'LITTLE CORPORAL' HAS 'TANK' SERVICE BILLET

Napoleon E. Jardel, of Philadelphia, Chosen for Hazardous Post With Pershing

FIRST MAN SELECTED

Lively Days at Camp Meade in Varied Lines of Military Activity

By a Staff Correspondent

CAMP MEADE, Admiral, Md., Feb. 27.

It was a busy day for the machine-gun company of the 316th Infantry, and every one of the speed kings welcomed the little rest that followed the first two-hour session with the Vickers machine guns.

"Get the Little Corporal," said a member of the outfit who had just returned from a bit of detail work at headquarters. Now it so happens that machine gunners are veritable hounds of news, and it so happens that the machine-gun company in the all-Pennsylvania infantry regiment commanded by Colonel Oscar J. Charles has a Little Corporal.

And it just happened that an embryo war correspondent was today enjoying a smoke with this bunch of fighting men when the call was issued for the "Little Corporal." The scribe's mind went back to the pages of history that were made possible by Europe's most famous "Little Corporal," but the machine gunner bearing that title at "Little Penn" beat his memory, or, rather, interrupted his thinking apparatus.

"Right-o," came a voice from a bed in the far corner of the barracks.

"What's up?" demanded the soldier, as he joined the group. "Just a few congratulations," began the soldier who had disturbed the "Little Corporal." "You have been picked for service in the tanks. Don't know when you'll go, but it won't be long."

Then followed a flock of congratulations, the passing of cigarettes and a few words from one Napoleon E. Jardel, of 4713 North Broad street, Philadelphia, who won the distinction of being the first man picked for service in the tanks. With hundreds of others he volunteered for that hazardous service when the division commander issued a call less than a week ago. Little did the camp statistician, who has charge of such things, realize that the first man picked from the bunch of volunteers would fill the place as perfectly as the original "Little Corporal" who made such a fuss for the Allied armies of Europe a hundred years ago. But he does, and the following lines will explain:

SON OF FRANCO-PRUSSIAN VET.

Jardel was born in Philadelphia, and thinks more of that spot than any place in the world, but he is a thorough-going Frenchman. His father, veteran of the Franco-Prussian War, and his mother are now in Alsace; their property ownings have been reduced to virtually nothing as a result of the war, and two uncles of the Camp Meade soldier have been killed by the Huns.

His dad came to America thirty-five years ago, and five years later a boy was born. "We'll christen him Napoleon," said the proud father, so Napoleon it was. Napoleon, like his famous namesake, never acquired much height, and never acquired much girth, so when he came to Little Penn and won a corporal's chevrons it was only natural that the boys would call him the Little Corporal. And now he goes to France to fight in one of the big tanks that General Pershing will send against the Huns.

Six other men in this outfit have been selected for a similar service, but the censor will not permit the use of their names until they have been tucked safely away in France.

BARRAGE FIRE

But Captain L. E. Knowlton, a Harvard man, who commands the company, has tooted his trusty whistle and the bunch of gunners are scrambling out of the barracks to tackle the problems of small-arms barrage fire. Like the twinkling of an eye they have assembled in the field adjoining the barracks.

As Captain Knowlton confers with Colonel Charles the landscape targets are put in place. And right here it must be explained that the landscape targets are some targets.

Barry E. Thompson, a Philadelphia artist, is a member of the company, and with his brushes has painted a series of targets that will find places in Philadelphia art galleries when the war is over. The first, and it was in colors, too, covered a canvas four feet long and two feet deep. It depicted a bit of rural France with its picturesque peasant cottages, a winding road that led from the village square to a deep forest in the background. The road crossed a stream, and the bridge, faithfully portrayed by the artist, was to be the target for the machine gunners.

"Twelve hundred yards," shouted Captain Knowlton. Instantly the gunners got busy. They were divided into three groups and each man had his place. Each group manned a gun, and it was the duty of each group to rush forward, assemble the rapid-fire machine and begin operations against an imaginary army of Huns that would pass over the bridge.

