

MEETS 'DAD' IN RACE TO SERVICE AT FRONT

Daughter of General Nicholson, Meade Chief, at Head of Y. M. C. A. Hut

ROOSEVELT GETS HA-HA

Army Officers Amused at Colonel's "Discovery" of the Wooden Gun

By a Staff Correspondent. CAMP MEADE, Admiral, Md., Jan. 8. General Nicholson, commander of the Liberty Division, will go to France soon, but he won't have the honor of being the first in his family to reach the firing line. That honor has been robbed from him, and by his daughter, Mrs. Helen Nicholson Crean, wife of a captain in the Royal Field Artillery of the British army, who is serving as aide-camp for general Sanderlands in the Jerusalem campaign.

Mrs. Crean, who possesses the same love for army life as her father, is now in charge of a Y. M. C. A. hut behind the firing lines in France. Word that the plucky little woman had obtained an appointment to that position and is actually in the service reached here today.

That Little Penn's commander is a bit proud of his daughter's achievement. He is elated, and every man in the division shares his joy and pride. General Nicholson is from a fighting family that for more than 100 years has been prominent in naval and army circles. The advent of Mrs. Crean into the service marks the entrance of every member of the General's immediate family into war service.

DETAILS CONCERNING Mrs. Crean's success are lacking, although it is known that General Pershing, who has known her from babyhood, is largely responsible for her appointment. In England she mastered the details of a motor truck and became a licensed driver. Then she went to France, and was joined by Mrs. L. R. McCormick, of Chicago, and Miss Bessie Swift, daughter of Louis Swift, the Chicago banker.

Mrs. Crean demonstrated her ability to drive a motor truck and keep the hut supplied with merchandise, so received the appointment. Mrs. McCormick and Miss Swift are assisting her.

Colonel Roosevelt's "discovery" of a wooden gun, which he says was used in one of the American campaigns, gave Camp Meade officers a choice morsel of fun today. That the Colonel has just made the notable "discovery" caused much laughter for wooden guns and broomsticks used in the service are well known at Little Penn since the opening of camp.

Scores of wooden guns were used by the soldiers upon their arrival and many of the so-called broomsticks are still in use. "And the broomsticks will continue to render service," said one of the officers today.

TEDDY GETS HA-HA. For preliminary purposes a wooden gun is used in the details of a rifle, for the latter is quite heavy and cumbersome for a new man to handle and in preliminary work a recruit, if provided with an expensive gun, would ruin it.

In the bayonet practice the men are using the blob stick, a straight stick with a wire ring fastened to one end. This is used by a soldier who is defending himself against a bayonet attack and is much more practical for such service than a rifle. One soldier is equipped with a rifle and as he thrusts the bayonet at his antagonist the blows are ward off with the blob stick.

Practice of this character would be very expensive if all the men used rifles, because they would be badly damaged. Although the War Department was unable to furnish rifles to the selectees until quite recently, the absence of weapons did not retard the training program, according to officers who discussed the rifle shortage today. Following a long time in vogue, not only in the army, but navy, the men were given wooden weapons.

"Men in the navy never use steel cutlasses when drilling, for all practice weapons of that character are made of wood," said one of the officers. "The wooden guns at Camp Meade have been placed in storage, for the men are so well advanced that rifles have been issued to them."

Officers asserted that the improvised weapons not only saved the Government considerable money, but in drilling much easier for the men.

"It is much easier," said an old army captain, "for a man to carry a light wooden gun than a heavy rifle."

MORE DISCHARGES. More than twenty Philadelphia men were today discharged for physical defects. They are: Leo W. Bridgford, Local Board 9; Francesco, Local Board 2; Samuel Sussman, 5; George L. Schaaf, 6; Anson F. Daino, 11; Edward M. Bulger, 7; John J. Burke, 24; Michael Christaldi, 27; George J. Burget, 21; Patrick J. McFadden, 2; Edward Rowan, 1; Clifford F. Fisher, 24;



LETTER FROM A SELECTED MAN AT CAMP MEADE TO HIS MOTHER

How Woman Has Come Into Her Own as an Indispensable Factor in the Life and Activities of Little Penn

CAMP MEADE, Admiral, Md., Jan. 8. DEAR MOTHER—Women are coming into their own at Little Penn, and so rapidly that the fighting men find it difficult to keep up with their many activities.

