

PITY THE POOR TOP

—By WALLGREN

WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A TOP SERGEANT AND HE SEES AS HOW WE WAS TREATIN' THE TOPS RUFF. IT WAS A MELANCHOLY WAIL AND IT SURE TOUCHED OUR SOFT HEART— MAYBE WE HAVE BEEN A TRIFLE HARSH BUT WE DIDNT MEAN FOR TO CAUSE SCORSH AN' MISERY SO JUST TO REDEEM OURSELF AND APPEASE THEIR POOR WOUNDED FEELINGS AND EASE OUR OWN CONSCIENCE— HERE YOU ARE, 'TOPS'!

I WISH I WUZ ONLY A BUCK!



WHAT HE FEELS LIKE AFTER READING OFF A SUNDAY WORK DETAIL



—AND THINK OF ALL THE STUFF YOU ASK HIM TO BELIEVE



THINK OF THE NUMBER OF SHIVERING MOMENTS YOU KEEP HIM WAITING UNTIL YOU ARE GOOD AND READY TO FALL IN THESE DARK MORNINGS

SERGEANT, YOU'D BETTER TELL THE MEN THERE WILL BE NO PASSES ISSUED TO DAY AND TO PREPARE FOR A SPECIAL INSPECTION



WHAT WOULD THE SKIPPER DO WITHOUT THE TOP TO PASS THE BUCK TO?



THE TOP LOOKING FOR A FATIGUE DETAIL HE POSTED AN HOUR AGO

HELPFUL HINTS.

HOW TO BE POPULAR THO A TOP SERGEANT



ISSUE EACH MAN A PERMANENT PASS; CALL OFF ALL WORKING DETAILS AND ADVANCE EVERY ONE A MONTHS PAY; DISCONTINUE REVEILLE AND TAPS AND ISSUE PIE AND ICE CREAM EIGHT TIMES A DAY. THIS WILL IMMEDIATELY RESULT IN YOUR BEING UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED PRESIDENT BY THE COMPANY—PROVIDED THE SKIPPER HAS LOST HIS MIND ALSO



THE POOR HARD WORKING TOP TRYING TO GET OUT THE PAY ROLL WITH A COMPANY CLERK WHO HAS JUST RECEIVED A CHECK FROM HOME.



SUFFERN KATS, LAD!— SHOW A LIL' PEP— TH SKIPPER IS RAGGIN' ME NOW FOR TH' ROLL!



SURE TOP, I ORDER GIT A PASS, AN' BESIDES I GOT A STUMMICKAKE, ANYHOW!



YOU'RE THE! TERT!

DISCHARGE CAMP FOR SOLDIERS WHO MUSTER OUT HERE

First Depot Division Designated as Location in General Order

PHYSICAL EXAM FOR ALL

Men to Be Charged Only With Equipment Initiated by Them on Individual Records

The establishment of a discharge camp in France at which will be mustered out the soldiers of the A.E.F. who are released from military service on this side of the Atlantic is ordered in G.O. 230, just issued from G.H.Q. The Commanding General, S.O.S., will establish the camp, which will be located at the First Depot Division. To it will be sent all men whose discharge is authorized in France, the number of whom, according to present authority, will be strictly limited to those whose homes are in Europe or who enlisted in Europe, as announced previously. After authorizing the creation of this discharge camp, the G.O. goes into exhaustive detail as to the various and numerous things which must be done by a soldier to be discharged and by those who discharge him. This data consists of War Department cablegrams and circulars to the extent of 20 pages and gives G.O. 230 the distinction of being probably the longest G.O. which G.H.Q. has ever authorized.

Most of the instructions will not be of any great interest to the bulk of the A.E.F. for several months yet— not until we get back to the States and get ready for the final "Dismissed."

Physical Exam on Books

A few points are worth knowing about now, however. In the first place, all officers and men, before leaving the Army, will be subjected to a critical physical examination which, if the emphasis of the instructions is an indication, will be stiffer than the one we got when we entered the Army.