But let us explain the operations by dealing with one gun. Sergeant J. F. Frazier, a prizefighter from Lebanon, clutches the tripod; W. H. Robinson, of 6075 Stenton avenue, grabs the gun, and J. J. Robinson, of Olney, makes up the rear with a box of ammunition. Frazier adjusts the tripod, Robinson attaches the gun and the second Mr. Robinson begins to feed the gun with steel pellets. Frazier sights the gun after finding the range and awaits the word to fire.

ALL DONE IN FOURTEEN SECONDS

And this operation has consumed less than fourteen seconds. In that time the men have advanced over twenty-five yards of ground, assembled the gun, found the range and are ready to pour lead into the Huns on the bridge.

For training purposes no shots are fired, for the boys must develop lightning-like speed before firing real bullets. But Frazier holds the trigger and, figuratively speaking, the gun is pouring 500 tiny lead pellets every minute on to that bridge. Captain Knowlton blows his whistle and the Robinson from Olney falls. A man from the rear takes his place for the aforesaid Mr. Robinson has been hit by a German sniper, and is out of commission. Then Frazier stops a Hun bullet and he, too, must give way to another chap who runs forward. They hold their position for three minutes, but the Germans have made it too hot to remain, so they knock down the gun, pick up Frazier and Robinson and withdraw.

As the Little Corporal puts it, "It's a great life, but I want more action, so I'm going to join a tank squad."

PHILADELPHIA GUNNERS

Originally the 316th was to be made up of men from outside Philadelphia, but within a few weeks after the regiment settled down to business several hundred Quaker City men were taken into the machine-gun company, [illegible] more than twenty and among them are A. [illegible] Horn, Corporal W. J. [illegible], Otto Schmilewske, R. A. Bonner, [illegible], Olney; John Wilkins [illegible], C. R. Adams, A. L. Scott, [illegible], Lee Stickley, Olney; [illegible]

NAPOLEON E. JARDEL
Philadelphian who won the distinction of being the first man picked at Camp Meade for service in the tanks.

HANCOCK BOYS HELP IN SAVING OF WHEAT

Thousands of Pounds of Corn Meal Will Be Used at Camp

CAMP HANCOCK, Augusta, Ga., Feb. 27.

Wheat conservation by the use of substitute cereals is being stressed at Camp Hancock. The first intimation of the Twenty-eighth Division Hoover campaign was made public in a memorandum issued from division headquarters, in which it was pointed out that the divisional quartermaster had several thousand pounds of white cornmeal on hand for distribution to the various units.

White cornmeal, according to the memorandum, is as good for making muffins, corn bread and the like as yellow cornmeal, and should be used wherever possible.

So far this is the first instance at Camp Hancock in which conservation has been stressed by division headquarters. The food orders will not extend to the meatless, porkless and fatless stages. Instead, the Pennsylvania soldiers get their usual food at mealtime as regularly as in peace times.

Captain S. D. Hollis, 107th Field Artillery; Captain George E. Roth, 108th Field Artillery, and Captain George Dietrich, 109th Field Artillery, are under orders to go to Fort Sill, Okla. They are to attend the school office at the training camp located there. Captain Roth's home is in Philadelphia; Captain Dietrich's in Hazleton.

Two changes in the personnel of the general court-martial were announced yesterday in orders. First Lieutenant Ivan D. Loy, 108th Machine Gun Battalion, is relieved as a member, being succeeded by Second Lieutenant Robert G. McNeal, 107th Machine Gun Battalion. First Lieutenant John I. Harvey, 107th Machine Gun Battalion, is relieved as assistant judge advocate and is succeeded by First Lieutenant Glen B. Allison, 109th Machine Gun Battalion.

TO MUSTER IN MILITIA

Company H, of Delaware County, Takes Oath Tonight

Officers and men aggregating nearly thirty, who comprise Company H, First Regiment Infantry, which is one of the Delaware County units of the recently established Pennsylvania Reserve Militia, will be mustered into State service tonight. The ceremonies will take place in the armory in Media. In the company are well-known residents of Delaware County, including about fifteen lawyers, professors and instructors of Swarthmore College.

The officers of Company H are: Captain, J. Kirk McCurdy, formerly connected with Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the Cuban campaign; First Lieutenant Louis E. Skinner and Second Lieutenant Allan Wood, formerly of the Seventh Regiment, New York National Guard.

