

COAST GUARD MERGER WITH NAVY PLANNED

Congressman Campbell Will Introduce Measure Favoring Joining of Sea Forces

BERTHOLF OPPOSES SCHEME

Proposed legislation that would merge the "Little Navy," made up of the Coast Guard Service, with the regular navy, has stirred up controversy between officers of the two services over the advisability of the change.

While supporters of the bill are said to number 98 per cent of the officers and men in the coast guard, its antagonists assert that only 50 per cent of the coast guard favor it; that the majority of the officers of the navy and Secretary Glass, of the Treasury Department, under which the coast guard operates in peace time, also are opposed to it.

The bill making the change permanently to the navy is to be introduced in Congress soon by Representative Guy E. Campbell, of Pennsylvania.

Opposed to Measure

Among the coast guard officers actively opposed to the measure are Commodore Commandant E. P. Bertholf, and Captain C. A. McAllister, engineering chief. Supporters of the suggested change contend that it would result in greater efficiency in coast guard work and bring about considerable economies of operation.

"I most certainly am opposed to the transfer of the coast guard permanently to the navy," said Commandant Bertholf in Washington, today. "So is the President, so is the secretary of the treasury, so are the majority of the navy officers and so are at least a half of the coast guard men. I positively am opposed to it."

"There's no secret about my attitude. What I think about it will be found in my remarks before the House committee which considered the bill at the last session."

But since then the bill has been drafted with certain objectionable features of the first draft eliminated.

When Commandant Bertholf was reminded that many coast guard officers and men favor the bill, he said:

"Well, why shouldn't they? I don't think they are insane. That bill provides for giving almost all the coast guard men an advance in rank with an increase in pay when the coast guard service is merged into the navy."

"It would perhaps give me advanced rank and increased pay, too. But I'm opposed to it on the ground of efficiency. I firmly believe the coast guard will perform more efficient service working independently of the navy as a unit by itself under the Treasury Department, and I favor its being turned back to the Treasury Department when the war emergency is over."

Harrison Gives Views

Captain P. G. Harrison, U. S. C. G., who has just returned to the Cape May base from Washington, where he conferred with members of Congress in the interest of the bill, sums up the results of his passage as follows:

"It will not be detrimental to the Treasury Department or any of its subdivisions, but will improve the efficiency of the performance of the coast guard duties, because of better and more abundant equipment."

"It will relieve the Treasury Department of the administration of a military service, which performs for it only slight service, and that more by reason of tradition than of necessity."

"It will not be detrimental to the Department of Commerce, for the enforcement of the navigation laws and motorboat laws will be accomplished by the navy."

"It will benefit the navy by giving it the services of a number of trained, experienced officers."

"It will improve the efficiency of the navy by opening to young naval officers a field of training which will give them a broader experience in seamanship in coastal navigation."

"It will achieve economy by abolishing certain functions of the coast guard which are duplications of similar functions in the navy. It is estimated a saving of approximately one-half million dollars per year will be accomplished."

PUPILS TO VISIT MILLS

Textile Students Will Make Tour of New England Factories

The sixth annual tour of the graduating classes of the Philadelphia Textile School, canceled last year owing to the war, will leave this city June 8, under the direction of R. S. Cox. The party will spend the week visiting the mills of New England.

The board of governors of the Alumni Association has received acceptances from Congressman Joseph W. Fordney, of Michigan, and Lieutenant de Warzicki to speak at the banquet of the association to be held at the Manufacturers' Club, on the evening of June 6. Mr. Fordney is the chairman of the House of Representatives' committee on ways and means, and will talk on the relation of the tariff to the manufacturer.

Through the courtesy of the high commissioner of France, Lieutenant de Warzicki will talk on "The Reconstruction Period." He was a member of the brigade known as "The Terrible Ones," of the "Blue Devils." A part of the lieutenant's address will be devoted to showing the harmonious relations which existed between the officers and men of the American, British and French armies.

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DOUGHBOYS' DIARY TELLS OF ROUTING AFFABLE "COOTIE"

Sergeant Zeisberg Divides His Attention Between Tiny Parasites and Rumors That Are Varied

[This is the third of a series of articles covering the diary of Sergeant Carl Zeisberg, of the Seventy-ninth Division.]