When the camp was thrown open to the selectees of Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia less than four months ago there was no work and in fact, no room for the fair sex. Camp work, according to army officers, was not for women. They are out of their element when dealing with the problems of soldiers and, in fact, lack the capacity to grapple with the perplexing problems in army life.

"This was our philosophy during the early days when the boys were pouring in at dusk-developed Disney and beginning a new life in the Little Penn section of Uncle Sam's National Army. But that attitude, like many other prejudices that have been entertained for centuries, has been placed in the discard today. The original plans of the Y. M. C. A. was to be accomplished by actually identifying with the camp. First to invade the camp and give it a touch of femininity were the women connected with the Y. M. C. A. Their hostesses' houses, with its cozy nooks, fireplace, luncheon and rest parlors, speaks for itself.

It filled a real need and is without question the most popular institution in camp—so popular that every man from General Nicholson down to the youngest private takes pleasure in escorting friends to its welcome rooms. Following the establishment of the hostesses house came a boy of nurses and a nurse, and it goes deeper into the life of the camp, for several women have been engaged as instructors in the camp night school. This work, according to the original plans of the Y. M. C. A., was to be accomplished by the fact that the call for man-power in the fighting forces and in the allied branches of the national service so drained the supply of masculine timber that women were drafted.

Madame Maurice Montreal, wife of the French purchasing agent for tobacco, is one of the women who has been called to this work and is demonstrating the adaptability of her sex in this particular field of endeavor. That the Y. M. C. A. will eventually be forced to draft women for work in the bungalows is virtually certain, for every day the war continues the number of getting men who are suitable for this work becomes more vexing.

I must not close this letter without mentioning an incident that shows the character of women that are employed in camp work. Madame Brunow, one of the workers at the hostesses house, is a widow and two months ago sent her only son—in fact, he is her only child—to Annoton, Ala. She is a French woman and wanted to do more than sending her Fred into the army, so came to the hostesses house. She brought a little white-haired terrier with her.

The little dog went his way into the hearts of the soldiers, but during last Sunday's rush of visitors strayed away and hasn't been found. "I want you to mention the loss of my dog," cried the heart-broken woman today. "Just tell the folks, Bob, how I miss him and how dear he is to me." Then Madame Brunow told me how the little terrier had been her pet for nine years and how she loved him. "Fred went away to the war," she sobbed, "and all I had left was my little dog." Then she sat down at a table and cried. I was so interested in the military police and everything is being done to find the little white-haired dog with yellow ears; the dog that was left to comfort a widow who had sent her only boy into the service.

Another soldier boy has become a benedict and he is an officer, too. Lieutenant Raymond J. Hurley, the man of smiles and good cheer, is on a furlough and when he returns from Kansas City will bring back his bride. The young lady is Miss Elizabeth Taylor, of the western city. Hurley is the son of E. N. Hurley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board.

Good night, mother dear. Your devoted soldier son, DOB.



O'NEILL MAY LEAD NEW YORK GUARDS

Former Hancock Commander Back for Day at Old Camp

OTHERS ARE SHIFTED

Eighteen Officers Will Go to Spartanburg in General Strike-Up

CAMP HANCOCK, Augusta, Ga., Jan. 9. Brigadier General C. T. O'Neill, formerly commander of the Third Pennsylvania Infantry Brigade, returned this morning from Spartanburg to collect his baggage for active field service with corps organizations now being formed at Camp Wadesboro. He will not be assigned to the Twenty-seventh Division, but will have a command of a corps brigade.

