

GOVERNMENT WARNED OF ENEMY INTRIGUE

Germany Gets War Data Through Camouflaged Insurance Companies

GUISE OF NEUTRALITY

McAdoo Urged to Take Quick Action to Keep Information From Foe

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Asserting that it has evidence to show that camouflaged enemy insurance companies are obtaining information of immense value and forwarding it to Germany, the American Defense Society last night requested a hearing before the application of certain fire insurance companies in Europe to do business in the United States.

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HUN MESSAGES HIT WIRELESS AT MEADE

Operator Catches Flashes From Enemy Outfits Across Atlantic

PICKS UP PARIS NEWS

Commander at Camp Carefully Studies All Codes Caught by Instrument

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(Special Correspondent.)—It was an unusually quiet day at Little Meade, and John McGarrity, wireless operator, in the radio section of the 20th, Field Signal Battalion, turned up his instruments with just ordinary enthusiasm.

Turning up for the purpose of catching messages that filter through the air waves from Arlington and other Government stations is not a work that stimulates a fighting man, and when performed in a silence that is unbroken except for the harking of a machine gun a half mile to the west and the occasional blare of a band in a distant section of the camp the work is colorless, or, as McGarrity would say, monotonous.

But soldier that he is, he sticks to his task, and after a half hour, and with sensitive wires and keyboard closed the switch. There was a purring sound which gave ample evidence that the operator was catching messages from the other side of the Atlantic.

"IT'S FROM GERMANY!" But getting messages from across the sea was not a new and exciting thing. Weeks before, when the big plant had been put in place, the boys had enjoyed the thrill of catching "Camp Meade" in direct touch with Paris. And now, like virtually everything on the reservation, the daily message that seeped through the clouds into the Atlantic had become a commonplace.

Suddenly the face of the fighting little Irishman at the keyboard turned a rich color. He was suddenly as suddenly the fish vanished and gave way to a whistling that was almost uncanny. "What's up, old man?" shouted a comrade. "Nothing," he replied. "It's an old man's French broken through." Are they giving those devils a good beating?

"Fixed to his chair as though glued, the operator made no reply. For a full minute he enjoyed alone the greatest honor that has come to a Camp Meade soldier. "Boys," he shouted, "I've got Germany. No, I'm not crazy, I tell you I have Germany. The Hun is sending me a message. It's code, but I'm getting it. Here it is." And as the doughy Irishman reeled off fragments of the cipher message a half dozen men in the clouding mist realized what was happening.

They were putting the Liberty Division in direct touch with the Hun and boys from Dixie the unique honor of hearing every other National Army division to do this. "In direct communication!" yelled McGarrity.

THE NEWS STUDIED—Then the good news was rushed to Captain C. H. Burkhead, commander of the radio company and one of the officers best known in the camp. What that news could not be told.

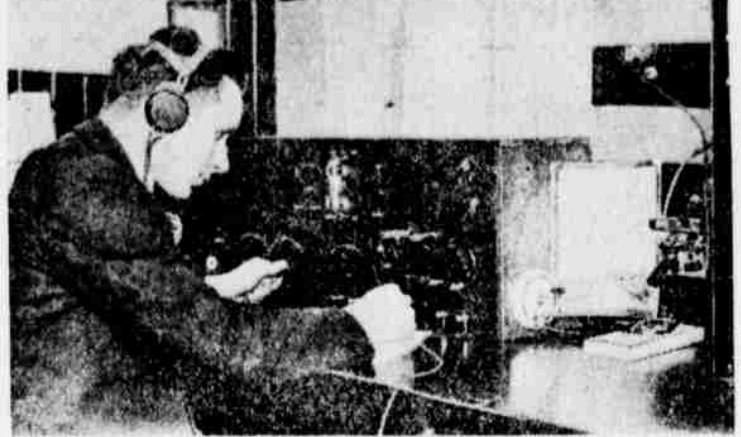
That the military authorities know what to do with the information that is picked out of the air, goes without saying. It is a little cog in the machinery of the mysterious code messages are directed to the commanders of the undersea boats that are ravaging the commerce of the world.

McGarrity, it should be said, is a volunteer and hails from a little town in Ohio, officially a radio outfit known as Company A, which in this instance is quite significant.

The remarkable work being done by the wireless outfit is but one of the many stunts performed by the battalion. It is this battalion that will be the signal work for the Liberty Division when it goes over there and every wrinkle in the game of communication is being studied.

"Outpost," as it is known as the "outpost outfit," and to this unit will fall the work of keeping the men in the front-line signal work in communication with the rear through the medium of the telephone, telegraph and other signaling devices.

EXPERT RADIO OPERATOR AT AGE OF 19



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State Headquarters Will Send Forces to Fill Vacancies in Camps

HARRISBURG, Jan. 28.—The best quota of draftees who will be called to make up shortages of districts tributary to Harrisburg and Meade will, in all probability, begin to move on February 6, the commander ordered to make up the quota under the first call will not start before February 12, according to present indications.

