

# LAST AMERICAN WAR PRISONERS LEAVE GERMANY

## Two Sick Were Only Ones Left of 4,000 Yanks in Foe's Hands

# TO AID 800,000 RUSSIANS

## A.E.F. Major at Head of Red Cross Commission Which Will Ameliorate Lot of Slavs

The last American prisoner of war is out of Germany. This is the opinion of G.H.Q. so far as statistics and other available data can check up the figures—a figure that until this week did not balance by just two. The two were sick prisoners who, patients for several months in German hospitals, were unable to leave hostile territory without the signing of the armistice, and became well enough to do so only in the last few days.

Coinciding with the return of the prisoners the American Red Cross announced this week that it is to undertake on a large scale the relief of 800,000 Russian soldiers still prisoners in German territory.

Of the 800,000 Russians held at more than 200 German camps, 100,000 are sick. Under-nourishment and disease threaten to kill thousands. The Russian Government, according to the findings of the investigators, is unable to provide food or care for these men, who fought for the cause of the Allies.

### Headquarters at Berlin

The Red Cross Headquarters at Berlin, at the request of General Pershing, appointed a commission to operate with the inter-Allied Commission for the feeding, care and repatriation of the Russians. The inter-Allied body was provided for by the governments participating in the Armistice Conference. It has established headquarters at Berlin.

The Red Cross commission, which began work this week, consists of 35 men, headed by Maj. Carl Taylor, who was released from the A.E.F. to direct the work of the mission. There are eight doctors on the staff.

The two American prisoners who came out of Germany after being ill for several months in German hospitals were the last of 4,000 soldiers of the A.E.F. taken by the Germans. The majority of the men repatriated have rejoined their original units and many have been returned to the States. Included in the 4,000 Americans captured were several hundred civilians, merchant sailors and Navy personnel.

This week it was announced also that revised counts show that the total of German prisoners captured by the Americans is getting higher each day. It now stands at 42,000, which is 7,000 more than the earlier estimate of 42,000. This increase is due largely to the inclusion of detachments of prisoners which American divisions through conquest have turned over to the French. Many of these have been gradually finding their way back into the American camps.

# A.E.F. VOCATIONAL TRAINING PLAN IS OUTLINED IN G.O.

## Conditions Given for University Work in France and England

Amplification of the Army educational program, particularly in the matter of furnishing vocational training, is furnished by G.O. 28, G.H.Q., issued February 11. The general order further outlines the condition under which men may take courses in the universities of England and France.

In each Army corps and in each section of the S.O.S., the general order directs that centers of training be established, to be known as divisional educational centers. These centers, say the order, "will provide such vocational training as the material within the division or section makes possible.

Among the trades which can be taught in all divisions and sections, the order lists carpentry, telegraphy, wireless telegraphy, land survey, road construction, horse-shoeing, auto-repairing, cobbling, barbering, cooking, and baking.

These divisional centers, moreover, are to provide instruction in more advanced subjects of general education than can be taught in the post schools—such subjects as algebra, trigonometry, mechanical drawing, salesmanship, economics, languages, and advanced history courses being specified. The centers are also charged with instruction in agriculture, considered one of the most important subjects in the educational plan.

### How Men Will Be Picked

As to the way that men are to be picked to attend the divisional courses, the general order has this to say:

"In order to determine the demand in each educational center for education, a complete survey of his organization will be made by each commander. On the basis of this survey, progress will be recognized. Courses will be organized providing a minimum of five hours' instruction and supervised studies surveyed, five days in the week covering a period of three months. Organization of provision of education for companies or detachments conveniently located and provided with a proper administrative organization is authorized. Such organizations will be given the honor of military training per day in addition to the educational work.

The number of students will be limited by the capacity for giving instruction in each divisional educational center and will not exceed 15 per cent of the command. Schools, officers and instructors will be excused from all other duties. The order then calls attention to the arrangement whereby men may be ordered to attend service to attend British and French universities, receiving commutation of rations at the rate of \$2 a day while in attendance, and commutation of quarters not to exceed a day. However, they will have to pay tuition themselves amounting to about 250 francs for the term.

The order warns officers selecting men to attend these courses that applicants for the privilege that the instruction offered will be of "graduate character and, therefore, available only to selected men of high educational qualifications." Students will enroll for a term of about three months; that is, for the coming spring term, which terminates about June 30. The general order further promises the issue of detailed instructions for the selection of applicants in the near future.

