

DRAFT BOARD CLERK GOES TO CAMP MEADE

So Many Asked Exemption He Got Himself Advanced to Class 1

PREPARING FOR BIG HIKE

Division Getting Ready for War Maneuver Which Includes Capture of Baltimore

By a Staff Correspondent

Camp Meade, Md., March 25. "I am just a little ahead of time, perhaps out of turn, but so many men asked exemption that I just asked to be shifted from Class 2 to Class 1, so I'm here."

This is John H. Di Gio, of Norristown, Pa., explained his arrival in the 15th Depot Brigade. Di Gio was a teacher in his home city for many years, a court interpreter, and served as chief clerk for a Norristown draft board. "For various reasons," said Di Gio, "many men wanted to be exempted. Most of them had dependents, and in filling their claims they appeared before me. I got rather tired listening to the claims and made up my mind that as I was an army man, I might as well go first as last. So I told my draft board officials to transfer me from Class 2 to Class 1. And then my name was reached and I reached Camp Meade in short order."

Samuel M. Lapenta, of Norristown, followed the example of Di Gio and is now quartered in the same barracks with the draft official. In another week they will be assigned to regular units and begin their training for service "over there."

Norristown has sent many of her sons into the service and on the honor roll are many Italian names. Some of the Italians are not getting their first introduction to army service, for they have had experience in the army of King Emmanuel.

In this group, and he is a newcomer, is Nazareno Capelletta, who served the Italian colors during the Turkish-Italian war. He won two war medals. He came to this country at the close of that war, but is now eager to do his bit. "I fought for Italy," he said, "and will fight just as hard for America."

With the big hike to Baltimore less than two weeks away, the division is working at top speed to prepare itself for that event, and until the three day war maneuver is executed but few new wrinkles will be tried, for the division commanders feel that the time is needed to use up the men and machinery.

The embryo lieutenants in the officers' training camp were scheduled to do intensive trench work today, an eleven-hour shift altered the program. Instead of going into the ditches for war battle practice, the students will continue their marching, rifle and bayonet routine.

Three newcomers in the 15th Depot Brigade have been given permanent assignments. James A. F. Glover, at the cook's and baker's school; Daniel P. Collins goes to the 304th Field Signal Battalion and George Schmidt, Jr., is given a place in the shoe repair shop that is a part of the Quartermaster's Corps.

William G. Fulton, of the Medical Department, Sanitary Detachment, has been placed on the inactive list in order that he can return to resume his studies in the University of Maryland Medical School. Ellis E. Harrod, Jr., 294th Field Signal Battalion, who was sent to camp by Local Draft Board No. 8, Philadelphia, has been discharged because of physical defects. Captain William E. Taylor, who has been attached to the 11th Infantry, was today transferred to the 304th Engineers.

For disobeying a superior officer, Private Walter M. Griffin, Battery C, 51st Field Artillery (colored), has been sent to a military prison for ten years. According to the findings of a court-martial, the negro soldier refused to obey the command of Colonel W. E. Cole, who ordered him to camp play in the stable.

COLUMBIA PLANT RESUMES

Employment for Many When Big Pipe Mill Starts Again April 1

Columbia, Pa., March 26 (Special).—The local industrial world will enjoy a big and unexpected boom April 1, when the large pipe mill of the A. M. Myers Company will resume operations. The announcement was made last night by D. F. Manice, the manager. The plant was forced to close because of freight congestion and embargoes. Many men will be given employment by the starting up and every mill in the city will be operating full blast.



COMMANDER D. W. BAGLEY Brother-in-law of Secretary Daniels, whose craft, the Jacob Jones, was torpedoed and sunk last December, is coming here to take command of a destroyer nearing completion at Cramps' shipyard.

COMMANDER BAGLEY EXPECTED HERE SOON

Hero of Jacob Jones Disaster to Take Command of Destroyer Nearing Completion Commander David Worth Bagley, brother-in-law of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, is expected here within a few days to take command of a destroyer now nearing completion at Cramps' Shipyard. At the outset of the war he was sent abroad, in command of the destroyer Jacob Jones, off the Sicily Islands, last December, she was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine, with the loss of two officers and sixty-four men. At that time Commander Bagley performed feats which won him the commendation of the Navy Department.

The announcement of his coming here to command the new destroyer put to rest the belief he would be assigned to land duty at League Island, which arose several weeks ago when, after his marriage in New York to Miss Louise Harwood, of Colton, Cal., he announced he would shortly take up his residence in this city.

