

A.E.F.'S BIRTHDAY COMES TOMORROW; NOW A YEAR OLD

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when she was torpedoed not long before. He, by the way, was a trifle blas about the honor of bearing an American high command across the seas, for he was captain of the liner that carried Commodore Dewey from San Francisco to Hong Kong when he was on his way to join his flagship before the battle of Manila Bay.

All in the Same Boat

Two boat drills were held and one of the Americans aboard noted with some misgivings that the steward in charge had assigned the General and all the colonels to one boat. "Shouldn't put all your eggs in one basket," he observed, gloomily. "If anything should happen to Boat 3, the A.E.F. would be simply ruined."

Toted Their Own Baggage

At noon they assembled at one of the little island piers, boarded the tug "Thomas Patton" and steamed off down the harbor to Chateau-Thierry, on a nasty, storm-roughened sea and in the pouring rain, the White Star liner Baltic was waiting for them.

Courage Beyond All Praise

In a French order dealing with the part that American machine gunners played in the battle for Chateau-Thierry occurs the following:

"The courage of the Americans was beyond all praise. The Colonials themselves, though accustomed to acts of bravery, were struck by the wonderful morale in the face of fire and the extraordinary sang froid of their allies.

Jobs and Seasidekness

Some of the officers will scarcely look back to that week as one of unalloyed pleasure. The languors of 1918 and the oppression of sea-sickness combined unpleasantly to make the irregular verbs of the French language seem peculiarly elusive and unimportant.

NEW PAY SYSTEM FOR WHOLE ARMY IS BEING DEVISED

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long been accustomed to giving base pay for the month just past to any soldier who had become separated from his service record, but many of the younger commanding officers have apparently not been aware of this. The commanding officer of one big American replacement camp, where casualties were many and service records intermittent to say the least, received authority in general orders some time ago to pay each recruit and uninitiated stray in his battalion the trouble sum of \$7.50 on a supplementary service record invented for the emergency.

How Tommy Atkins Is Paid

Such a system as is roughly outlined above, if it were received and adopted, would closely resemble the system in force in the British Army. Tommy Atkins has a paybook on the strength of which he draws down from time to time the sum he and his O. C. (Officer Commanding) think he needs. That paybook shows just what his rating is, just what is his allotment. Payday may come once a week or once a fortnight, according to the rule of the organization. Tommy demands 15 or 20 francs—they never bother with small change—signs the acquittance sheet and goes on his way rejoicing. It is his ambition to stand in credit.

Along in June, he may say: "What, ho, the wife has a birthday in August." So he makes a mental note to draw sparingly for several weeks, in order that, as the anniversary approaches, he may have enough on the books to draw "or something handsome. Or he may draw down so little at a time and let so many paydays slip by without drawing anything at all that, when leave time comes, he can swagger up to a quartermaster sergeant and demand a whole pocketful of 50 franc notes with which to romp off to Paris.

WORK INSTEAD OF WALKING PAPERS Convicted Men to Get Hard Labor in Lines or in Back Areas

Dishonorable discharges for men convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude will not be granted except in the most serious cases. Instead disciplinary detachments will be formed and retained with battalions to perform hard labor, whether in the front line or back area, so that men in the detachments will escape neither the dangers nor the hardships to which their comrades are subjected.

SCHOOLS FLY HONOR FLAGS [BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] NEW YORK, June 6.—Two thousand New York City school children have received honor flags for their work in connection with the Third Liberty Loan.

The students of four high schools raised more than \$1,000,000 each for the loan—Julia Richmond, De Witt Clinton, Wadleigh, and Boys' High.

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Colonels Mistaken for Flyers There was no demonstration planned or executed for the Americans in London nor any flourish of trumpets announcing their presence. But wherever they went the officers were the objects of the greatest curiosity. Particularly did the colonels attract the English eye, for it was hastily assumed that the eagle insignia betokened aviation and there was much marveling that we should have flyers of such venerable appearance.

The fine edge of London's curiosity had been a little factored by the fact that the Commander-in-Chief arrived before General Pershing's party was the vanguard of the fighting forces of the A.E.F., but even before his coming members of the Medical Enlisted Reserve Corps had crossed with units for service in British hospitals, and by the time the Commander-in-Chief arrived in Europe, members of the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps were already serving in the British line. They were the first in France—their service stripes will always precede all others. Base Hospital 4 celebrated on May 25 the anniversary of its first day in France soil.

Wireless Brings Real News Despite all the tension, there were the usual games of shuffleboard by way of exercise, the usual concerts with such chance talent aboard as could be furnished by Lyn Harding, the English actor, and Dorothy Gish, America's movie favorite, and the usual daily newspaper, with the wireless bringing in real news for once. The Baltic was just sailing through the danger zone when word came through the air that the Root Mission had reached Russia and that back home 10,000,000 young Americans had discountenanced all prophecies of riot and calamity by quietly and soberly enrolling under the selective draft.

It was in the early hours of the morning of June 8 that the Baltic reached Liverpool. When 10 o'clock came, after a fine breakfast of Queenstown salts, the Americans marched off to be greeted by the high dignitaries of the port and by the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who were drawn up on the pier with their regiments band and their not less famous Angora goat.

A special train carried the whole party to London, with the Commander-in-Chief made comfortable in the royal private car. There were great handshakings at Euston station, where Sir John French, Vice-Admiral Sims, Ambassador Page and others were waiting to greet them when the train arrived at 3:30 that afternoon, and General Pershing did not go on his way till he had first shaken hands with the engineer who brought him to London town.

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rich, tapestried curtains, carpeted with costly rugs, and brilliant with June flowers. Outside a long line of automobiles waited to carry the Americans through the streets of Paris.

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