Thursday, May 15 (continued)—There was supper, a rapid-fire journey in the mess line for beef, potatoes, peas and coffee, our little trainload adding its mite to the tremendous figures of men fed which the camp has accumulated; for instance, about 450,000 homeward-bound Yanks were given three meals each here during the month of April. The next step toward home led one through rollcall and physical inspection, a lightning-like operation in which medical officers, seated at vantage points in the big inspection building, poked glowing electric-light bulbs close to the white bodies of the men, stripped to the waist, as they were hustled through the aisles like sheep, beating "Ah-h!" when told to do so.

About forty seconds completed the race, for race it was, every one in volved seeming eager to get the boys home. Contagious and communicable diseases were sought in this busy survey. Most unfortunate was he—the happily infrequent he—who has acquired unto himself a souvenir of France of this species; it meant a delayed homegoing.

Next, delousing. This necessitated a short hike to Camp No. 2, where was the big plant that dealt death daily to thousands, perhaps millions, of "cooties." Who knows how many?

Delousing a Real Experience Delousing deserves to hold a high place among the peaks in the range of human experience.

The "victims," with dusk rapidly overtaking them, were lined up on the parade ground in front of the delousing plant, from the spacious depths of which a northwesterly breeze bore a sweetly sickening odor.

"It's boiled or roasted cooties," opined a wit.

"No, sir, that is the smell of steamed wool," corrected an ex-wool salesman.

Even Delouse Their Money Cursing happily, the ranks of possible "cootie" harborers unslung packs and, following instructions, rolled the extra O. D. shirt, extra suit of underwear, three extra pairs of socks, towel, three blankets and overcoat in a bundle to be deloused. All else—web equipment, money, valuables, toilet articles, souvenirs, matches, cigarettes and the impedimenta of pockets—was wrapped in the shelter half and left on the ground. Continuous streams of men poured through the plant. Each soldier in turn—they passed through in hasty droves—underwent the following schedule:

He was directed to a numbered seat in a section alphabetically marked, where he undressed, surrendering his three blankets and the underwear and socks he wore. On the narrow-

gauge track in front of his seat was rolled a car bearing a wooden frame-work fitted with nine nails for his clothing, the nail-space duplicating the number of his seat. All his clothing, except his shoes, was suspended on these nails; even his identification tags were hung there, because the neck-tape might well be an apartment-house for "cooties."

Soldiers Wear Look of Modesty Then, while attendants pushed the laden trucks out into the "hothouse" for a steaming and roasting, the soldier, wearing a look of modesty and perhaps a ring, and carrying his shoes, pattered away across the concrete floor to the bathroom. Here shoes were deposited overhead. At a given signal, water poured from the showers. A bit of soap, three splashes and a hasty wipe, and the bath was complete. A towel was thrown at him. Still hustled and madly wiping with his towel and sometimes absent-mindedly rubbing himself with his shoes, the bather passed three counters to be handed clean socks and underwear. What size? O "army" size. Next ensued a period temporarily free from burrying, in which the deloused soldier polished himself with his towel, deposited it in a bag, and on his newly acquired nether garments and his shoes, and—wait a minute. At a window two blankets were handed him in exit. In the outgoing section of the plant the deloused one found a compartment similar to the one at which he had entered, similarly lettered and containing rows of seats, similarly numbered; and bearing his clothing, which exuded warmth from its recent heat bath. And it wasn't shriveled, as most deloused clothes are.

And the Mad Mob Still Comes There was scant time to throw on his uniform, grab his blankets and leggings and vacate the building to make room for others pressing in from behind.

The thing was finished. Thus perished the "cooties." In twenty minutes or a half hour each man who went through the washing and roasting process had been rendered theoretically un-tenable for the tiny parasites that have occupied so prominent a place in the conduct of the war. For us the process was ended at about 10 o'clock. We rolled our packs in the dark, reassembled our belongings and hiked away to barracks for a good night on the straw mattresses of the twin "double-decker" bunks.