The discharge of men afflicted with venereal disease will be deferred, as will that of men who are unfit for duty in the class in which they were rated at the time of their entrance into the Army, or in a higher class, in the event that they were subsequently so rated.

Men from the same localities will be discharged, as far as possible, on the same date, and only as they can be moved homeward by train.

Compensation blanks for persons disabled in the service will be furnished every officer and enlisted man who has been so disabled in the service, or who claims to have been, and assistance will be given him in filling it out. In addition the War Risk Insurance policy held by soldiers will be thoroughly explained, and the soldier will be told of his privilege of continuing it.

And That Issue Stuff?

Officers and non-commissioned officers may retain publications, manuals and regulations in their possession.

And, not least important, it is provided: "When the 'Issue Column' of the Individual Equipment Record is not filed out and initialed by the soldier as well as the witnessing officer in the manner prescribed prior to a transfer, and the soldier denies having been issued articles charged thereon or states that he has turned them in before departure, or if there is no Individual Equipment Record accompanying the soldier, the articles will not be charged against him."

This ought to make most of the Army square with the Salvage Department.

A bill permitting soldiers to retain uniform and personal equipment on discharge has been reported on favorably by a Senate committee.

ARMY S.P.C.A. ON WARPATH

The needs of all animals belonging to A.E.F. units must be cared for properly in future, according to Bulletin 104, G.H.Q. The bulletin explains that "serious neglect or lack of knowledge of the care of animals on the part of responsible officers" has been indicated as a result of a recent inspection of livestock and that proper care must be taken in the future.

All animals will be fed three times a day, watered twice a day and groomed twice a day. An enlisted man will be detailed as assistant to the teamster for each four-line team, and, when necessary, an additional man will be detailed for each two-line team.

The bulletin states that officers in charge of transportation will see that all animals are properly fed, watered and groomed before starting work in the morning and after work in the evening. Harness must be cleaned after work each day. All animals found sick or in poor condition through overwork or lack of care will be given light work or exercise.

ANTI-SKID DEVICES FOR REAL ICE ONLY

Chains and Lugs Not to Be Used When Roads Are Merely Muddy

All the hardened chauffeurs of the A.E.F. are implored by G.H.Q. to go easy on uncomplaining French roads which have become soft as a result of thawing. To point the way to the chauffeurs, a complete set of instructions on the humane treatment of the highways has been issued.

These instructions, contained in Bulletin 101, state that no chains, lugs or metal anti-skid attachments on motor vehicles or tractors shall be used except in case of actual necessity or at times when roads are iced or snow covered. When the roads are merely inconveniently slippery on account of mud, anti-skid devices will not be used.

It is pointed out in the bulletin that following a thaw "roads will suffer damage which is often irreparable if heavy traffic is allowed to circulate before they have had time to settle." During this settling period, which varies from three days to a much longer time, according to the intensity of the frost, traffic will be limited and circulation of motor trucks, loaded wagons in convoy, for wagons having more than one axle, and for vehicles hauling fertilizer, is suspended.

Zone Majors, the Commandant d'Etapes or the Engineers are instructed to mark such roads as are not to be used. The necessary control and diversion of traffic will be effected through the Military Police, in co-operation with the French civil authorities.

For the removal of snow, troops may be called upon when needed. "Normally," the bulletin states, "the road service personnel is sufficient for this work, but in case of shortage of labor or teams French regulations provide that nearby troops may be called upon to assist. This snow removal pertains to highways and is in addition to that done in the towns and villages by the troops occupying them."

COURTS ESTABLISHED IN OCCUPIED REGION

Stiffest Sentence of Higher Body Is Six Months, 5,000 Marks

Instructions have been issued from G.H.Q. for the establishment of courts for "the trial and sentence of all civilian inhabitants of occupied territory guilty of offenses against the laws of war or military discipline."

