

EX-SCRIBE TRIES OUT PEN; LONG 'NEATH CENSOR'S BAN

Sergeant Ebbert, First to Enlist From Evening Ledger Staff. Writes of Dog Stowaways 'n' Everythin'

IT IS a hard job for a newspaperman just out of the army to get rid of the censorship-cramp. Sergeant Ralph Ebbert, first of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER's staff to enlist, is back once more, along with a number of other joyful Philadelphians. He essayed, as most of them probably didn't, a diary on shipboard. The hand of unholty fear of censorship still grips him, but he manages to write what he thinks. Censorship, the open mind's most dangerous malady, has not gotten him.

Several Philadelphia officers and enlisted men were among those who came over on the United States ship Great Northern along with Sergeant Ebbert, who was a member of Evacuation Hospital No. 3. A number of the men brought medals and citations for bravery. Incidentally, there were eight stowaways aboard. Their discovery caused no end of excitement, for they all belonged to "Tillie," the ship's mascot. Tillie is an Irish setter, but very popular. The men did all in their power to make her and her family comfortable. These and other incidents are interestingly set forth in Ebbert's diary of April 13 and 14. Here it is:

Choppy—Eh, Choppy? April 13—"Choppy" is hereby approved as a descriptive adjective. Today's sea chopped off the appetites of two-thirds of the men on board and left most of the other third with a suggestive pallor and apprehensive glint to the eye. It has chopped off entire sales of candy and cigarettes, and has annihilated the music of the infantry band. The army musicians are a sick bunch, especially the bass drum player who is sure than many a man has died who did not feel half as bad as he does. The sun came up bright but was soon obscured by rain clouds. Then the wind decks brought down the masts of Camp Pontano with its duckboards and its mud. Duckboards were always present at the embarkation camp, and it was appropriate that the camp newspaper should be called the Duckboard, and its editorial paragraphs grouped under the caption, "Mud Splashes."

The wind has been increasing steadily all day and the waves gaining in volume. The combination was too much of a handicap for the majority, as shown by the fact that at tonight's movies for soldiers and sailors only sailors were present. The Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross representatives on board have been ministering to the afflicted ones by passing out occasional oranges and lemons. A lemon is priceless just now, with the demand far greater than the supply. The return trip on this ship brings back to active service the old lines: "In my uniform of blue. I'll come marching back to you." because the troops are clad in blue overalls and jumpers, officially designated in army orders as suits of blue denim.

Right You Are, Buddy "On boarding the ship each man was given a denim outfit, to be worn until just before the boat docks at Hoboken. Evidently some previous troops had landed in the states with clothing that, as the result of a week or more on a crowded ship, looked as if it had come from a salvage dump, and was third class salvage, at that. Returning vessels take special care to guard against the presence of stowaways on board. On the Great Northern's last trip a marine was discovered present without leave on the ship, and absent without leave from his command. He landed in the brig, and was never allowed to set foot on United States soil, but was returned to France.

Stowaways No captain likes to have stowaways found on his ship, so there was some excitement this morning when eight of them were discovered. "Tilly," the ship mascot, was responsible for their presence on board. She smuggled them on, and this morning revealed to an admiring crew eight puppies, who didn't care if the ship rolled one degree or fifty. Medical officers looked everybody over to make sure that there were no stowaways of the exotic species secreted in the seams of issue underclothing. So far there is no reports of the presence

of the celebrated post either of German or French origin. Every soldier is supposed to investigate his own clothing daily, and every few days some officer will assume the responsibility. Boat drills are not the serious affairs they were in January, 1917, but each man must know his lifeboat station and hustle to that point when the signal bell rings throughout the ship, with his life preserver tied on. These life-preservers are quite useful. They take the place of an overcoat or make a most acceptable cushion.

Crosses Common Jewelry Among the thousands in blue denim are numerous wearers of the Croix de Guerre. Members of the ambulance sections were particularly fortunate. "Why, we have so many crosses," remarked First Class Sergeant John D. Parcell, 1645 Bristol street, Philadelphia, "that one might be inclined to believe that somebody had mixed them up with the Bull Durham issue." Parcell, a Spanish-American War veteran, was himself decorated with the Croix de Guerre for work done July 15-20, 1918, with the French forces. His citation reads in part: "For great bravery and handling of men under him and for the example set for them, thus assuring the evacuation of many wounded under a terrific direct and cross fire."

It would take volumes of newspaper space to relate in detail the stunts that the ambulance men pulled off. Richard L. Townsend, son of J. W. Townsend, Jr., of Bryn Mawr, was awarded the D. S. C. for bravery on the Champagne front; Richard L. Atkinson, another Philadelphian, was awarded the Croix de Guerre with star on the same front, and Walter R. Cliffe, Jr., still another native of Penn's city, is wearing the Croix de Guerre with palm, denoting that he was cited in army orders. His heroic driving over heavily bombarded roads and readiness for any perilous work brought two citations in France. Hugh A. Fielder, 2826 Madison square, Philadelphia, and Walter D. Through, of Amlur.

