

SUICIDE CLUBS BEING ORGANIZED AT MEADE

Machine Gun Battalion for Lafayette Division to Receive Intensive Training

Camp Meade, Md., Sept. 13.—The organization of the machine-gun battalion, or "suicide club," of the Lafayette Division will be started at once. Major General Jesse M. Carter, the division commander, issued an order this morning in which he named Major Marshall A. Queensbury as the acting division machine-gun officer during the temporary absence of Lieutenant Colonel Emmet R. Harris, and directed that all officers attached to other units who have been assigned to the "suicide clubs" report to Major Queensbury for duty.

In a few days a sufficient number of men to provide a nucleus will be selected from the 154th Depot Brigade and assigned to the "clubs." A course of intensive training will then be started and the battalions will be gradually brought up to war strength. It is probable that a number of noncommissioned officers will be transferred to the new units from the machine-gun companies of the infantry regiments.

Major Bruce Utthoff has been transferred from the Seventeenth Infantry to the Thirty-first Machine Gun Battalion. Other officers affected by the order are: Major John W. Gillette, Captain Houston L. Gaddy, and Platoon Leader Raymond T. Hicks, Everett Peck, Reynolds J. Simend, Harry P. Henderson, Jasper N. Wolfe, Robert N. Watson, August H. Bishop, Frank H. Scott, Benjamin Knight, Fred H. Thomas, Ralph H. Gandy, Lewis W. Lunford, G. S. Ferguson, R. A. Ridgway, D. L. Wilson, C. W. Chancellor, W. J. Gordon, W. H. White, T. H. Whalen, N. C. Schaeffer, J. D. Wiley, V. V. Whittington, G. E. Sparlock, L. L. Siebert, J. G. Wilson, H. J. Bonn, J. A. McDougall, W. D. Harris, A. D. Collins, N. S. F. O'Connell, J. D. McCall, J. R. Goodall, F. J. Fitzpatrick and N. J. Rose.

About seventy-five officers of artillery, mostly second lieutenants, many of whom have seen actual service with the American expeditionary forces in France, have been assigned to the Thirty-first, Thirty-second and Thirty-third regiments of field artillery. The officers were previously sent here and temporarily attached to the Eleventh Artillery Brigade. During the last few weeks a great number have been transferred to units of field artillery. The assignment of the following officers of infantry was also announced this morning:

To the Seventeenth Infantry—Major Albert Johnson and First Lieutenants William S. Morgan, Claude Sale and William Meo.

To the Seventy-first Infantry—Captains James O. Hill and James M. Sparks, and First Lieutenants Pleasant Porter, Clarence R. Noidengard, Arthur L. Thomas, John C. Hartnett, Thomas C. Andrews and Glen C. Barum.

To the Seventeenth Machine Gun Battalion—Headquarters Company, Sixty-third Infantry, has been transferred in his present grade to the Seventy-second Infantry.

Private Allen H. Fisher, Company I, Seventeenth Infantry, has been sent to Washington for temporary duty in the office of the inspector general.

Private Guillaume De Lever, recently transferred to the Headquarters Troop of the Thirty-third Field Artillery, has been transferred to the Headquarters Detachment, Eleventh Division, and assigned to duty in the office of the chief of staff.

Private James G. Hill, Headquarters Company, 154th Depot Brigade, has been detailed on special duty in the office of the camp judge advocate, Major James M. Mullen.

Private Ralph Robinson, of the Twenty-seventh Engineers, who was sick in the base hospital when his regiment left, and his command, has been transferred to Camp American University. He will join his regiment later.

Nine men in the Development Battalion of the Depot Brigade have been assigned to special duty at the Liberty Theatre. Six will serve as members of the orchestra and the remainder as stage hands.

Soldiers of Jewish faith, so far as is possible, will receive leave of absence over the Day of the Atonement, which begins at sundown on Sunday. The leave will be allowed to go to their homes, provided they do not live too far away, for the observance of the fast, and for those who will be obliged to remain in camp there will be special services in Little White House, the home of the Jewish welfare board, Sunday evening and all day Monday.

Privates Lewis W. Cohen, of the Eleventh Company, and Frank Zametoff, of the Twenty-fourth Company, 154th Depot Brigade, were each sentenced to ten years at Fort Jay for refusing to obey command to drill. Both will still pay and sentences and be dishonorably discharged from the service.

Hindenburg Fist Battered Down

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Tyres and then between Rheims and Soissons. To strike across the newly conquered land without railroads and without ordinary wagon roads would have been too difficult. The situation is reversed now with the added advantage to the Germans of occupying thoroughly prepared positions, which the Allies did not when they fell back upon Amiens.