The enlisted men will be mustered into the State service wearing their uniforms of the Swarthmore Reserves and carrying their Lee Enfield rifles. As an independent military organization, the Swarthmore Reserves, the command was rated as one of the best equipped and organized in the State.

AIRMEN POST FOR LANCASTER

War Department Would Have School in State

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 27.—War Department officials have been here looking over the field for the establishment of a technical aviation school this summer. It is proposed to have the students, numbering 100, receive instruction in the use of tools and a general grounding in mechanics at the Bowman Technical School.

If the school is established, the students will be quartered in the old east hall of Franklin and Marshall College.

Will Give Play for War Fund

A play entitled "Masks," by Miss Blanche Dillaye, presented by the Plays and Players' Club, will be given tonight by the Fellowship of the Pennsyvania Academy of the Fine Arts for the benefit of the war fund. The performance will take place in the lecture room of the Academy of the Fine Arts Building, Broad and Cherry streets. Miss Mildred Foss will sing several songs, which will be followed by an informal tea.

FLEET OF AIRPLANES TO AID MEADE WORK

Latest Move to Train Fighters Planned for Signal Corps

ROOKIE GETS JAIL TERM

Issue of Razors and Other Equipment Indicates Early Departure

By a Staff Correspondent

CAMP MEADE, Admiral, Md., Feb. 27.

A military camp is not up to the minute in the arts of warfare until airplanes are introduced, so Little Penn, not to be outdone by sister camps, has arranged to add a fleet of the craft to its equipment.

The aircraft will become the big feature in the training of signal men and to make them the last word in efficiency each plane will be equipped with a wireless outfit. Members of the 304th Field Signal Battalion will be taught the tricks of the aero wireless, and it is not at all unlikely that picked men from various infantry and artillery regiments will also have a fling at this romantic service.

Airplanes play an important part in locating the enemy and especially the enemy batteries, and it takes a wireless operator to communicate with his fellow Sammees in the field and impart this information. To make this possible the 304th Field Signal Battalion has several field wireless outfits that are as easily moved as an old-fashioned carpet bag.

Intensive training in this work will begin immediately after the arrival of the aircraft, and they are expected shortly.

Private Louis Lohmuller, Company B, 315th Infantry, has been sent to an army prison for six months. According to a court-martial the soldier absented himself without leave on December 27 and did not return until apprehended in Philadelphia nearly three weeks later.

Further evidence that the division is making ready for service in France developed today when it became known that a razor is to be assured to every Sammee in the organization. They will receive also a small steel mirror and shaving brush, one shoe brush and clothes brush are to be issued to every eight men in the division. The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER several days ago announced that 30,000 razors had been purchased for the boys.

The military police are very much on the job with their work of checking up on bootleggers. Every civilian entering camp is "frisked" for a booze bottle and the frisking extends to the examination of hand bags and suit cases that are brought to the reservation by women.

Major General Joseph E. Kuhn was the guest of honor last night at a banquet given by the officers of the 314th Regiment, at the unveiling of a large medallion of Colonel Thomas R. Darrah, commander of the regiment. The medallion was the work of Walt McDougall and hangs above the main table of the mess hall.

General Kuhn told some of his experiences in France. Mr. McDougall was congratulated on his work. The regimental band played.

Some of Philadelphia's young officers have been transferred to Texas to the new cavalry organization under formation.

It is believed that many will remain in Texas and will see duty along the border. The men who have gone to Fort Sam Houston include Major B. M. Frazier, Captains J. P. Hollingsworth, E. F. Rivinus, H. D. Beylard, J. N. Ewing, R. E. Thompson, J. L. Montgomery, T. S. Paul, E. G. Thayer, G. Lovering, P. C. Madeira, Jr., S. R. Miller, J. B. Drinker and R. J. Hughes; First Lieutenants, C. S. Cheston, C. Howell, R. P. Frazier, E. R. Neilson, H. R. Platt, R. E. Hurst and J. I. Snowden; Second Lieutenants, A. S. Reeves, H. C. Sayle and H. M. Edgeton. They will join the 309th Cavalry.

