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BY PROF. MARSHMAN

#### LETTERS FROM THE FRONT FRESHMEN LEAD IN BAGDAD RAILWAY LONG A BONE OF CONTENTION **BASKETBALL LEAGUE** News From Other Colleges (Centinued From First Page)

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NO TIME TO LOAF Co. "B", Military Police, Camp Meade, Maryland,

#### My dear Prof. Gardner, Your good letter reached me several

days ago, and I was very glad to hear from you and to know how things are with how much dignity I return such going "on the hill" at State. It is just a little more than four months since I left our school at Honey ing that it is mutual. It is always a Brook and left the furrows of Chester county to prepare for work in the across old friends. trenches of France. And these four months have indeed been filled with many new and interesting experiences. pany (I think at Camp Meade). The At first. I was assigned to the 304th Ammunition Train, but after about two weeks of service there, I was among him so well (he lived with us during his the first hundred selected from the en- four years in college)-the military tire camp for service with the Military

This is considered the most responsible branch of the service here at camp. and I doubt if there is any organization here at Camp Meade, whose in these past four months. A Big Job

outposts of the camp-no matter how could probably accomodate 15,000 to 20,-one approaches camp, day or night, he 000 more. In the Depot Brigade they is met by a soldier of the Military Police have planned to carry about two war wearing the blue M. P. brassard. If strength Regiments, 5000 to 6000 men. he has a pass or has legitimate business at camp he is admitted. The biggest work comes with searching incomers and preventing the entrance of hence outside of my own personal exliquor, drugs, firearms or undesirables, perience and observation, don't know and the exit of would be deserters. A much about what is going on. As a second task here is guarding govern- whole, Uncle Sam is taking very good ment property, such as the Camp Safe, care of his boys here. Plenty to eat, Water Supplies. Electric Transformer, We also have charge of the Divis- them are well provided with clothes. étC. ional Stocade guard prisaners and convey them to the Federal Court at Baltimore.

On Sudays, we are kept busy regu- 1st L lating traffic and furnishing information to visitors. On Saturdays and some other days we have men in Baltimore and Washington looking after the FROM good conduct of the men there.

Just about one-half of our time is devoted to this Police Work the rest of the time we spend in drifling. We have gotten considerable infantry drill, and for the past six weeks have had a larger | Mr. amount of horse drill, for we are a mounted organization. The "monkey drill" and the cavalry drill is the most interesting drill work we have had and in our work in caring for horses some the Alumni Association. of my A. H. has come in very useful.

#### And Then the Measles!

Today, I was in a group of ten, selected from those who have volunteered for immediate Military Police Service in France. We were to leave for Camp Greens today and go across probably within a fortnight. Yesterday, however, we developed measles in quarters and are under quarantine for 18 days, so I'll be at Camp Meade for a while longer at least.

There is quite a number of State boys here at camp many of them wearing the officer's uniform and most of the others wearing the stripes of the noncommissioned officers. It is very pleasant to run across old friends in a big eamp like this and have an opportunity to talk over old times.

I trust that this cold winter weather has brought nothing but health to State College and that the fine spirit of the school has not been marred by the somewhat depleted, numbers. With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Gardner, to Dean Watts and my other friends "on the hill", Believe me,

Very sincerely Willis R. Skillman

Several Saturdays ago I was in Peters-FOR MILITARY POLICE burg (population about 40,000) and for an officer to go there when the streets are full of soldiers almost wears his arm out returning salutes. As I was January 21, 1918. going down street I heard some one ex-

claim, in my rear "There goes 'Doc' Lewis." In almost every case their saluation is a mixture of "Doc" and the

saluations. I know I am mighty glad to meet them and we part with the feelbright spot in the day's work to run Long '17, was sent here to attend the

Officers' Training School, from his comschool is for engineers only. What I tartel out to say was that, knowing

Will now tell you about Camp Lee. I continued their good work through the believe that they have ordinarily 40,-Our biggest job is taking care of the 600. to 50,000 men. On a pinch they vork. Please remember that we have been pretty busy and this line of work, or the surroundings at least, are new to me, coal and wood to burn, and most of With kindest thoughts to you and vour work. I am

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State College, Pa. My dear Sir:— I was very much pleased to get your

letter and information concerning Even though I am not a graduate of

the College, by any means, I still have hopes of being one at a future date. If I never become one I am interested in the work of the dear old school just the same. State stood by me last year by helping me through with work after I had my leg broken, and after I got far be-hind in all my subjects. So if this war ever ends, I hope to be able to walk on State's green campus once. I also hope to give commands to Freshies once, to repay myself for any inconvenience the Sophs" caused me. However. Mr. Smith, I feel that I just about shows the relative strength Sophs" caused me. have been very successful this year of the two teams. The Freshmen took even though I'm not in school, for this the lead soon after the start and were

all are after, anyway! Then, too, I feel were lost. that 1 am lucky, because there are not so very many "Freshies" who got commissions in the Training Camps.