Brigadier General Guy Carleton, U. S. A., will have command of the new organization, while five other brigadiers serve under him. It is reported that a rehabilitation of the dismembered regiments of the National Guard of New York is contemplated and that 20,000 more troops are to be sent to the camp there for that purpose.

"I have many pleasant associations in the old guard," said General O'Neill. "It is pleasant to come back only for an hour or two to see one's friends and to bid them good-by. Of course, I am here only to get my field necessities and then I will return."

General O'Neill left for his new assignment on a morning train, remaining in the city but a very short time. He stated that he was pleased with his new assignment; that he did not know just what troops he would have charge of, but expected that troops from the New York National Guard would form the nucleus for his command.

Among others transferred to Camp Wadesboro are eighteen captains and majors, made surplus by the reorganization of the division last September, when the Third, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth and Thirtieth Pennsylvania Infantry regiments were absorbed by the First, Tenth, Eighteenth and Sixteenth infantry regiments to form the 109th, 110th and 111th United States Infantry.

The transferred officers are Major David B. Simpson, First Infantry; Major Louis L. Tafel, Major William S. Buford, Sixth Infantry; Major George Blair, Third Infantry; Major William W. Bantz, Eighth Infantry; Captain Bernard P. Killion, Captain Frank W. Hammes, Captain William H. Schenkel, Captain Walter A. Margashalmer, Third Infantry; Captain Joseph W. Thompson, Captain Lelan M. Hallon, Captain Harry A. Brutsch, Sixth Infantry; Captain Robert H. Whelstone, Captain George C. Helt, Captain Harry M. Stone, Eighth Infantry; Captain Frank X. Kearns, Captain Charles E. Correll, Thirtieth Infantry; and Captain Harry B. Williamson, First Pennsylvania Infantry.

The regimental designations are from the Pennsylvania National Guard. For months these officers have been roaming about the division without any regular assignment. Some of them since the reorganizations, which dismembered

regiments, have had no assignment, and they have on that account been doing what was in store for them. Some of the western Pennsylvania regiments were dismembered, the officers from that section will remain with the division.

Major Simpson and Captain Williamson, both Philadelphia, had been reported surplus in their regiments. First, by a previous readjustment of officers.

Philadelphia in Aviation Service. Word has been received here that three Philadelphia—Morton Lewis Newhall, of 7342 Rural lane, Mount Airy; Samuel B. Eckert, of Devon, and George Harrison Franzer, Jr., of 213 Spruce street—have entered the United States aviation service in France.

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Guards and Draftees Will Go to Camp Dix to Form New Unit

HEADQUARTERS BLUE AND GRAY DIVISION, Camp McClellan, Annapolis, Md., Jan. 8.

Lack of transportation alone keeps some 1400 Delaware men with the Blue and Gray division. As soon as trains are available every man from Delaware, former National Guardsmen and drafted men alike, will leave for Camp Dix, N. J., where it is expected they will be formed into a regiment of pioneer infantry.

Colonel J. Warner Reed, formerly head of the First Delaware, has received notice that he is to be colonel of the new unit. The order, which came a few days ago from the War Department, withdraws Delaware men from the division no matter what outfits they are in. It takes a whole battalion from the 114th Infantry and many officers from that and other outfits. The fifty-six officers who formerly were the Delaware unit are scattered all over the division.

Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel of the division and National Guard officers will leave soon for Fort Sam Houston, it is expected. Among those who will be the first to go are: Colonel Washington Dowie, Jr., of the 110th Artillery; Lieutenant Colonel Milton A. Beckard, of the 115th; Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Craighead, head of the division's officers' training school; Colonel Thomas D. Landon, formerly of the 114th; Lieutenant Colonel Wilmer A. Cadmus, of the same regiment; Lieutenant Colonel George M. Butte, of the 112th; Colonel Quigley A. Gillmore, of the 112th Artillery, and Lieutenant Colonel Samuel A. Barnard, of the same regiment.

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