### Must Stay for Full Term

Men entering French and British universities will not be allowed to leave and return home with their units whenever their units may embark, but must agree to remain for the full term. Students in post schools and in divisional educational centers will, however, be returned with their organizations to the States if they wish; if not, it is specified that the applicant transfer to other divisional educational centers for the purpose of completing course will be favorably considered.

The option on staying to finish the work

# A.E.F. DIVISIONS: THEIR RECORDS, THEIR MARKS

Herewith are the insignia and skeleton histories of four combat and three replacement divisions omitted from previous issues pending the completion of data.

In describing the following divisions and the ones previously printed, their original organization only is taken into account. The 82nd Division, for instance, although it contains men from so many different States that it is known as the "All-American" Division, was listed as being from Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

In a previous issue the total advance of the 17th Division was omitted. The total advance on the front line of this organization was 71 1/2 kilometers. It was stated that the 2nd Division entered the line northwest of Chateau-Thierry on May 13. The date should have been May 21.

The skeleton histories and capture figures are from official A.E.F. records.

### Thirty-Eighth Division

National Guard of Indiana and Kentucky: Arrived in France Oct. 19, 1918; became a replacement division and members saw action as replacements to other divisions.

Insignia: Shield, left half blue, right half red. Superimposed in center of shield is a white cross with the letter "C" interlaced with lower half of the initial "C," both in white.



### Fortieth Division

National Guard of California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico: Arrived in France Aug. 20, 1918; became a replacement division and members saw action as replacements to other divisions.

Insignia: Blue patch of cloth with gold sun superimposed in center, a representation of the sun at midday in blue sky. The insignia and name "Sunshine Division" were selected as best exemplifying the climatic conditions of the camp in which unit trained.



### Forty-First Division

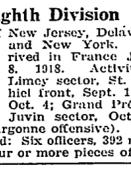
National Guard of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming: First Depot Division, arrived in France Jan. 11, 1919; became a replacement division and members saw action as replacements to other divisions.

Insignia: Setting sun in gold on red background over a wavy blue strip representing the waters of the Pacific in the foreground. Design originated by a Red Cross nurse attached to Camp Hospital No. 26, at St. Aligman-Noyers. Organization is known as Sunset Division.



### Seventy-Eighth Division

National Army of New Jersey, Delaware and New York: Arrived in France June 8, 1918. Activities: Limey sector, St. Mihiel front, Sept. 16 to Oct. 4; Argonne offensive, Juvion sector, Oct. 16 to Nov. 5 (Meuse-Argonne offensive). Prisoners captured: Six officers, 392 men. Guns captured: Four or more pieces of ar-



### A.E.F. AMUSEMENTS

Tomorrow is the last day for the avancement of songs submitted in the lyric contest. All those arriving at the office of this newspaper after that date will be barred, unless it is apparent that their tardiness was the fault of the postal service and not of the writer's muse. Already the judges have been sorting the first hundreds to be submitted for entries in the semi-finals, and unless the last day brings in a particularly heavy batch it should be possible to announce the winners next week.

There is no limit to the elaborateness of some of the productions being made in the A.E.F. "Let's Go," the musical extravaganza recruited from the 70 sections of the United States Army Ambulance Corps, is on a scale that would turn even Dillingham green with envy. The costumes for one song number—"Bring Me a Blonde"—cost 30,000 francs and were distributed gratis by the modistes of the Rue de la Paix, Paris. Another most elaborately costumed number is "When Mlle. Eiffel Tower Chats With Miss Liberty" in which six ambulance drivers, dressed like the Eiffel Tower, stand in a row and warble in the general direction of six other drivers, all trying to look as much like New York Bay as possible. The show has its premiere tomorrow night.

Dancing of a peculiarly startling nature is the feature of the "Rug-Time Revue of 1918," which is being put on by the headquarters troop of the 4th Army Corps. Fox-trots and Spanish dances there are, of course, but the real sensations are created by the undulating efforts of two Hula Girls who, when under the brightest spotlights, are seldom recognized by their audiences as two vigilant M.P.'s now on a special and more agreeable detail.

"8-Serrecants-8" might be the billing of a show that has just started on a tour of the Y.M.C.A. units and which was made up of eight talented sergeants. "The Eight of Them" is the name of the unit. The Army and Navy have joined forces in making another unit for "The Creted Show" is played by two soldiers and four gobs.

