

HENRY'S PAL TO HENRY

Proving That the Pen and the Scissors Are Mightier Than the Sword and the Machine Gun

Germany, Jan. 17, 1918. I mean 1919 Henry.

Dear Henry. Well Henry I guess it was about time I was writing you a real letter. Now that there ain't no more censoring to be did I guess maybe a fellow can say most anything because no body will ever look at your letter.

And I guess it was about time they was letting somebody say something about Henry. They have been making us keep our mouths shut for so long that I have almost forgot how to write a real letter any more and because of that I don't write much to no body and I am getting so as I can't spel near as good as I used to Henry.

Well anyway the second loot who has been censoring our mail has kind of got it in for me anyway I guess. About once every month long before the war was over he used to call me over to his office or dugout or whatever it was and give me a balling out for something etc. that I sed. Well Henry now that he is not looking at the letters any more I will tell you a hole lot about him which will show you why my letters ain't been so interesting etc. In the first place Henry he is bald headed and has got a wife and eight kids. He ought to be



a corporal or something but he got a second loot commission because of the drag he had with the colonel because he was on the colonel's dog robber. I like him Henry like a snake.

Well Henry I will tell you some more about him. He is a THREE PAGES DELETED BY CENSOR. So after all that Henry you can see just about what I been up against when it comes to writing real interesting letters. This army is (HALF PAGE DELETED BY CENSOR) and that's just why I am still nothing but a buck pvt. when I ought to be at least a corporal. Well Hawley is going to be made a corporal pretty soon and I guess if he can be a corporal I ought to get a commission etc.

Well Henry I guess that is enough bull for onse. S. T. B.

Germany, Jan. 19, 1919. Dear Pal Henry. Well Henry it has been nearly 2 days now since I wrote to you and the loot has never called me



over to his tent or nothing so I guess it is pritty safe to say most anything I feel like saying.

Well I ain't got much to write about only this a. m. we had (CENSORED) and of course I wasn't wise to it and nearly got caught. They got so they don't say anything about it till they are ready for a inspection and then it is always to late to se—(CENSORED) etc.

Well Buck was standing right behind me and he says (CENSORED) and when he said that Henry I began to think about the time the other nite when Buck and me went for a walk with (CENSORED) and of course gettin' in late there wasn't time to look at a lot of straps and rifle sites and things and besides Buck told me how (CENSORED).

Well Henry I got by all rite and I guess I slipped one over on everybody at that. This morning when I woke up (HALF PAGE DELETED BY CENSOR).

So you see how it goes in this army Henry. You can put anything over if



you try. Just like writing these letters. No body ever thinks to censor anything now days but I bet if that loot thought I was saying something about him he would search through the whole pile of letters for one of mine.

This morning he was coming down the street and when I met him I saluted like I was saluting a general etc. just to see what he would do and by the way he saluted you would think he was a guy who had just enlisted. He is the cam— (HALF PAGE DELETED BY CENSOR). Well he is all of that Henry, and some more. S. T. B.

Germany, Jan. 20, 1919.

Dear Henry. This is only a card to say that I am in the brig Henry. I don't know what for yet. Letter will follow. Your pal, S. T. B.

GERMAN CIVILIANS MUST CARRY CARDS

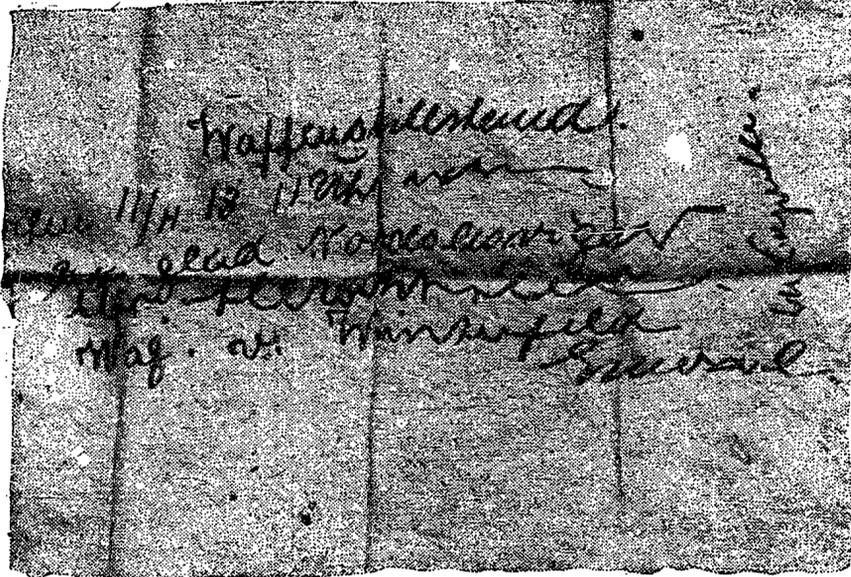
Many Regulations Issued for Residents of Bridgehead

"Every person above the age of 12 must carry at all times an identity card bearing his signature and address. Such card will be issued and stamped by the appropriate civil officer."