Dear President Sparks:

can hear.

Very truly yours, R. R. Louden. GON ENCCH TELLS OF PENN STATE MEN BEING PROMOTED

> 314th Infantry, Camp Meade, Md., Harris, T. I. Maris, A. E. Martin, E. S. Jan. 27, 1918. oore, L. O. Overholts, F. L. Pattee

STANDING OF THE TEAMS project which would open up the vast un-Won Lost Pct. cultivated areas of the Tigris and Euphrates valleys to their ancient fertility. Freshmer 1.000

.500 The day on which the Bagdad Railway Juniors Seniors .000 was opened Europe would have another Suphomores source of grain supply equal to that -000 The inter-class basketball season adanced another step last week when no less than three games were played. As a result of these games, the Freshmen are now leading the league with two games won and none lost. The Juniors, by defeating the Seniors on Wednesday night, went into second place. The Sophs and Seniors still have a tie game to play off.

Juniors Down Seniors

The game between the Seniors and Juniors played in the Armory last Wednesday evening resulted in an easy morale has been so instilled in him victory for the Juniors. The final score since last September that during the was 31 to 19. During the early part of was 31 to 19. During the early part of half day or more that we spent together, the game, the Seniors seemed to have not once did I catch him forgetting a decided advantage, but just before the himself either in manner or speech as end of the first half, the Juniors bea soldier. We had a good time, enjoyed gan to improve in their work and the ization here int camp interesting and members have had as interesting and varied experiences as our boys have had without words, decided to play the game. second half as is shown by the fact that they made nineteen points, and held the Seniors to only two field goals. Neither side exhibited much team. Wild passing and numerous fumbles were very noticeable on both sides. In a few cases field goals were made on very long and difficult shots.

The line-un: Eichelberger, .....F...... Vogel Galbraith, .....F......Burns Bowman. .....C. .....Donnely Boyle, ......Coolidge Bayles, .....G..... Williams Goals from floor-Galbraith 5; Bowman 3; Bayles 4; Eichelberger; Boyle; Jogel 3: Donnelly 4; Williams 2.

Foul goals-Bowman, 1 out of 3; Williams, 1 out of 3. Referee-Brumbaugh 20. Freshmen Vs Sophs The Freshmen won their second game

when they defeated the Sophomores last Friday evening by the decisive score of 39-14. The Sophomores were outclassed throughout. Early in the game, the Freshmen showed their superiority in handling the ball and shooting. The first-year men displayed fine team work, which was greatly lided by Ritner's passing. Ritner was also the Freshmen's leading scorer.

The line-up: Freshmen Sophomores Young .....F...... . Tyson Killinger ......G...... Beard

Farley .....G..... McGuire Field Goals-Ritner 5, Young 3, Repogle 3, Killinger 2, Korb 2, Friedman, Bentz, YYoung, Martin, McGuire, Schumaker 3. Foul Goals-Ritner 3, Beard 2. Referee-Eichelberger. In a rather uninteresting game the Freshman five defeated the Juniors

army life, as an officer, surely does give never headed. Both teams played loose me a chance for experience. What we floor games and many chances to score

#### MANY APPLICANTS FOR CHAUTAUQUA LECTURES

Penn State's Chautauqua circuit is now in successful operation, with twenty-one professors and twenty fraternities on the list. The professors who have undertaken the work are C. R. Anderson, T. C. Blaisdell, W. O. Crockett, M. W. Eddy, J. A. Ferguson, M. M.

which came from the Russian wheatfields. The Russians would then have used in connection with the gases in an active competitor for their chief warfare investigations of the governarticle of export. This consideration ment. weighed heavily with the Russians, but not so heavily as the fact that the railroad would enable the Turks to throw troops into Armenia along the Caucasus border, a district which the Russians have long considered legitimate prey as soon as the digestive system of the Russian Bear proves equal to the meal. Finally, it was agreed that any railroads constructed in Armenia should be built by the Russians. They have very carefully refrained from building any. England's Objections England's objections to the Bagdad

Railway were somewhat more diverse She realized that the project would mean the complete economic domination of Asia Minor and the Tigris and the Euphrates Valleys. and that this would probably lead, as in so many instance; it has, to that part of Turkey's becoming nothing but a German colony.