Mary Boland's stock company and "Major Boland's Smiling Troupe" should not be confused. The former is a group of well-known players from America, who have been playing in the big cities of the S.O.S., while the latter is a jazzy show put on by the men of the 11th Sanitary Train in the 86th Division.

One of the most striking numbers in "Toot Sweet"—the 82nd Division show—is the trench fiddle Private Allen plays just as he played it in the Argonne—an extraordinary fiddle made out of an old biscuit tin, a stick of wood, a tent-pin and an old buzzer wire. "Does Your Mother Know You're Out," a burlesque on "Down a Mountain of Love" are two of the song hits in this show, which boasts that it carries its own electric lighting plant wherever it goes, employing 100 spots, the Signal Corps projectors used by the 32nd at the front.

or of going home with ones' unit also holds good for the men who may be under instruction at Noyers, where an A.E.F. college is to be established to supplement the work in the divisions. The general order promises further instructions on the selection of students for that institution. The course will be for three months.

Men desiring to take up theological studies in either British or French institutions should write to the Army Educational Commission, Department of Theology, 76 Rue du Faubourg St. Honoré, Paris. Courses will be offered in a number of denominational institutions.

# SPECIAL TRAINS WILL BEAR YANKS TO LEAVE AREAS

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les-Bains, this resort together with Amcey-Bains being officially designated as leave areas for the troops along the Rhine.

Still another special train possibly may be started to run between Bordeaux and Biarritz, the celebrated watering places on the Bay of Biscay, near the Spanish border, which will be open as a leave area to the A.E.F. on March 1.

With its two casinos, its hotels and villas, its rocky promontories and bathing beaches, Biarritz is to the southwestern corner of France what the Riviera is to the southeastern. It is five miles from Bayonne, an old and picturesque walled city of 30,000, built around the junction of two rivers so closely that its numerous bridges lend a Venetian atmosphere. Incidentally, Bayonne is the place they named the bayonet after.

### Became Popular During Empire

Biarritz reached its popularity as an international watering place under the patronage of Napoleon III, and the villa of the Empress Eugenie, built around the show spots of the place. The modern resort includes a picturesque old fishing town. The Chateau, the rocky cliff along the promontory, Biarritz, is peculiarly striking. The ruins of a castle stand on the tip of the promontory. Rocky islets are scattered in the ocean and a series of jetties connecting some of these form a harbor.

A late bulletin from Hq. S.O.S., lists these official areas and their principal towns to which soldiers are being sent on Class A leave: Haute Garonne, Bagneres de Luchon; Haute Pyrennes, Cautezetes; Basses Pyrennes, Pau; Bennes; Ardeche, Vals-les-Bains; Ariège, Lamalou-les-Bains; Nimes; Menton, Nice; Cannes, Monaco; Savoie, Aix-les-Bains; Savoie, Chambéry; Savoie, Challes-les-Eaux; Dauphine, Grenoble; Haute Savoie, Annecy; Alpine, Chamonix and St. Gervais.

### THIRD ARMY MEN TAKE LEAVES IN BRIDGEHEAD

The American bridgehead on the Rhine, centering at Coblenz, is rapidly becoming an extensive leave area for the Army of Occupation.

In addition to Coblenz proper, new leave centers have been opened at Andernach and Neuwied, on the river, and at Neuenahr, on the left bank of the Rhine. Several other centers are now being developed to take care of the overflow with which Coblenz is unable to cope.

Neuenahr is taking care of 1,000 men daily, giving them two meals, showing them the town and providing varied entertainment. Later, when the excursion boat schedules are completely worked out, there will be a cruise of the Rhine for them.

The same is true at Neuwied, which is the leave center for the Third Corps men, the Third Corps having its headquarters there. One thousand men come in on trucks on three-day passes, and the same sort of entertainment is provided for them as at Andernach.

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### MOVIES FROM AMBULANCES

The First Army has just acquired 60 ambulances for the show business and most of them will be devoted to moving movies. Each ambulance will carry its own portable machine, its own illuminating plant, its own operator, its own screens. Six ambulances will cruise continuously through the area of each division, backing up here and there to a hangar, or mess hall, or projecting its pictures through the door onto a screen hung at the other end.

Officers at ports of debarkation in the States have been confused by the arrival of sick and wounded soldiers unaccompanied by papers and ignorant of where they had come from or where they were going. As a consequence, rules have been made that all sick and wounded leaving France must be tagged with identification cards giving full particulars.

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