

FROM BASEBALL TO BOCHES

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(Continued)

Dear Joe: I would you could get a flash at this here ship which is gonna try to take us to Europe. I can't tell you the name of it, because if a doughboy mentions names in writin' back home he's liable to get pinched, and then it's the same as throwin' rocks at the President as far as the Judge is concerned. Also I can't tell you the place we're sailin' from, but I guess you know they ain't many ships startin' out for Europe from Phenix, Ariz., or Butte, Mont., hey?

The whole boat was painted by a set of maniac painters which was opposed to prohibition, and the foreman must of seen they was nobody died of thirst while they was on the job. There's a swab of pink here and a swab of blue there, and in between they got samples of chocolate, strawberry, orange, vanilla and allied flavors. This is called camouflage and is supposed to keep the submarines from seein' the ship and, in the event they do see it, to scare 'em away.

Amongst the bunch on board is about forty freshies, but a hundred four-leaf clovers, a gross of rabbits' feet, and a lot of other A-1 charms to keep off torpedoes. In case them charms quit cold on us, we got an extra set of six-inch guns, I ain't knockin' the charms, Joe, but them guns look good to me!

After I got to the recruitin' office that day with the other one of our lucky guys and a soldier in charge, we all got on a train and rode to the army camp. Most of the Wang felt about half as good as I did, which is good enough for anybody, but they was two guys, Joe, which did nothin' but knock all the way. They claimed they was simps at Tiffany's! "Lay off!" he says, "we; that the life was short and the fog shorter, and all in all they was nothin' pleasant connected with it. They kept at it till I couldn't stand it."

"How did you guys come to enlist?" I says.

"We didn't!" says one of them. "We come to get some dope about bein' exempted from the draft in the office talked us into joinin'."

"Sure!" says the other guy. "This country's about as free as diamonds at Tiffany's! A man has got to fight whether he wants to or not. And them well-to-do millionaires is back of this war, and—"

"Aw, let go!" growled the soldier in charge of us.

"I think both you guys is so yellow," I remarks, "that if you was round you could pass for grapefruit. If you make any more cracks like that, I'm gonna see if you'll bounce!"

"You ain't man enough!" pipes one of the knockers.

Joe, how could I stand for a cut like that after I had been accepted for the American Army. That was not only insultin' me, but the flag too. I let him have it on the chin, and he flops on top of the soldier.

"Hey, you!" bellers the last-named party, "call your shots, will you?" He comes over and pushes me back in the seat. "Lay off!" he says. "You'll get all the scrappin' you kin handle when we get over to France!"

"They ain't no harm in rehearsin' a little," he says.

"Shut up!" he admits.

Well, Joe, we finally got to camp, without no more bloodshed, and the first thing we run into there was another one of them popular physical examinations. Two guys was turned down. One of them was the guy I had gone to work and bounced on the train. I didn't think I had hit him that hard.

The next thing we all got to take a bath, and it turned out they was some conscientious objectors to washin' in our midst. Them guys had to do an Annette Kellerman in front of a hose for about five minutes. That bein' done, nothin' less than a sergeant took charge of us. He told us we'd have to get most of our trainin' on the way over to France, because the regiment was expectin' to leave camp at any minute after the alarm clocks went off in Washington.

The next thing, I'm glad to say, was breakfast.

I'm tellin' you all this, Joe, for the simple reason that you'll have to go through all of it when the drafters get around to your number. When you get through with my letters you'll know just what you gotta expect, and if you don't like it, it may make some difference to the Board of Aldermen in Calcutta; but, Joe, it won't make no difference to these guys in charge of the U. S. Army.

Well, the next stop was was the Quartermaster's Department, where we was give uniforms. You ought to see me in mine, Joe. If I say it myself, I look as good as \$500 a week would look to a motorman! It fits me like an eel's skin, and it's got that baseball unction I used to wear lookin' like overalls. After I had give myself the once over when I was all togged out, dressed to kill (the Germans), I felt like sittin' down and sendin' Mack a telegram, thankin' him for cannin' me off.

In a couple of more days they staked us to a lot of other furnishings like blankets, shoes, overcoats, and so forth, and by the end of the week we had more stuff than the average young couple starts out life with. Uncle Sam is sure good to his neighbors, take it from me. I got all this stuff, and some of these guys is livin' better right now than they ever did in Germany. We was dividin' leave any minute for France, like the sergeant told us, but stalled around the camp for about a month after I joined.