In any case, the terminal of the railroad at the head of the Persian Gulf might easily become a German naval station and as such, a menace to England's domination of India. Further-

nore, the railroad would enable the Sultan of Turkey at any time to threaten to arouse the sixty million Mohammedans in India against the English government. Considering all these ob-Railway bonds would fall upon the English especially, since they imported more than one-half of the Turkish im-

ports, one Englishman exclaimed bitterly. "not often" has there "been a of being made to pay for the razor to out one's own throat."

#### Great Britain's Efforts

Great Britain therefore persisted in the had agreed to the raising of the Furkish customs. Lord Curzon, the Viceroy of India, succeeded in making out. In June, 1914, Sir Edward Grey t treaty with the local Sheik of Koweit and Prince Lichnowsky drew up a in which the latter agreed not to allow

treaty in which it was provided that the Germans should complete the Railway my but Englishmen to build a railway through his dominion. This was im- to the City of Basra about sixty miles portant because Koweit was commonly from the Persian Gulf. Goods were to be transported from Basra to the sea egarded as the only suitable terminal by opening the channel of the Euof the railroad and the Sheik of that place disclaimed the owing of any alle- phrates River to a Turkish navigation giance to the Sultan of Turkey. As company in which the British were to proof of his independence, he showed hold forty per cent of the stock. The that neither he nor his predecessors had British were also to be allowed to have ever paid any taxes to the Sultan. Here two members on the managing board of the Bagdad Railway Company. And indeed has been a bone of contention. Germany maintained that Koweit bethus this question seemed in a fair way onged to Turkey and that she would of settlement just at the moment when

build the railway to the see at that the ill feeling and hatred existing be-place. On the other hand, England tween the English and German people contended that she held exclusive rights for which it has so largely been responin that district and that the Bagdad sible burst into violence and blood Railway should never reach the sea at shed. Koweit. How many people knew that

that little ragged village of Koweit at the head of the Persian Gulf was such an important place?

sented to students and other owners As the Germans pushed the railway steadily across the Taurus Mountains of typewriters during the next two they became more insistent on their weeks. T. M. Tindall, of Avoa, N. Y., position. One finds the Vossieche Zeit- an expert repairman of typewriters ing making the following statements and adding machines, is staying at the regarding the Koweit affair: "If Eng- Bush House, Bellefonte, and a phone land does not withdraw her opposition, message there will bring him to your the great line will be carried over Eng- room. Repairs and adjusts any make land's head to its naval terminus on the of typewriters .- Adv.

PRINCETON-A branch laboratory CORNELL-A total of 239 students of the Bureau of Mines of the Depart- withdrew from Cornell University this ment of the Interior was recently insti- year between the opening of the first tuted in the Chemistry Department of term and the beginning of the final ex-Princeton University. The investiga- amination period of the same term. Of tions that are being carried on consist this number 60 per cent withdrew for chiefly in the preparation of materials military service.

D. C. Munro, Professor of Mediaeval History at Princeton, is the editor of a Government pamphlet entitled "German

War Practices." which has recently appeared. The pamphlet is the first of a number of publications which will be number of publications which while be published by the United States Govern-1 M. A. C.-At a recent re-union of ment exposing German barbarities in Short Course students at the Michigan

PITTSBURGH-The War Department has established an Officers' Re- bership of one hundred and seventyserve Training Corps at Pittsburgh

the work.

nell University, in accordance with a the mid-year examinations last week, amusement will surely destroy the decision of the Student Council, will not Princeton, celebrated the twenty-fifth mental technique that is so necessary wear the accustomed cap and gown this anniversary of the adoption of the to the art of reading," he said. "It would year at Commencement. Honor System.

Persian Gulf," and again, "if England PROFESSOR MARSHMAN persists in her demands Germany will know how to act despite England."

The Frankfurter Zeitung expressed ittions between Germany and England Spirit."

nearer parallel in real life to the case, since 1899 has been the matter of the Bagdad Railway.