This is only the first of a series of rules and regulations published for the guidance of the inhabitants of the district of Germany occupied by the American forces. It marks the inauguration of a more strict surveillance over civilians living in the bridgehead.

Notification must be made of change of address, and a list kept on the inside of every exit of a building in which civilians have their residence, giving name, nationality, sex, age and occupation of every person who lives there. A check also has been placed upon indiscriminate circulation, only a division or higher commander having the authority to grant the departure from the American zone of a civilian. The new decrees, printed in English and German, have been posted throughout the bridgehead area.

THE BOCHE FLAG OF TRUCE—NOVEMBER 8, 1918



If the day should ever come when some made-in-Germany history book attempts to claim less than defeat for the Kaiser in the great war, there will be a number of Americans—members of S. S. U. No. 598, to be concrete—who will be able to offer tangible proof of the fall of Prussianism in the form of certain little white squares of linen that were once a part of the flag of surrender itself.

One man of the S.S.U. will have nothing to show, however, and that will be the cook, which is a story.

After General von Winterfeldt and the other German armistice delegates came through the line at Guise November 8 and the line moved a few miles to the eastward, as it had a habit of doing in those days, their five automobiles returned to La Capelle, where the occu-

panis got a welcome from the French that made their blood boil.

But they got a somewhat different reception from the 39 members of S.S.U. No. 598, which arrived in town the same day, attached to the 33rd French Division. The Americans' souvenir instinct was aroused. In a very short time after the cars were parked, not one of them showed a white flag, and most of the Americans had souvenirs in their pockets—the best souvenir of the war, they are saying now. The German chauffeurs seemed to join in the joke, and von Winterfeldt's own driver willingly autographed one of the pieces, the photograph of which is shown here, obligingly signing his chief's name and inscribing himself as a "happy North-Schleswiger" as if to disown in advance any thought of his alliance with

Prussia, victorious or defeated. In addition he recorded the place and date.

While the rape of the linens was going on, the cook was busy in the kitchen, but when word came to him he rushed out only to find the autos stripped of their symbols of defeat. Nothing daunted, he went back to the kitchen, found a screw driver and began to remove the horn from General von Winterfeldt's auto. Unfortunately the General appeared on the scene and although, when fairly calm, he possesses a good command of English, the situation proved too much for his vocabulary and he dropped into German and bawled out the cook in several varieties of Boche cuss-words. So the cook, while he cannot boast of getting a Boche flag, at least has the pleasure of knowing that he successfully captured a general's goat.

A.E.F. SHOP TALK

All enlisted men upon discharge from the Army will be given two scarlet chevrons, one to be worn on the left arm of the blouse and one on the left arm of the overcoat between the buttons and the collar. The chevrons is the soldier's badge, a War Department order states, to show that he "responded to the demands of the country, performing creditable service in the Army, and received honorable discharge therefrom."

Signal Corps photographers with the Army of Occupation have taken 28,000 feet of film and more than 3,000 pictures. The film is being processed in the line. One of the 13 photographic units in Germany has been getting movies of the Berlin revolution.

Two thousand American foresters working in the vicinity of Luxembourg are preparing 26,000,000 feet of timber within the next few months. Seven new sawmills have recently been erected. Last July a great forest fire raged for three days and three nights spread through a large section of the timber at Lue. It is now necessary to cut this burned timber in order that it may not be a total loss.

Soldiers in the A.E.F. who had enlisted in the Regular Army before April 2, 1917, will not be given their discharges until the expiration of their enlistment period, according to G.O. 4, G.H.Q. This order also provides that former enlisted men in the Regular Army who had been discharged to accept commissions may be re-enlisted at the grades formerly held by them, and being discharged from their commissions, providing they tender themselves for enlistment within three months of such discharge.

The Fifth Division has just finished a coaling campaign in which German chemistry figured. Stores of German benzol were used for bathing infested men, and infested clothing was sponged with benzol, which belongs to the gasoline family but is heavier and more explosive than gasoline.