I met up with a lot of regular guys here, and they was dumfounded when I confessed to bein' Ed Harmon, the famous southpaw. They wouldn't have it no other way but that I would pitch for their ball team when we got to France, in case we played another regiment or the Red Cross guys, or the Germans, or, in fact, anybody, for a series.

We played one game before leavin' the camp with a team from B Company of the same regiment (I'm in C Company). Of course I was in the box for us, and I guess I don't have to tell you who won the thing. I had nothin' on the ball but the cover, yet they only stung me for two hits. After that, first base could of been in China, for all they knowed, and so I pitched in the seventh with the score 12-1, favor of us.

The whole camp seen the game, includin' the officers and the colonel, which is a nice old guy at that. He hates baseball like a chorus girl hates a telephone, and after it was all over he demanded to see me, and he says if I can put as much stuff on a bomb when I get to France, I won't be a doughboy very long. A doughboy is what they call a private in the infantry. I don't know why they call us that, because thirty-three dollars a month ain't much dough, is it, Joe?

Still, when you figure you're gettin' food, clothes, a place to sleep, doctors, medicine, and a chance to

see the world—changing the map here and there if you don't like the way it is now—it really looks like Uncle Sam is a sucker to pay us at all, eh?

By the time we was ready to leave camp I had learned how to march a couple dozen different ways, salute, the manual of arms, how to keep myself and a gun clean, how to take care of my kit, and how to fire off a rifle without killin' the colonel. Every one of them things, and a lot more, looks like a cinch right off the bat, and every one of them takes about a month before you can do 'em right, and that's if you got more brains than there is in Harvard.

Well, Joe, one mornin' the orders comes from Washington for us to start on our joyride to Berlin, and you ought to see the way that camp busted up. Everybody was as full of pep as an epileptic clog dancer, and as happy as a dame with her first engagement ring. We was all whistlin' and singin' and joshin' each other, and even the officers was grinnin' except when they passed a private. Just before we got on the special trains the colonel made a speech that was a knockout. He said our regiment had made a name for itself here and there, and he knew we'd be a riot once we got to France. He also reminded us that they was other reasons for us goin' over outside of the ocean voyage and not to think this was gonna be the same as the regular monthly clambake of the Bartenders' Social Association. We was due for some rough goin', but he knew we'd make it rougher for whatsoever blocked traffic when we was tearin' across France.

When he got through we give him a cheer that must of woke up cemetery inmates all over the U. S.

Then the chaplain tried out a prayer on us, and we piled into the trains the happiest bunch of guys that ever pulled on shoes. I felt the same as I did the day I fanned Cobb with a guy on third.

I ain't allowed to tell you how we got on board the ship finally, but I do, and we stuck one over on them German spies.

(Just like we're gonna stick it over on their boss.)

I hope them censors ain't camouflage these letters on me.

Yours truly,
ED HARMON,
(Formerly the prominent southpaw.)
(Next instalment in an early issue.)

"DRY" DRIVE IS TO OPEN HERE

Co-operating Churchmen Aim to Get Out Big Anti-Liquor Vote

The prohibition organization here is getting stronger every day and representatives of the various churches co-operating with the Anti-Saloon League have now completed a working schedule comprehensive and practical. The basic notion of course, is to get results at the primaries and all efforts are to be turned toward getting out the voters.

By May 1, the only day for registration in a city of the third class, it is the hope of the anti-liquor forces that every voter who would like to see "booze" abolished is enrolled. Voters who registered last fall can change their party enrollment or can enroll now, if they failed to enroll in a party when they registered last fall. In order to change registration, however, it will be necessary for the registrant to have voted at the last election for a majority of the candidates of the party with whom he now desires to enroll.

Active work will begin to-day when the Rev. Dr. J. Bradley Markward, chairman of the dry ratification committee of Dauphin county, will preside at a meeting of the committee for the purpose of taking up the task ward by ward. The Rev. Mr. Kreutz has been busy in the outlying districts for nearly two weeks and he will be brought into Harrisburg to help on the local campaign. He reports that the sentiment for prohibition is even stronger than expected and that pledges to enroll and get to the primaries are coming in briskly even without solicitation.

It was said to-day by representatives at the committee meeting that the dry forces will not endorse any dry candidate with regard to party. That is to say, if there is a wet candidate who seems to have a chance of being nominated, due to divided opposition by several dry candidates, then the committee will try to concentrate on one man in order that a wet candidate does not win out. Subcommittees were appointed this afternoon for canvassing of the various wards.