Friday, May 16—A long day of waiting extended from breakfast, at 6:30 a. m., until bedtime. The monotony was broken by three meals, the unexpected arrival of the last mail from home and the rumors. Rumors feed upon an army, wax fat and become distended; and, having gorged themselves upon their prey, vanish into thin air, leaving the victims with a mere skeleton of a faith in the truth. The

peculiarity of the rumor lies in the fact that, the more rampant it becomes, the more rapidly and easily it fits from mouth to ear.

Dame Rumor Runs Rampant

Here are some of the rumors that assailed us, defenseless as we were, with nothing to do but to wait and to hear of this regiment or that battalion of our division embarking and to see this ship and that sailing away to the west.

First. Our "paper work" is not completed. We will sail at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning. Our boat is the Kronland. Nobody knows how to spell it, but that is the name.

Third. The Eighty-eighth Division has arrived in camp (a fact) and will go out ahead of us (not a fact).

Fourth. The officers' names on the passenger list are not complete, and a new list must be prepared. Sergeant Harry Rohrer, of Lancaster, Pa., who typed the first list, said it required three hours to prepare a list.

Fifth. Some second lieutenants refused to ride second class and so our boat sailed without us.

Sixth. Our boat is sixty miles out at sea and will arrive soon.

Seventh. Division headquarters has been ordered to Russia.

Eighth. Our boat arrived last night and will sail tomorrow night. Lieutenant Press told somebody so. The name of the boat sounds like Kronigen.

Celestial Ship Favored Ninth. We will sail in a Chinese ship. Tenth. Our boat will be loaded at 2 o'clock some afternoon. The S O S man who said so didn't know what afternoon.

Eleventh. The staff officers like their quarters at St. Nazaire so well that they aren't in a hurry to get home. They enjoy the bathing on the beach.

Twelfth. We are waiting for the liner Paris to be finished.

Thirteenth. Our boat is in drydock being repaired.

Fourteenth. The S O S inspector discovered that one man didn't have two extra pairs of shoes and are holding up the division.

Fifteenth. The camp has been converted into an old soldiers' home and we have been selected as the first occupants.

Sixteenth. The civilian employment cards, which every man must fill out before embarking, were defective because one man wrote that he didn't need help to get a job.

Saturday, May 17—A drizzling rain at breakfast caused the morale thermometer to register 1000, for it was recalled that a rainy Saturday was an ideal day for a Seventy-ninth Division outfit to move. However, the sky cleared and there was no move. Many of us had French money exchanged and for American currency at a rate of 6.05 francs for \$1. A reminder of the hoodoo that some assert follows the Seventy-ninth Division came when Corporal Paul Tate, of State College, Pa., the headquarters postmaster, broke a bone of his left ankle in a friendly scuffle. He was taken to the hospital, unable to go home with the division.

A repetition of the physical examination came during the afternoon, and then the blessed orders to be prepared to board ship on the morrow.

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Men! Here's the Best Clothing Buy We

Have Made This Season

In fact there is just one bad point about these suits—and that is we have but 150 of them.

They are lightweight business suits of conservative cut and are made of mixed cassimeres and chevots in good patterns—dark blues with a glint of red in a very narrow stripe, olive with an almost invisible overlaid of blue, black with a fine stripe are some of them. The coats fit as they should fit, and hand-felled collars and hand-made buttonholes mark these as the better type of clothing.

For \$23.50 They're Sound Value

Every thread is pure wool and there is not a suit in the group that would not regularly be marked half as much again. Yes, fittings in all regular sizes.

(Gallery, Market)



Hat Brims Widen Out as the Sun Rises Higher

Some of the brims are very practical and sensible and are a real protection from the sun; others are of a charmingly frivolous turn of mind and think Georgette or net plenty thick enough for Summer.

Prices start at \$9.50. (Market)



A Wave Swept Over the Bathing Suit Store

and left it plentifully supplied with new bathing suits and all the accessories. There are many attractive suits for women and good choosing for youngsters.

Women's suits are of lustrous surf satin, mohair, serge and jersey, priced from \$4.50 to \$8.50. The style sketched is of black surf satin trimmed with green and is \$7.50. The fine silk suits are of plain and striped taffeta and of satin at \$13.50 to \$22.50.