America's Part in It. The French offensive against the St. Mihiel salient shows that it will be America's task in France. It will be a major task, no less than the taking of one of the pivots of Germany's defense and vital iron ore region of Briey and Lorraine. This region is to Germany what the channel ports are to the Allies. The munitions of the German army come from it.

The taking of Metz and the surrounding region would cripple Hindenburg as the taking of the channel ports would have crippled Foch. Metz is one of the greatest strongholds of Europe. At best it can perhaps only be surrounded and placed under bombardment, but that will be sufficient to wear down the iron ore of Lorraine from Germany and dislocate the whole defense of Hindenburg. For that major effort America will reveal her full power. She has much in reserve, that it was not found necessary to use to batter down the flat of St. Mihiel.

U. S. Asks Fruit Pits and Nut Shells. Washington, Sept. 13.—Bakers and the public generally will be called upon by the administration to save fruit pits and nut shells to be used in making gas masks. Pits of peaches, plums, apricots, olives, cherries and shells of Brazil and hick-nuts and butternuts are collected and used in the gas de-

1600 NEW CAMP LEE MEN NOW IN OFFICERS' SCHOOL

Older and More Serious-Minded Men Start Course September 15—Many Philadelphians Among Those Seeking Commissions—Hard Work and No Play

Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., Sept. 13.—"Next Sunday I shall celebrate my twenty-first birthday by entering the training school for officers. It will be a great day for me, and I trust that I will make good. A few men entering the majority are given such a privilege, and I must admit that I am a trifle proud."

This modest assertion was made today by W. N. Pickell, of Haddon Heights, N. J., one of more than 200 civilians to enter the September officers' training camp.

Pickell attended the University of Pennsylvania for two years, but left college last February to accept a position in the Victor Talking Machine Company. With the other civilian candidates he arrived today and lost no time in getting down to business. In the group were several Pennsylvanians, but it was a different group than others that have entered officers' training camps.

Older and Wiser Men. To begin with, the men are much older than the first groups and again they differed from their predecessors in the fact that they entertained no illusions in regard to the work at hand. They appreciated that four months of the hardest kind of work was in front of them and that a continual grind until after the war.

There was but little outward enthusiasm, no blarney and not a bit of jesting. In a word, it was a group of sober-faced men and not a batch of cheering youngsters. Pickell, owing to his youth, was one of the distinguished members of the party, but, sensing the true atmosphere of the camp, he was not at all discouraged by any enthusiasm as the oldest man in the company.

As the youth unpacked his suitcase he confided to a bundle that letters from a friend and loving mother would not be forthcoming. "Mother and father are dead," said the future officer, "and all I have is a little sister. For her sake I want to return home in France."

Pickell made no further comment, for a training sergeant appeared in the barracks. He looked very solidly and in a firm and loud voice ordered the candidates to form in line. "March is being served in another barracks," said the sergeant. "In the army we call it 'Get your mess kits and form in line!'"

All from Family. Pickell headed the column and on his right was H. C. Stanny, of Shippensburg.

BRITISH SOLDIERS "CARRY ON" DISCOMFORTS OF STORM UNHEDED

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clouds there were lakes of greenish light, like electric fluid.

Drab women with shawls about their heads, and bare-headed children, grubby by their play among the slag heaps, went pattering down the streets of the villages, never far enough behind our lines to escape the glare of the enemy's high velocity rifles or visits of his bombing squadrons, so that these people live always with a menace over them among the ruins of their neighbors' houses, while down the roads beyond went our transport wagons and gun teams and staff cars and pack mules with the rain swishing down water-proof coats and beating on steel hats and spraying up to the axles of wagon wheels.

Beyond, where no women go and no smoke rises from any chimney and no house stands as a shelter for men and all life is below ground in tunneled embankments and holes dug below brick heaps and twisted rails, there was some fierce fighting on a small scale. It was south of La Bassee, that heap of ruins which since the war began has been an ugly spear-head in our line and a fortress position which the enemy has always held in strength.

Railway lines which meet here—La Bassee was an important junction in the old days of peaceful coal-carrying from France—form a triangle below the town near Bethune road, and this railway triangle has been the scene of close and desperate fighting during many days and nights of this war, and the rails have been torn up and twisted by four years of shelling thereabouts.

The plot of black earth which is inclosed by the triangle is now in our hands, and we established outposts across the Bethune road to a place called Canteleux. We are one step closer to the fortress position of La Bassee and the garrison there will have to draw in its horns a little.