Forty men of the 154 Depot Brigade have been transferred to the Fifteenth Regiment of Engineers. They will remain here temporarily with the 304th Regiment of Engineers, the Philadelphia organization, before being sent to their new unit, which is now in France.

Private Harlan A. Walker, Company A, of the Twenty-seventh Engineers, has been transferred to the Twenty-ninth Regiment of Engineers at Camp Devens, Mass.

First Lieutenant Nelan J. Signon, of the Sanitary Corps, has been assigned to the Medical Supply Depot.

Second Lieutenant Fred A. Cartnell and Second Lieutenant John McSweeney, Jr., of the 316th Infantry, have been transferred to Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala., for duty with the Thirty-seventh Division.

ENLISTS ON 13TH TRIAL

Lucky Number for Lancaster Man Who Wants to Fight

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 27.—Thirteen proved a lucky number for Frank S. Stoll, of 215 Juniata street, for it has taken him into the army. Five times he tried to enlist in the navy and seven times in the army, in various branches, only to be turned down because he was under weight.

He tried it for the thirteenth time at Fort Slocum, New Rochelle, N. Y., and his parents here have just been notified that he has succeeded in enlisting.

LUTHERAN WAR FUND GROWS

Contributions for Mission Work at Front Total $27,000

The $750,000 fund being raised by the Lutheran Churches of Philadelphia and vicinity, to be used in missionary work among the soldiers "over there," reached the $27,000 mark today. Contributions from the Lutheran churches are in charge of the Lutheran War Commission.

Similar campaigns are being conducted in other States by the Lutheran churches. Lutheran churches in the Middle West have made large contributions.

FATHER AND FIGHTING SONS

Joseph H. Trotta, of 2513 East Clearfield street, is proud of his two sons who are in the service of their country. Private Samuel J. Trotta is in training at Camp Meade. Seaman Robert J. Trotta is stationed at Norfolk, Va.

COST OF ARMY DRAFT $4.93 FOR EACH MAN

Pennsylvania Figure Shown at $4.33—Real Economy, Says Crowder

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.

The average cost of drafting the men for the United States army under the selective service law of 1917 was $4.93 per capita.

The cost of drafting the men in Pennsylvania was $4.33 per capita; in New Jersey, $2.77; Delaware, $19; Maryland, $9.02, and New York, $8.04.

During the Civil War it cost $34.01 to recruit each of the 1,356,593 men prior to the passage of the draft law and $9.84 under the draft. This comparison is really valueless unless the relative purchasing power of money in 1863 is compared with that of today. Ten dollars in 1863 would purchase services which today would cost more than $20. The States where the drafting was the most expensive were Delaware, $19; Rhode Island, $13.04; Vermont, $13.16; Maine, $11.18; District of Columbia, $9.02, and Missouri, $8.30.

Drafting the men for the National Army was cheapest in Oklahoma, where it cost only $1.57; North Dakota, $1.83; Louisiana, $2.71; Idaho, $2.85; Indiana, $2.56; Mississippi, $3.66; Florida, $3.75, and Kansas, $3.36.

Provost Marshal General Crowder, who had charge of the draft, in his report of the expense connected with it says:

"In so far as we are forced to consider the purely financial aspect, the selective service system is the most economical measure that could possibly have been devised for raising the National Army of brave men to defend the cause of liberty and democracy against the nefarious world-designs of a ruthless hostile power."

YORK MAY GET ARMY CAMP

YORK, Pa., Feb. 27.—Plans for the location of a United States army camp here this summer are being matured by Government officials. It is proposed to utilize the York Fair grounds for the training of 4000 engineers after they have been fully uniformed and equipped at their receiving camp.

Captain F. E. Winter, stationed at Camp Meade, conferred with the fair managers here for the use of the large inclosure, which is said to be ideal for a camp, as the commodious exhibition buildings could be used as barracks.

Captain Winter said he would present a report of his negotiations to his superior officer and its approval is expected.

Too Much War; Penn Men Flunk

"Too much war" is given as the explanation of the large number of students who "flunked" their recent mid-year examinations at the University of Pennsylvania. "The psychological effect of the war has been to draw the students' minds away from their tasks," is the way the authorities explain the deficiencies reported. Forty-five students have been placed on probation for "flunking" and fifteen dropped altogether.