These instructions, contained in G.O. 225, provide for the establishing of two courts, first a superior provost court, consisting of an officer detailed by division commanders for the districts occupied by their respective divisions, and an inferior provost court, consisting of an officer detailed by the commanding officer of each garrison of a city, town or other place occupied by their organizations.

Aside from these courts army and corps commanders will also detail a superior provost court for the districts occupied by army or corps troops. The maximum sentence which this court may impose is imprisonment for six months and a fine of 5,000 marks, or both, while the maximum penalty for an offense punishable by decision of the inferior court is imprisonment for three months and a fine of 1,000 marks, or both. No death sentence will be carried into execution until approved by the Commander-in-Chief, A.E.F.

Each provost court will keep a record showing the name of the offender, the offense, the plea, the finding and the sentence in each case.

Weekly reports will be made each Saturday and will be forwarded through channels to the Officer in Charge of Civil Affairs in Occupied Territory. In the office of the latter will be kept all records, reports, documents and papers of any kind relating to civil affairs in the occupied territory. No member of the A.E.F. or Allied forces will be tried by any military commission or provost court.

HARDER TIMES FOR AWOL'S

The tools are tightening about the AWOL. The latest bulletin on passes is going to make it as hard for him to stay out of his station as it was to get out.

"At uncertain hours," the order reads, "the M.P. will make his rounds, visit cafes and restaurants and places of amusement and require members of the A.E.F. to show their authority for being present. At all entrances of towns and villages on all country roads passes must be shown."

Only general officers and members of their staffs are unaffected.

GARDEN ACTIVITIES GREATLY CURTAILED

Q.M.C. Must Raise No More Vegetables on Rented Farm Lands

The one hopeful thing about G.O. 226, Section 111, is that it makes it appear as though a good many of us would be going home before harvest time. That order from G.H.Q. restricts in large measure the gardening activities of the A.E.F.

The Garden Service of the Q.M.C. will, during 1919, conduct its back-breaking activities only in such places as the Commanding General of the S.O.S. may name, with the advice of the Chief Quartermaster. There will be no restriction, however, on the operation of kitchen gardens alongside the mess slacks of the S.O.S., provided that those gardens are on land for which the Government is not paying any rental for garden purposes purely. All land rented or leased by the A.E.F. for gardening purposes is now to be returned to the owners as soon as practicable, so that, in any case, the size of gardening details is bound to decrease.

Vegetables already grown are to be turned over to the local quartermasters. Those officials are directed to enter the vegetables on their subsistence returns and to issue them as part of the regular ration. Quartermasters at base hospitals, however, may issue a certain amount of vegetables to patients' messes free of charge and not entered on the returns.

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SURPLUS NON-COMS CANNOT LOSE RANK

Transfer to New Arm of Service Also Forbidden in G.O.

Surplus non-commissioned officers in combat outfits will not be reduced. They may be transferred to other organizations with their present rank, but not from one arm of the service to another. This is the substance of G.O. 228, just issued from G.H.Q.

Whenever there are non-commissioned officers in excess of the number authorized in the table or organization, unit commanders will submit, through military channels, a recommendation for their transfer. Regimental and separate battalion commanders, authorized to effect transfers of enlisted men between units under their command, will transfer surplus soldiers without reduction in rank or grade to vacancies existing in other units of their commands," according to the new G.O.

After all vacancies have been filled in such organizations, the commanding officer will submit a recommendation to higher authority for the transfer of the remaining surplus non-coms.

Commanding generals of divisions, of a corps of an army, or of the Service of Supply, after effecting all possible transfers within their respective commands, will transfer the remaining surplus non-coms to the 1st Depot Division. No transfer under this order is authorized from one arm of the service to another.

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The film in its rounded form will be shown throughout the A.E.F. It is a story—but if the story were told now there would be no pleasure in anticipating it. The film will also be shown in the States.

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