Caps in great variety are 35c to \$1.25. Rubber-lined bags are 75c to \$2.50. High or low shoes are 50c to \$2.50.

Suits for children of 4 to 8 are of flannel serge or surf cloth in pretty styles from \$3.75 to \$5. (Market)

Fashionable Oxford Ties

Light, graceful kidskin oxfords are in high favor just now. Of gray kidskin, perfectly plain, they are \$5.75. Of brown kidskin at \$4.75. Both have light turned soles and high, covered heels.

Walking Oxfords of black calfskin have sturdy welted soles and low, broad heels, for either women or girls. \$5.40 a pair.

Special White Shoes for the Kiddies

Snowy canvas button shoes in sizes 6 to 2 are \$1.90 a pair. They are on a sensible last, with welted soles. (Cheesnut)

Open Season for Bath Sprays!

Warm weather makes a cool shower feel mighty good. These sprays are of white rubber and have generously wide heads. 65c. (Central)

Simple White Waists That Are Typical of Summer

Voile makes them and they are, so simply trimmed with bits of lace and embroidery that they will stand many tubbings. Some are colorless, some show frills and there are others with collars in many variations. \$1, \$1.25, \$2 and \$2.25.

A newcomer to the Little Gray Waist Shop is of flesh or white Georgette with a round neck, finished with a pointed and pleated frill. \$5.75. (Market)

Cool Wash Suits for the Little Chap

He needs plenty of them when the weather is warm, and mothers can provide them at little cost from these that are special at \$2. They are well made little suits in junior Norfolk style of striped percale in browns, greens, blues and tans.

For boys of 2 1/2 to 7 years. (Gallery, Market)

Telling of Some New White Skirts

At \$1.50 a good-looking white cotton rami skirt has an unusual belt and a button-trimmed pocket. (Market)

At \$5.50 a snowy gabardine skirt has for trimming some large pearl buttons fastened on with the cloth. Hundreds of other fresh wash skirts of gabardine, pique, linen, and all the beautiful silk things are here to choose from at moderate prices. (Market)

Summer's Coolest Silks

Lovely white or flesh-color wash satin for the June bride's frocks, skirts, blouses and undermuslins has just come in. It is 40 inches wide and \$2 a yard.

White habutal, 36 inches wide, is \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a yard. Satin-silk, somewhat like a habutal with a satin surface on one side, is 36 inches wide at \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a yard. (Central)

Black Satin Camisoles

Two attractive new ones have just come in. Both are of heavy black satin trimmed around the top with lace, and there are little rosebuds for a brightening touch. \$3 and \$3.50. (Central)

Embroidered Flouncings

Soft voile or sheer organdie flouncings are in rose, Copenhagen blue, light blue and flesh color embroidered in white and white embroidered in the colors. They are 40 inches wide and 85c and \$1 a yard. It would take but little time and effort to make a pretty Summer frock from one of these. (Central)

These Summer Frocks Take a Practical Turn

They're of sturdy linene and gingham that will make fine vacation companions on trips where clothes are bound to get some hard knocks.

A fresh and pretty plaid gingham frock is sketched. It is cut on coatee lines and is trimmed with a white pique collar and pearl buttons; \$7.50.

Another new gingham in pink, green or blue plaids has a white pique trimmed rose collar, cuffs and pockets and is \$5.50.

A sports frock of linene is trimmed with white pique, and another model, which is sketched, is made with a coat and a little black and white checked vest. It is in gold and rose and is \$10.

Frocks of Silk

For as little as \$16.50 a pretty frock of crepe de chine in black, Copenhagen and navy is to be had. The skirt shows deep folds, and the vest has clusters of small silk-covered buttons. Georgette in navy and flesh is embroidered in self-color silk in a dress that is special at \$18.50. (Market)

Reductions on Women's Wraps Are Much to the Point

Particularly for women who are about to leave town for the Summer. A wrap is absolutely essential for evenings at the shore or in the mountains, and it is gratifying to be able to buy one at a saving.

Now \$13.25—full-length dolmans and sports capes of extra good navy serge are lined throughout with fancy silks.

Now \$15 and \$16.50—serge and poplin capes and poplin coats. The coats are half lined.

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