HARD WORK GREETS NEW DIX ROOKIES

Governor Whitman to Speak March 31—Miss Wilson to Sing

CAMP DIX, Wrightstown, N. J., Feb. 23.

No time will be lost in turning the rookies, arriving at Dix in the last few days, into trim fighters, and the commanders of the different regiments to which the men have been attached for rations and quarters have outlined their systems of training. Short hikes and daily physical drills are a part of the work and the days are passing quickly for the new men, who have little time to themselves. It is expected that they will be attached permanently to regiments in about ten days.

Governor Charles S. Whitman, of New York, is coming to Dix and will address the men in the Y. M. auditorium on March 31. Another visitor of prominence is Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, who will give a song recital in some of the Y. M. huts next Monday evening and in the Y. M. auditorium on Tuesday evening. She will be accompanied by a number of musicians.

The marathon run scheduled for this afternoon has been postponed until next Wednesday.

WILL SING FOR SOLDIERS

Miss Margaret Wilson to Make Tour of Eastern Camps

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, will make a tour of the eastern training camps to sing for the soldier boys.

She requested that she be sent to the more isolated camps, where the soldiers have less good entertainment. Her first audience will be at the opening of the Y. M. C. A. at Fort Totten

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RED TAPE IMPERILS CAMP WHEELER'S MEN

Digging of Ditch to Remove Malarial Swamp Prevented by War Department

RED CROSS TO RESCUE

Despite Fact That It Supplied Money for Work, Situation Remains Critical

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.

War Department red tape prevented the army from digging a ditch that would remove a malarial swamp from around Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Fully 50 per cent of the soldiers at Camp Wheeler would suffer from malaria before the end of the summer if the swamp was not immediately removed, Assistant Surgeon General H. R. Carter, an international authority on malaria, had stated after surveying the camp and swamp.

To remove the swamp it was only necessary to dig a ditch 3500 feet long from three to five feet deep at a cost of $7500. Yet the War Department could not undertake the job because the land was not leased or owned by the Government.

The surgeon general had stated that because the digging of the ditch would incidentally improve private property it would constitute an illegal act for his department to undertake the work.

To prevent untold sickness from malaria at Camp Wheeler this summer, and to relieve the War Department from an embarrassing predicament, the War Council of the Red Cross has appropriated $7500 to pay the cost of steam shoveling the ditch and diverting the stream that creates the swamp surrounding Camp Wheeler into the Ocmulgee River.

Dr. Taliaferro Clark, director of the Bureau of Sanitary Service, reported that notwithstanding a Red Cross unit had been actively engaged in sanitary work about Camp Wheeler, and that the War Council had appropriated $20,000 for the maintenance of the unit, yet affairs in the vicinity had reached a critical stage.

Surveys made by the Public Health Service demonstrated that the swampy areas surrounding the camp were breeding places for large numbers of malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

AVIATORS CLASH IN AIR FALL 1000 FEET TO DEATH

New York Broker One of Two Who Meet Death in Tennessee Flying Camp

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 27.—Cadet William J. Weissinger, of Buena Vista, Miss., and Cadet W. C. Story, of Freeport, N. Y., a cotton broker, were killed at the army aviation camp near here yesterday in a collision of airplanes which they were piloting. The machines fell about 1000 feet and both men were buried under the wreckage.

Weissinger was killed instantly, while Story was so badly crushed that he died in the field hospital to which he was taken. He fell from his machine while it was falling and was caught beneath the debris when it landed.

Weissinger had done newspaper work in this city, Chicago and Washington. After war was declared he entered the officers' training camp at Fort Myer, Va. and received a commission as a lieutenant of cavalry. He resigned to enter the signal corps and came to the aviation school here a month ago. Both flyers were members of the advanced flying classes.

Germans Launch Biggest [illegible]

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 27.—The [illegible] German cargo steamship [illegible] Rheinland, has been launched at the Vulcan shipyards at Vegesack, on the Weser, ten miles northwest of Bremen. The Rheinland registers 16,000 tons.

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