#### Great War Prevents Agreement

From recent disclosures it seems certain that Great Britain and Germany her opposition to the railroad even after were in a fair way to end their differ- safely in Europe. This news was conences over the Bagdad Railway when tained in a telegram sent by the War the present international conflict broke Work Council to his brother, a copy of

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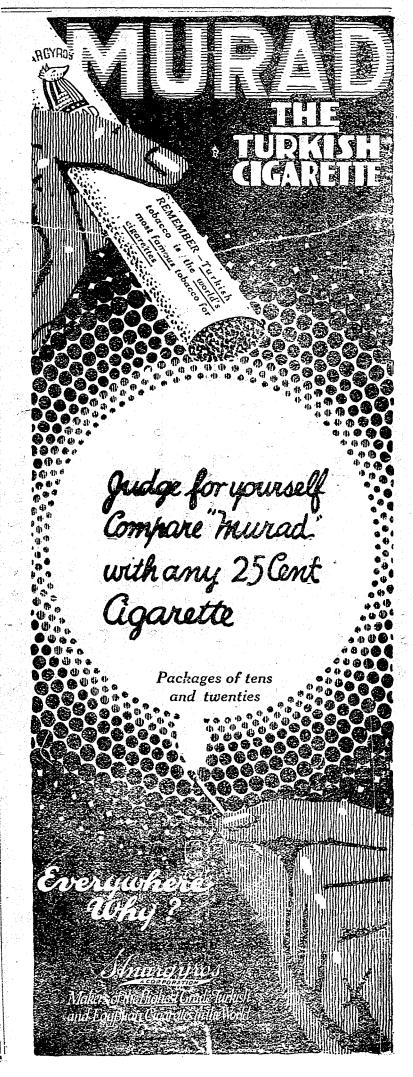
Colonel H. W. Stickle to take charge of work with that of the College Alumni Association. Association. PRINCETON—With the opening of art of readinng. "Indeed, reading for

NEXT SUNDAY'S SPEAKER

JACK HORNER IN EUROPE

Y. M. C. A. LOSES SECRETARY John M. "Jack" Horner '15, former Kenneth Keeper, former business secsecretary of the Penn State Y. M. C. A., retary of the Y. M. C. A., has left te who resigned recently to undertake war-work at the front, has arrived take up a position in Pittsburgh. Keeper will be greatly missed, especially at the present time, as his departure will

leave the Y. M. C. A. without either a business or graduate secretary. which was also sent to President Sparks. SATURDAY SPECIAL! **\$7.00 Storm Call Shoes** T \$5.25 The College Boot Shop



The usual large audience, which has been present at the lectures of the Tuesday evening course thus far, attended Professor Marshman's lecture on "The Art of Reading" in the Assem-bly Room of the Liberal Arts Building last evening. Professor Marshman began his lecture by saying that in every I.AFAYATTE-A list of national art, there is a mental technique as well champions in all forms of athletics com- as a mechanical technique, and it is

piled by Physical Director Bruce of usually true that the mental technique Lafayette College contains the names is the more important of the two. He of two Penn State men. They are went on to explain that this is absolute-Harold '1S, in the 120 yard hurdles and by true of the art of reading and that Dexter Very '13, amateur heavy weight without mental technique we have a mere superficiality, banality and insincerity. The reader must develop the

power of thinking, power of imagination, power of feeling and the power of Agricultural College, a Short Course volition before he can even begin to be Association was organized with a memonsidered an artist in this greatest of all arts. five. The leaders of the new organiza-According to Mr. Marshman, the

reader who reads for mere amusement or entertainment can never hope to at-

be difficult to say which one of the

faculties of the mind leads in the development of the reader. Without doubt, the power of the imagination is extremely important and yet per-

haps it is the least understood of the "What Constitutes an Excellent faculties necessary to the reader. The self as follows: "England must get Spirit" will probably be the subject of imagination is really the energy of the out of the way or be swept out of the Professor Marshman's talk on Sunday, soul; it includes perception, and yet way." The following declaration from February 10th, when he will be the it is different from preception; it in-Lord Lansdowne is no less belligerent speaker at Chapel services. In outlin- cludes judgment, and yet it is different on Great Britain's side; "Where we ing his probable talk to a "Collegian" from judgment; it includes memory, have figured 2s the first of peoples, (in representative, Professor Marshman and yet it is different from memory; it government. Considering all these on- like Persian Gulf) we cannot accept the suid that he would present to the sui- includes volition and yet it is different from memory; it jections and the fact that the increase is the Persian Gulf) we cannot accept the suid that he would present to the stu- includes volition and yet it is different in Turkish customs from eight to eleven permanent position of a brilliant sec-per cent in order to float the Bagdad ond." Surely these mutterings of war accomplished something great in the ation is the synthesizer, the humanizer as they rumbled back and forth across world and most of the great men of and the socializer of our whole growing the North Sea did not conduce to better history were men imbued with that life; and it is this power that the reader international feeling! Indeed one of intangible something which for want of needs to interpret the life of literature. the most vexed questions in the rela- a better name, he calls the "Excellent For. after all, reading progressively be-

comes the study of literature."