"Private First Class" With Cross. The decorated ones are modest. They have been through fire for many months, some of them serving on every front

from the sea to the Swiss border, but they are not boastful and insistent on being heard. Some wear their decorations under the lapel of a blouse pocket. But there are exceptions, of course, and one section has a private first class whose companions are betting that before we land he will be wearing his Croix de Guerre on his life preserver. A visit to the sick bay would make any human being proud of the fact that he is an American. The Great Northern, which can carry 320 litter patients, 150 more than the Leviathan, has a large number of war's unfortunates on this trip, but the sick bay is not a house of gloom. The maimed and disfigured are making every effort to be happy and show appreciation for the care and attention of the naval doctors and attendants. And yet at times some are unusually thoughtful. One tall fellow from Oklahoma expressed his mood:

An Oklahoma Boy's Hunch "I am puzzled by my own feelings. I want to get back home, but I shudder at the very thought of it. Would any man want his mother to see a face figured as mine is? I dread the first look. Of course, everybody will be sorry for me and will do everything to make me happy and comfortable. Just now everybody will be considerate, but the memory of people in general is short-lived. At the present time everybody knows that I suffered my misfortune in doing my duty, but ten years from now the memory of the war will be growing dim, but my features will be just as vivid in their ugliness as now. Every once in a while I can't help but think of the future in store for those who are maimed, and it always makes me thoughtful."

Volta! the Jazzers The movies, with the navy's orchestra, has some attraction for enlisted men in khaki tonight, while during the afternoon the infantry band made its first appearance. The band leader, a jazzed pop, but manfully stuck to his task. After the movies, the big mess hall was filled with happy youngsters, who gathered around the piano and sang all the latest A. E. F. parodies. Every popular song is certain to be parodied, sooner or later in the army, and the parody forms a popular feature of most of the shows touring France and Germany. It was not long before "The Wild Over Sea" had its parody with the cooties playing the leading role. In Germany an infantry bunch with the Second Division has a parody that begins: "They said we'd go home in the spring, tra-la. But nobody said what year."

This is Lese Majeste "Al Johnson's "And Everything" proved quite popular when it finally reached Germany, but soon the parody was the

Was Prisoner of War There is one former prisoner of war on board with Section 567 of the ambulance service. He is Private John H. Simon, of 1661 North Sixty-second street, Philadelphia. Simon and Private Howard Smith, of Elkins, W. Va., were captured by a German patrol at Jonquary on June 1, 1918. They were rushed to the rear and after being questioned in vain by their captors were taken to Reibel, where they remained for two months in an old French prison. From Reibel the two were taken to

Giessen, where Smith was put to work in an iron foundry and Smith labored in an iron foundry and Simon labored in a brick-making plant. During the week-breaking toll followed, during which the two prisoners heard occasional reports of the American advance. Finally came the armistice, and Simon was returned to Metz on November 27. He recuperated quickly from the deprivations of a German prison camp, and on December 23 was sent to rejoin his unit, which he found in Germany.

Through the kindness of Lieutenant Commander B. F. Tilley, the Great Northern's executive officer, a former newspaperman, camouflaged in a "suit of blue denim," was able to glance over the official passenger list today. He learned that Brigadier General John H. Houston, Seventy-seventh Division, of Houston, Tex., is returning on this ship, as is Lieutenant Colonel William E. Ashton, M. C., 390th Field Artillery, of 2011 Walnut street, Philadelphia, and Edward H. Schell, M. C., of 2631 Green street, Harrisburg. Two Pennsylvania nurses also are returning: Miss Augusta Schwyzler, 1141 Abbott street, Philadelphia, and Miss Mary E. Reed, Gallitzin, and a Salvation Army worker, Miss Frances A. White, of Valley Forge.

Beautiful Katy, by the way, is undergoing quite a revival at the present time. The tune has made a great hit with the younger generation in Germany. Boys play it on their mouths or gags or sing it in English, all of which seems to indicate that somebody has eluded the vigilance of the M. P.'s and has been fraternizing. The American soldier apparently speaks as much to the imagination of the German boy as he did to the French.

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thing, and the result was these lines dedicated to the second "loony": "I've got an overseas cap, a little tin hat, and everything; I've got an overseas cap, a little tin hat, and everything; I've got an overseas cap, a little tin hat, and everything; I've got a Sam Browne belt, a bedding roll, and everything; I've got a pair of boots that get the lumps, and everything; And when I'm back in Illinois, Oh how I'll holl the boys. With by service stripes and souvenirs, and everything." Irving Berlin's threat against the life of the Finnish bugler has come in for many parodies, including one that depicts the woes of a Y. M. C. A. secretary, who refers to his supplies in singing: "I can't get 'em up," but adds that "Some day we'll have some writing paper."

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