TALKS ON "SEEING AMERICA"
The Rev. A. S. Williams, pastor of the Camp Curtin Memorial Methodist Church, last night delivered an illustrated lecture, "Seeing America." The proceeds will be used for the Red Cross Auxiliary of the church.

SEVEN GENERAL OFFICERS LOSE OLD POSITIONS

Men Unable to Stand Physical Ordeal Barred From Overseas Service

Washington, March 12.—Seven general officers of the Army, five of them now commanding National Guard and National Army divisions in this country, have been found physically unfit for overseas duty by a medical examining board, and, in the case of the divisional commanders, will be assigned to other duty. This is in line with the announced policy of the War Department to send to France only general officers who are prepared to stand the physical ordeal which a command on the battle line entails.

The officers with the recommendation of the examining board were announced by Major General March, acting chief of staff, as follows:

Major General Thomas H. Barry, Regular Army, to be relieved from command of the Eighty-sixth (National Army) division, Camp Grant, Illinois, and assigned to command the Central Department, Chicago, relieving Major General W. H. Carter, U. S. A., retired.

Major General Charles G. Morton, Regular Army, to be relieved from command of the Twenty-ninth (National Guard) division, Camp Claiborne, Ala., and assigned to other duty.

Major General Edwin J. Greble, National Army, to be relieved from command of the Thirty-sixth (National Guard) division, Camp Bowie, Texas, and assigned to other duty with his regular rank of brigadier general.

Major General William H. Sage, command of the Thirty-sixth (National Guard) division, Camp Shelby, Miss., discharged from his commission in the National Army and assigned to other duty with his Regular Army rank of brigadier general.

Major General Edward H. Plummer, National Army, to be relieved from command of the Eighty-eighth (National Army) division, Camp Dodge, Ia., discharged from his commission in the National Army and assigned to other duty with his Regular Army rank of brigadier general.

Major General William A. Mann, National Army, to be discharged

Spies Face Noose in America Soon

Washington, March 13.—Death penalty for convicted spies is provided for in a bill introduced yesterday by Representative M. Clyde Kelley, of Braddock.

The measure is planned to be the final weapon in the hands of the United States government against the operation of enemy agents in this country. Under its provisions "any person who acts as a spy for any government with which the United States is at war or any ally of such government, and who seeks information with the intention of communicating it to the enemy, shall, upon conviction thereof, suffer death by hanging by the neck."

Mr. Kelley believes the laws now on the statute books give the enemy an opportunity of operating with comparative impunity, as they are often brought before the courts on some minor charge that calls merely for a term of imprisonment or a fine upon conviction.

BARON BLYTHWOOD DEAD IN ENGLAND
By Associated Press
London, March 12.—Baron Blythwood, Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey and dependencies from 1903 to 1908, died yesterday at Douglas, Supt. Lanchester.

Barrington B. Douglas Campbell, third Baron Blythwood, was born in 1845 and succeeded to the title in 1916. He was former commander of the Scots Guards and served in Egypt and South Africa. He became a major-general in 1898 and was a K. C. B. and C. V. O. His heir, the eldest of three sons, is the Honorable Archibald Douglas Campbell, a captain in the Scots Guards.

It was found that the expenses did not exceed those of the previous year. According to J. W. Stroh, president, this was due to the fact that the management is living up to the rules of the food administration and also that the farm largely raises its own food.

IN NEED OF CLOTHING
An appeal for clothing has just been made by the Salvation Army. Clothing for men, women and children is urgently needed by the relief organization. Persons desiring to aid by contributions of clothing which they are not using, should call 3692-R on the Bell telephone and a Salvation Army man will call for any clothes, newspapers or magazines.

ENLIST IN BRITISH FORCE
With three recruits secured the British Canadian commissioners will conduct another examination to-night at the courthouse. The three recruits will be sent to Canada shortly.

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HAD PALPITATION OF THE HEART
"Stomach Was Bad—Was Nervous"
Says Mrs. S. Thompson, 253 S. Eleventh street, Harrisburg: "For a long time I have been bothered with stomach trouble and nervousness, my stomach was sour and there was an accumulation of gas. I had pains in my side and back. Was bothered with palpitation of the heart, felt tired and had no ambition to do my work."
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