"DOC" LEWIS IS ENJOYING THE WORK AT CAMP LEE

My dear Dr. Sparks:

After one month of active Army service I have decided that this is no place for a man that is afraid of work. Opportunities stare one so constantly in the face that it is hard for me to understand how some fellows can be content with doing just the amount of work that conforms to orders, no more, no

My first impression on arriving here was the bigness of the camp, as large as the business for which we have been assembled to prepare for. It has taken time for me to grow up to the feeling that I know my place and the part that it is possible for me to play in it.

I have been assigned to the Depot Brigade; am commanding a company, or rather, what is left of one. The com-Dany had moved along; a few were left certainly will come back to finish my behind. Our personnel now consists of 16 officers and men. The batallion to which I had been assigned has been attached to another Batallion (colored men), hence the company officers and

Non Coms are white men I believe that the new change is due to the fact that some of the men have moved along and that the companies remaining will be reorganized from a 150 man company to a 250 man company. Again, Depot Brigade outfits never survive as an organization more than in name. The men receive their preliminary training heré and then are passed along to permanent organizations and prepared for over-seas duty.

#### A Lengthy Title

My title in the colored Batallion is Physical and Bayonet Instructor and Sanitary Officer for our Sector. Utility man would be a more appropriate name. I cover anything and everything that requires attention from grading to plumbing and from policing grounds and barracks to real Sanitary Inspection, or at least, I see to it that it is

The colored men as a whole are a fine bunch to work with. They are docile, good natured, lazy, and understand English, which is more than you can say for a lot of white men. The fficers as a whole like to be assigned to a colored company. I attribute it to the fact that colored men require more driving and are more easily satisfied with their lot than white men. With white men you must figure more on their mental reasoning. Will power and knowing your business plays a bigger part with them than driving.

#### Has Met Many State Men

The following articles are now in the Have met quite a number of "State" Y. M. C. A. office, and can be had upon then and have heard of thers that I identification: 2 odd cuff-links, 1 clip-have not met. Among the officers, have cap, 1 D H. Manual, 3 odd gloves, 1 pair met Higgins, Wilson, Cuthbert, Kru- black kid gloves, (women's) 1 pair shank, and others. Among the men in brown leather gloves, (worn) 1 large the ranks, or as non-coms, have met black pocket-knife, 10 keys, 1 small Lightfoot (Sergt.) '13, Bucher, '18, and a host of others. It is emusing when 1 black purse, 1 scarf pin, 1 fountain e meet unexpectedly and where rank pen, 1 rosary, 1 pair spectacles with plays an important part in our training. black case, 1 black pocket Testament.

I am writing to tell you of the enviable record made by the State men in Camp Lee, Va., Jan. 20, 1918 this Division. No doubt you saw in the paper today an account of the promo-

tions of the Officers at Camp Meade but just glanced over it. Several of the Officers here are State men and in these The Cercle Francais will hold its idvancements I am positive that we are fortnightly meeting Wednesday evenfar ahead of any other college men here ng at 7 o'clock in 226 Main Building, in the proportion of men promoted. In where the trials will be held for the ny Regiment, the 314th, there are eight French play. This will be followed by State Officers and six of them were prothe regular program. The speakers moted and the percentage all over the will be-Miss Rhoda Crawford, "Selec camp ran almost as high. Several were tion"; John L. Stewart and Kenneth B. made captains, among whom were H. M. Smith '16, and A. E. Dambley '18. I was very sorry that I was unable

Paget. Bostock, on request, will repeat his solo of an old French song entitled, "La Chanson." The feature of to hear your talk here recently but the evening will be a reading, "Les fetes very few missed it and the old spirit du Ramadan au Maroc." (The Festiviwas all the more in evidence from what ties of the Ramadan in Morocco) by Jules Guyard, read by Mercer-S. Malo All my best wishes are for Penn ney. State and if I am permitted I most

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ouildings and of State College borough is vested soley in a student volunteer fire department. In order to make this organization a success, the students must cooperate to maintain the safety of the college buildings as well as the iwellings of the borough. The Penn State Volunteer Fire Department will hold a meeting in the basement of the tomorrow night at seven Library o'clock. All students who can help in this service are urged to attend.

LOST AND FOUND

Mr. and Mrs. Ridenour, Mrs. C. C. Rob-inson, C. W. Robinson, R. L. Sackett, H. B. Shattuck, E. R. Smith, N. B. Zane, G. F. Zook, H. J. Wood, and J. T. Marshman. FRENCH SOCIETY TO MRET

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