British Push Out Suddenly. It was not an attack in any set piece style. There was no preliminary bombardment, but only heavy gunning of German battery positions and other points to keep them quiet with German heads below ground, while some of our troops pushed out suddenly, surrounding the enemy's outposts and machine guns.

There was some savage fighting in the triangle, with here and there German and English soldiers at close grips with bayonets or bombs, but for the most part the Germans were trapped quickly in their holes below the embankment and told to get out or be killed. Forty-one of them got out and went meekly away with our escort, and are now in camp behind our lines eating English rations and sipping of them. The small action has nothing to do with recent fighting and its aftermath is but an isolated episode unrelated to the German retreat.

Along the line of that retreat in the old Cambrai salient and east of Peronne, there has been sharp fighting of the outpost kind, though serious in its way, especially near Epehy, where the canal at Mouveaux and in Havrin-

front southward. There was strong German resistance by machine-gun and rifle fire along the canal de La Sensee by Mouveaux, but in spite of this our outposts succeeded in crossing the canal and establishing posts on the other side.

During the night and morning the German artillery was fiercely active and fired a large number of gas shells into Bourles and other places along our lines. There was also some heavy shelling on the Australian front, and the enemy made a determined counter-attack near Hebecourt and forced in some of our advanced posts.

To the north of that the Germans are holding on to Epehy with renewed strength and with the obvious determination to hold us back as long as possible in order to gain time further strengthening the defense of their Hindenburg line beyond.

Get Two Villages in Attack. Meanwhile, by a local attack we captured the village of Meusecourt and Havrin-court Wood with 200 prisoners, so that in this part of the line we are almost back again to the positions we held before our adventures in the Cambrai salient last year.

Havrin-court Wood for me, and for many others, will always be a place haunted by many memories. I went through it first in November of last year, when our Scottish troops passed through it on their way to the chateau beyond and the ground that came to the valley beyond Fontaine Notre Dame and rises again to the heights of Bourlon Wood. Half way through Havrin-court Wood, in a hollow and open glade, there is an old statue of St. Hubert, patron saint of hunters, to whom Louis XI of France, duffed his cap before riding on with his hounds.

Stranger beasts than wild boar were in Havrin-court wood that day. I walked through it first, four our tanks had made their fair there, and at

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NEW CORPORATION TAX CUTS DEEP INTO PROFITS

Returns Must Be Made to Internal Revenue Collector and Include Gross Income, Deductions and Credits Allowed and Net Income

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First Radio Message Is of Victory. Washington, Sept. 13.—In a radio message to Secretary Daniels congratulating the United States on the installation of the new high-power wireless station at Annapolis, the French Minister of Marine said he was glad that his first message was one of victory.

Each corporation must make its tax return on the 15th day of the third month after the close of its calendar year. Corporations are privileged to select their own fiscal year, but this time, when once set, must be adhered to.

It is provided that corporations may pay their income taxes in three installments instead of in a lump sum. If they choose to pay on the installment plan one-third must be paid at the time of their making return; one-third on the 15th day of the second month after making their return, and the remaining one-third two months thereafter.

Corporations making their returns on the basis of the ordinary calendar year, should they elect to use the installment plan, must pay their taxes one-third each on March 15, May 15 and July 15. If they pay their taxes in one installment payment must be made at the time of making the tax return.

All corporations must make return to the Internal Revenue Collector for the district in which their principal office is located, stating plainly their gross income, deductions and credits allowed and net income, which statement must be sworn to by the president or principal officer.

Failure to make tax returns is punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1000, and refusal to make returns or pay the taxes is punishable by a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment for not over one year, or both.

BOASTER HELD AS SLACKER. Told Registrar He Did Not Intend to Sign Up. Harrisburg, Sept. 13.—S. C. Sweigert, a resident in Meigs county, Pa., last night just a man near the registration place and asked him if he had registered.

"I have not and do not intend to," was the reply. The man refused to give his name, but said he was thirty years old and lived in Center county. He went to a nearby barn to sleep. The unknown man was arrested after the registration booth was closed.

20,000 JERSEY MEN AT CAMP DIX TO VOTE

Exhibition by Remount Depot in Honor of Commander. Lieutenant Weds

Camp Dix, Weightsdown, N. J., Sept. 13.—Some 20,000 Jersey voters at Dix will have the opportunity of voting next Monday and Tuesday on their choice for candidates on all the tickets in the coming campaign. When the subject of the primary election was brought up it was decided to allow the soldiers to cast their ballots several weeks ahead of the regular time for voting, so that the ballots could be returned to the state house and then sent to the various voting precincts in time to have the totals counted in with the votes cast by the citizens in the home town.

