

HOME-READING COURSE FOR CITIZEN-SOLDIERS

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This course of thirty daily lessons is offered to the men selected for service in the National Army as a practical help in getting started in the right way. It is informal in tone and does not attempt to give binding rules and directions. These are contained in the various manuals and regulations of the United States Army, to which this Course is merely introductory.

LESSON NO. 27

THE SPIRIT OF THE SERVICE

Preceding Lessons: 1. Your Post of Honor. 2. Making Good as a Soldier. 3. Nine Soldierly Qualities. 4. Getting Ready for Camp. 5. First Days in Camp. 6. Cleanliness in Camp. 7. Your Health. 8. Marching and Care of Feet. 9. Your Equipment and Arms. 10. Recreation in Camp. 11. Playing the Game. 12. Teamwork in the Army. 13. Grouping Men into Teams. 14. The Team Leaders. 15. Fighting Arms of the Service. 16. Staff Branches of the Service. 17. Staff Branches of the Service—II. 18. Army Insignia. 19. The Army System of Training. 20. Hose Order Drill. 21. Extended Order Drill. 22. Guard Duty. 23. Getting Ahead in the Army. 24. Army Courtesy. 25. Discipline and Respect for the Colors. 26. Some National Traditions.

The spirit that dominated the American Armies at Bunker Hill, New Orleans, Buena Vista, Gettysburg and Santiago will just as surely dominate the National Army on the battle fields of Europe.

This spirit is a compound. It is made up in part of democratic feeling, in part of respect and love for the Nation, and in part of Americanism.

The United States Army has always been and will always remain a democratic Army. Every man in the Army is made to feel that his brains and his individuality count for something. It is not merely a soulless machine that moves with mechanical precision. It is a "team." Each man in the team is presumed to be intelligent and self-reliant.

Democracy in the Army. Of course there can be no team-work without regularity and strict discipline. This is equally true of a football or baseball team. There must also be various ranks and degrees of authority. And sometimes this necessary organization and close regulation creates an impression that the Army is not democratic.

But the fact of the case is that American soldiers accept the reasonable discipline of the Army willingly because they have the good sense to realize that these things are necessary. They accept them without losing in the least their real independence as free citizens.

Furthermore, American armies are democratic because the patch of promotion is wide open to any man who has a reasonable amount of ability can practice, can study, can cultivate the qualities of a soldier and a leader, and can work his way up. And this is the real test of a democratic army.

In a special sense the National Army is democratic. A great democracy must always carry on its affairs through chosen representatives. You are doubtless familiar with this principle as it is applied in time of peace. Now it is applied in time of war. Through a process of fair selection the National Army has been organized to represent all parts of the country and all groups of the people. Never has America sent forth an army so truly representative of the Nation.

There are always pessimists in every generation who insist that patriotism is dead or at least decaying. They have not been lacking in recent years. Then comes a crisis such as now confronts us. And always the question of patriotism is answered by a free outpouring of effort, money, and blood on the part of citizens of all types in every section of the country. This is exactly what is now going on—and what will continue to go on with increasing force until the war is brought to a victorious end.

Everybody Must Help. Every citizen of the United States now has or will have certain duties to perform, certain sacrifices to make. The burden does not rest wholly upon you and other men who take up arms. It rests in part also upon the men and women who stay behind. For modern war on a big scale demands that the whole Na-

tion, in a sense, should go to war. The tasks required of some may be harder than the tasks required of others, but all of them are necessary in order to make sure of the result.

Many manufacturers and workers—often women as well as men—must give up their own work and plans in order to produce war supplies. Those who remain where they now are—because they are engaged in some occupation just as necessary in war as in peace, such as farming, mining, running railroads, and the like—must go to their work with redoubled energy and without expecting profits for themselves; it would be a great mistake if everyone were taken away from these necessary lines of effort in order to join the colors as a soldier. All must carry a heavy burden of taxation.

Certain men—among whom you are one—have been or will be chosen as representatives of the Nation to defend her rights and safety on the battlefield. You and your fellow soldiers are selected from the young men of the country who are best fitted for military service.

This process of organizing the whole Nation for war can not, of course, be completed in a day. But it is steadily going on. It will necessarily go on until the end of the war. You will have back of you and supporting you the whole country—all its people and all its wealth. Congress speaks the will of the Nation in the declaration of war. To bring the conflict to a successful termination all the resources of the country are hereby directed.

The Post of Highest Honor. The patriotic spirit which moves the whole country will find its highest expression in its soldiers—the men who are assigned to the post of danger and of honor. They will go all the more willingly since they know that behind them the whole Nation is organizing for the national service. Their spirit will be one of patriotic devotion fully as intense as that of American armies in previous wars.

The spirit of democracy and of patriotism is to be found also in the armies of other nations fighting against German aggression. In addition the National Army will have its own spirit of Americanism. It will have American enthusiasm, the good humor, fairness even to the enemy, and self-confidence. It will go to its work not half-heartedly but with a vim. If there are temporary setbacks it will accept them and keep on "plugging." These are some of the American traditions that will enter into the spirit of the National Army.

Fighting in that spirit and with the full strength of the country to back it up, the United States Army can not fail to achieve its objects. "Once more we shall make good with our lives and fortunes the great faith to which we were born, and a new glory shall shine in the face of our people."

Gettysburg Military Patrol Has Been Doubled in Size

Gettysburg, Pa., Sept. 14.—Believing that ten men could not cover the town as thoroughly as it should be done, the military force has been doubled and the work of getting the soldiers out to camp at night before the required time is being easier accomplished. The patrol visits other towns in the performance of their duties, four of them going to Hanover, where they secured the names of fifty-five men who had violated orders by going there, which is under the ban of the camp because of the prevalence of typhoid fever.

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