-the psychological study of every soldier in the camp. Considerable confusion in the lay mind exists as to the purpose and methods of these tests. The average civilian having read of the nervous and squilibrium tests which the aviators are subjected to, pictures the rookie as being

subjected to, pictures the rockie as being a victim to all sorts of tricks and traps which will reflect the measure of his courage, nerve, intelligence or ability to lead men. These tests are associated in his mind with firing revolvers, walking of a chalk line or machines that will record the time of nervois reactions.

The real purpose of the tests is to get a laboratory record of the grade of intelligence of the men in the National Army, which will be turned over to the company commanders and will serve as another means of helping the captain of a company to measure the capabilities of his men.

men.

As a result of the examination the men will be grouped into five classes by the psychologists according to the intelligence of the men as developed by their reactions. These ratings will be A B C D E. Past tests have proved that about five per cent of the subjects will be in Class A, men of unusual talent; just below these men will be the B men, about 15 per cent, who are above the average in intelligence; then the

C class, which is the class of the majority, the average in intelligence; then the subaverage, about 15 per cent, and last, the Emen, about 5 per cent in number, who probably lack entirely the qualities that make a good soldier.

The tests are not designed to be an elimination process, but are merely a general classification and parallel to the classification and all of these men will be returned immediately. The eight men who were discincted of New York State and all will return to the medical school of the University of Eughan, where they were studying.

This order is the result of the long fight physicians and medical colleges have waged to have their students exempted from immediate military service.

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