The plan is to use the V. M. C. A. auditoriums and to mark a line on an exhibit in front of the building, so that there will be no opportunity for one man to watch the ballot-marking of his neighbor.

A number of Jerseymen sent down here with the limited service men have been returned to their local boards for duty as clerks. They are paid the same rates as a private in the army, but the board must pay a certain sum toward their food and lodging expenses.

This afternoon the remount depot men gave an exhibition on the athletic field near camp headquarters, and an exhibition drill was given by various companies of the machine-gun battalions of the Thirty-fourth Division. The affair was in honor of Major General Scott, the camp commander.

Falls visiting the new V. M. C. A. bar at the base hospital will be formally opened and a mirrored show given in the Liberty Theatre by the men of the "Sindicato" Division. A number of boxing bouts will be staged on the outdoor platform outside the main Knights of Columbus building.

Lieutenant Charles A. Campbell, of Frookton, stationed with the quartermaster department here, and Miss Helen M. Rogers, 28 West Cedar avenue, Merchantville, N. J., were married last Monday at noon in the Holy Teguon Club, at Weightsdown. The officiating clergyman being Chaplain Harry H. Kline, of the Thirty-fourth Division. Lieutenant Campbell is the groom, and Miss Rogers, the ceremony for a short honeymoon trip to New York city.

Captain H. O. Caldwell has been succeeded as camp athletic officer by Captain H. M. Murray, who recently reported here from Camp Lee.

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How Much Longer Can Germany Fight?

We must beware of being too happy over the trouncing Germany is getting on the Western Front. Victory is coming, but the earlier we expect it the later it will arrive. While "we are on the last lap and close to the winning post," to quote a French leader, at the same time we are reminded that it is in the last part of the race that a runner must make his supreme effort. "Should the German military command decide to have the war carried into Germany and seek to delude the people into a frantic last resistance at or beyond the Rhine, upon the plea that they are actually fighting for the Fatherland and to drive the invaders from the sacred soil," remarks the Boston American, "the Huns might prosecute the war still for a long time to come."

The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week—September 14th—carefully weighs the result of the Allies' victorious push during the past several weeks and balances against their successes a computation of the further fighting strength of the German armies, drawn from various sources. This article throws much light upon the present relative strength of both forces.

The New Taxes You Must Pay Uncle Sam to Win the War. An Explanation of the New Revenue Tax Bill, and How It Will Affect Every Man, Woman and Child in the Country. Forging a New Hammer for Foch. Defeatism Growing in Germany. The Skeleton in the Huns' Cupboard. Hay-Fever Resorts. Our Waste of Fuel. How the Germans Camouflage Roads. Chesterton on the Fourth of July. How Americans Put Chateau Thierry on the Map. To Exchange Pulpit Orators. How to Run a Hot Water Plant Economically. (Prepared by the U. S. Fuel Administration.) Many Half-Tone Illustrations and Reproductions of the Best Cartoons.

"The Digest" Serves at Home and at the Front

A recent dispatch from American headquarters in France described our boys in the trenches as eager for news of the war, so much so that a dozen or more crowded together to read a single paper narrating the progress of the battles. We at home are no less anxious to learn how the fight is going as a whole and how our soldiers are distinguishing themselves and incidentally lending a poignant interest to the reports from the front. To know the whole truth about the great struggle in France and Flanders there is nothing so helpful as to read the weekly accounts in THE LITERARY DIGEST, carefully gleaned from the most authoritative sources. You can first satisfy yourself of the actual facts in this way and then mail the magazine to one of these news-hungry American boys overseas.

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Enrollment Required Only From Men Seeking Citizenship. Washington, Sept. 13.—To ally fears on the part of the Mexican citizens that they will be caught in the military draft if they come to this country, a telegram was sent to Ambassador Fletcher at Mexico City, by Secretary Lansing quoting this ruling of General Crowder as to the precise operation of the draft law:

"It will be necessary for all Mexican citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty-five who are in the United States after September 12 to present themselves for registration on that day. A Mexican citizen who comes to the United States after September 12 is not required to register unless he declares his intention to become a citizen of the United States or unless a later proclamation shall require the registration of persons of his age in the United States."

ALIEN COMMITS SUICIDE

German Farmer Hangs Himself in Broder House. Vineland, N. J., Sept. 12.—Nikolaus Wehnig, a German alien, about sixty-five years old, committed suicide today by hanging himself from the rafters of a brooder house on the farm where he and his brother, Martin Wehnig, lived in the southern part of the village.

The old man has apparently been affected with melancholia since the beginning of the war and has been particularly depressed since the United States entered the conflict. He was unmarried and he and his brother lived on the place.

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