Major W. G. Murdoch, in charge of drafting headquarters, who has been in the progress of the local boards in the progress made on the classification of the questionnaires, has heard from about 100 of the 252 boards, and is hoping that the work will be completed by May 18.

In Philadelphia only one of fifty-one boards have replied and only two of those have finished the work. Allegheny County has a good record outside of Pittsburgh. Here few boards have made much progress, according to reports.

Bullings have been announced that the draft age started since May 18 and given classifications will have their cases automatically appealed to the district boards and that all men who have received the "green" classification in readiness to go, are entitled to questionnaires.

MEN IN ALLENTOWN CAMP ENJOY MUSICAL FEAST

Musicians of Philadelphia Orchestra Entertain Ambulance Corps and Receive Ovation

A "musical feast" was given last night to the men of the United States army ambulance corps at Allentown by sixty musicians of the Philadelphia Orchestra, led by Wassili Legay, conductor of the orchestra.

SEEKING MORE OFFICERS

State College Students Asked to Apply for Commissions

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Jan. 28.—Technical students at the Pennsylvania State College have been asked to apply for commissions in the coast artillery corps.

Major Spaulding's appeal said there is a need of officers in this branch. Graduates of students who have completed the greater part of their college course in electrical engineering are particularly desired.

BRITON WHO CRITICIZED U. S. CAMP ARRESTED

Says He Was Joking, but Uncle Sam Doesn't Like That Kind of Joke

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 28.—United States army authorities will hold, pending instructions from the British embassy, the public trial of a Briton who criticized the British military mission at Camp Meade.

MEASLES AT FORT DUPONT

Barracks at Delaware City Quarantined; Soldiers Lose Home Reunions

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 28.—Fort Dupont, at Delaware City, has been quarantined because measles has broken out. In addition to the regular soldiers, there are about 200 Delaware National Army men at the post.

COL. OWELL DROPPED IN M'CLELLAN SHIFT

Former Commander of Jersey Unit Ordered to California

FRENCH MAKE VISIT

Number of Marylanders Detached for Duty in Detention Camp

HEADQUARTERS BLUE AND GRAY

Colonel Curtis W. Howell has been relieved of command of the 10th Engineers.

The French army has been at Camp Meade since the 10th Engineers, a New Jersey organization, at the time of their expedition from the original detachment to a training camp.

During their stay here Captain Beaumont lectured before the conference of field and staff officers on the organization and procedure of the intelligence officer in the general staff of a division.

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NAVAL OFFICER A SUICIDE

Lieutenant Commander Parsons Shoots Himself at Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 28.—Lieutenant Commander Parsons was found dead in his office yesterday with a bullet hole in his head. He had been dead several hours.

Before leaving he expressed great satisfaction at the general condition here, "the spirit and comradeship of the men has impressed me greatly," he said.

YOUNG POLES OFF TO FORT

Five Leave Hazleton to Join Regiment at Fort Niagara

HAZLETON, Pa., Jan. 28.—Five young Poles left here yesterday for Fort Niagara, N. Y., to join the Polish regiment being raised there for service on the western front.

Need we say more about the advantage of buying furs now, of buying them simply as a practical and sensible way to offset the clothing and fuel problems that await, even if you had not thought of buying them as a stylish and beautiful addition to dress.

MOUTH ORGAN BAND TO REGALE DIX BOYS

Colonel Cootes Favors Club for Camp—10,000 Harmonicas for Concert

ENCOURAGED AS GIFTS

Music to Be Stressed in Practice Marches—Songs When Instruments Quiet

CAMP DIX, Wrightstown, N. J., Jan. 28.—When resting in billets back of the front where their regimental bands cannot accompany them, American soldiers get more entertainment and comfort out of a mouth-organ than from any other piece of equipment they can stuff in their war packs.

Orders, effective tomorrow, emphasize the value placed on music in military training. Hereafter on practice marches, whenever possible, regimental bands must accompany the troops.

The disheartening effect of continual transfers of officers from division to division upon the spirit and work of various commands frequently has been observed in this division.

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rank of major. Captain Odum has been adjutant to Colonel Stokes, of the 1st regiment. Colonel Stokes has been promoted to major. Major Odum is in command of the 1st Battalion, 1st Cavalry, and is acting regimental adjutant.

Lit Brothers advertisement for furniture sale. Includes text: 'HATS TRIMMED FREE OF CHARGE', 'Lit Brothers', 'Closed All Day Today', 'The Greatest February Furniture Sale in All Our History'.

Mawson & DeMany advertisement for fur sale. Includes text: 'Mawson & DeMany', '1115 Chestnut Street', 'OUR SALE OF FURS at One-Half Off and One-Third Off', 'Has Met With Tremendous Response'.

Grafonola advertisement. Includes image of a gramophone and text: 'Choose this fine Grafonola outfit SPECIAL FOR TUESDAY', 'Total Outfit \$50 on easy weekly terms', 'The Grafonola Shops INCORPORATED 1109 Chesnut'.