SPIES AGAIN ARE BUSY WITH FALSE RUMORS

Rainbow Division and Old Sixty-ninth Wiped Out in Their Reports Current in New York New York, March 25.—One result of the great German drive has been to instill new life into the rumor monger who is aiding the German cause in this country. For several months this type of trouble maker, who is listed as an important unit in the German spy organization, has been keeping quiet, but the news of the German successes has been too much for him, and rumors of disasters to American and Allied troops, naval reserves, and the falling down of the American war program at home are again being heard on all sides.

The particular business of the German rumor monger appears to be to create the impression—and, as a result, the great fear—on the part of the American people that the American troops now fighting in France have met with a great reverse at the hands of the Germans, in which the famous Rainbow Division had been almost completely annihilated. It is easy to understand why the Rainbow Division has been selected as the victim of the greatest disaster by the Germans, for that division represents all sections of the United States and should anything happen to it the sorrow and grief that would follow would be felt by people in two-thirds of the States in the Union.

ANNOUNCE PROMOTIONS AT CAMP M'CLELLAN

Majors Claude Lanterman and Edward James Included in List Advanced

Camp McClellan, Ala., March 26 (Special).—Numerous promotions have been announced here. Majors Claude Lanterman and Edward James, 11th Artillery, have been made lieutenant colonels. One will go to the 11th and one to the 11th Field Artillery. Lieutenant James M. Charles, Shipley, officer of the military police, has been made captain. Lieutenants Frank Loudon, John Kerr, C. E. Maxwell and L. B. Porter, supply train, are now second lieutenants. James Marshall and William Wherry, military police, are first lieutenants.

The Yellow Dove A Romance of the Secret Service By GEORGE GIBBS

CHAPTER XV—Continued "WERE the contents of the papers you read at Ashwater Park the same as those you hold in your hand?" "As nearly as I can remember, they were, exactly." "Word for word?" "I cannot say that. There were certain names and certain figures that I remember very clearly as being exactly the same. I—"

"There were reasons why, in the state of mind that I was in, what I saw remained impressed upon my memory." Hammerley throughout had sat immovably. But Rizzo, who had shown signs of anxiety, now interrupted. "Excellent, I beg—"

"Von Stromberg silenced him with a gesture. If you will be pleased to continue, Fraulein. Do you remember the numbers?" "Some of them." "And the towns and dates?" "Some of them."

"And are they, the ones that you remember, identical in both packets?" "As far as I can remember."

"When you escaped from the train were you in a position to hear what went on in the road?" "I was."

"The men in the road searched Herr Hammerley?" "They did."

"Do you remember hearing him say anything as his motor moved away?" "Yes."

"What was it?" "That they hadn't searched the machine or words to that effect."

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"Well, Herr Rizzo?" he asked. "That was a diversion—intended to give Miss Mather more time in which to escape. The second package was not in the motor. At that time there was no second package."

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story leaks like a sieve. It is full of holes. He touched the bell at his elbow and Von Wenden appeared. "You will convey Herr Rizzo to the room on the third floor. Put a guard over him."

Rizzo started to his feet, his face ghastly, while beads of moisture stood out upon his forehead. "You will not give me a chance to explain?" he protested huskily. "You will be given a hearing tomorrow."

"But, Excellenz—" "As the door closed behind the two men, General von Stromberg came forward and took Hammerley by the hand. "I am glad, mein Herr, that there is no longer any suspicion upon you. I have always liked you, Herr Hammerley, and you have done the Vaterland excellent service. I am sorry that this investigation was necessary, but in times like these I am not in a position to take chances."

"I understand, Excellenz. But it has been discommoded me in the least." "You can readily believe it. You are always a good man, Herr Hammerley. As for Fraulein Mather, and her efforts of a councilor of the empire in undoing the wrong done you, by sending her to the front, and her dispatch to England, are any sign of regret, you shall be safely on the way tomorrow. But am sure that in your heart you are glad to have had the opportunity to clear Herr Hammerley of an unjust suspicion."

"Yes," she murmured, turning away toward the window. "But you still wish that the part of Herr Hammerley which is English had been the greater part of him instead of the lesser, nicht wahr?" "She bowed her head but did not reply."

"Perhaps it would be better if I left you two alone together. There is doubtless much that you would say which would be only interesting to yourselves." "Thank you, Herr Rizzo, but I am not in a position to hear what went on in the road."

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quietly. And then "I wanted a glass of water. Fraulein Mather is feeling ill." "Ah! I will have it brought at once." "Thank you, Herr Rizzo, but I am not in a position to hear what went on in the road."

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