French and American decorations were bestowed on 18 American aviators at Colibri recently. Five received the Croix de Guerre and 14 the D.S.C. in the center of a hollow square formed by American and German planes. One officer, Lieut. Col. Lewis H. Bratton, Chief of Staff, Third Army, received both decorations.

All commanders will take steps to speed up the forwarding of mail belonging to men who have left their organizations and to avoid delay in consoling and forwarding outgoing mail in general, under the terms of Bulletin No. 1, Hq., S.O.S.

The Q.M.C. is daily sending trucks laden with cigarettes, candy, jam, tooth brushes and all the usual small wares of the commissary out into the billeting area around Bordeaux. Seven trucks have been equipped with special bodies to do the work, which is accomplished on a regular schedule. Receipts from the truck average about 3,000 franc a day.

Before carrying out the general order that there shall be daily practice with rifles and ammunition for all men, commanders are directed to see that men have completed the preliminary course of firing instruction, a memorandum from G.H.Q. advises commanders.

The Association of Life Insurance Presidents, representing the whole private insurance field in the United States, has announced it will urge all surplus and surplus to continue their government life insurance and convert such temporary insurance into one of the permanent government policies provided for by the War Risk Insurance Act, according to a Treasury Department bulletin.

Bordeaux is now policed by two companies of picked men, many of them with former police experience. They are graduates of the Provost Guard school which has been in session at Camp Souge for several weeks. Eight companies of 200 picked men each were graduated from the school. Among the features of M.P. work in Bordeaux is the work of one company organized to control traffic. Bordeaux is the only city in France where the American M.P.'s are controlling both French and American traffic.

Because of the increased importance of the duties and responsibilities of chaplains since the signing of the armistice, special effort on the part of commanding officers is urged by Bulletin 107, G.H.Q., which states that transportation shall be furnished them by G.O.'s in amounts commensurate with the importance and nature of the duty to be performed.

Candidates for admission to West Point, in number not to exceed 200, will be selected by an A.E.F. board on March 18, states G.O. 12. Applications must be forwarded to G.H.Q. through channels not later than February 2. The soldier's commanding officer, verifying in his endorsement statements made by the applicant who must be a member of the Regular Army and be between 19 and 22 years old. Officers and men of the A.E.F. who have married French and English girls will not have to worry about taking their wives home. A cable from the War Department announces that wives and children of officers and men will be furnished transportation to the States on Government vessels.

Regional replacement depots have been established at Chelles, Font and Reviery. These depots will function for all arms and services of the A.E.F. and will receive, uniform, arm and forward all cas-

THREE GOLD STARS

Three service stripes, four wound stripes and a mourning band with three gold stars for brothers who died in the service is the record that Capt. Edward J. Bennett, 16th Machine Gun Company, 1st Division, will carry home with him.

But all the laudits for his heroism will be hollow rewards to this soldier, for his tragedy was "over there"—his wife and mother died of influenza while he was at the front.

DISCHARGES IN ENGLAND

American soldiers will now be able to obtain their discharges in England as well as in France. Those officers and men whose homes are in England and those who entered the service there may be mustered out at a special camp to be established in England under G.O. 5.

The only other place in Europe where discharges are given is the First Replacement Depot, St. Aignan. All discharges on this side must have approval of G.H.Q.

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"What's that?"

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POSTERS EXPLAIN INSURANCE MERITS

Unit Commanders to Lay Government Plan Before Men

General Pershing's wish, as expressed in G.O. 234, that no soldier of the A.E.F. discontinue his War Risk Insurance, at least until he has had an opportunity to study the Government's new plan of insurance, has been reprinted in the form of a poster, 30 x 22 inches, copies of which are to be placed on all bulletin boards in the Army, tacked up in barracks, auxiliary service huts and other prominent places where the men may digest them.

All unit commanders will be required to explain fully to their men the Government's conversion plan.

Probably due to a confusion of the insurance and compensation provisions of the Act of Congress of October 6, 1917, there is, according to a Treasury Department statement, considerable misunderstanding among beneficiaries of men in the Army and Navy as to their rights under the War Risk Insurance Act. Many mothers and fathers have gained the impression that in order to collect payments of insurance applied for by their sons they must prove dependency.

This is not true. The insurance is payable to wife, child, grandchild, parent, brother or sister, regardless of dependency. In order to obtain the additional payments of compensation, which is separate from insurance, dependency must be shown, however.

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