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—By WALLGREN

# LEVIATHAN TAKES 12,000 SOLDIERS HOME EVERY TRIP

## One Hour and 50 Minutes to Feed Everybody at Stand-Up Mess

## ORDERLIES FOR WOUNDED

### Sam Brownes, Spurs and Dice Among Articles Banned on Big Transport

The War Department has ruled that officers must cast aside their Sam Browne belts when they arrive in the States. The executive naval officer aboard the giant transport Leviathan has bettered that decision and has ordered that officers will be stripped not only of their belts but also of their spurs on coming aboard ship, "on account of damage they have observed to do to furniture and furnishings."

Soldiers are admonished not to permit their seasickness to be visible while on deck and if they do, they must be provided with a spit kit, into which will go the unwanted lunch. If by any chance the lunch goes on the deck then the dispensing soldier is S.O.L. He must clean it up.

Admission to the grand lounge on the top deck is barred to junior officers by a guard which is never relieved, for that deck is reserved for field officers and female first class passengers.

A colonel, a major, three captains, seven first lieutenants, 19 second lieutenants, 42 sergeants, 24 corporals and 390 privates are required to perform the necessary guard duties, which range from keeping tabs on belts and spurs to directing lost soldiers to their proper quarters. Sentries are permitted to read on post, provided they read the General Orders, Water Tight Door Orders and Special Orders.

### Then What Becomes of It?

If a crap game is discovered by an officer the cash is confiscated and immediately turned in at Army Headquarters.

These are only a few of the rules and regulations governing the great converted German liner which now carries some 12,000 troops back to the States every trip.

All the soldiers aboard the Leviathan are fed and the mess hounds shown the way to some good seconds in just one hour and 50 minutes. If the troops are tardy or have a tendency to linger in or around that best liked spot in the ship—the former Fest Hall, now the mess hall for enlisted men—a torrent of salty slang pours forth from the navy cooks. The mess formation is informal, and, like that in the Army, in the cafeteria style. The soldiers stand at tables and eat. It is better, experience has proven, both for uniforms and mess hall for the soldiers to stand. For at times the Leviathan rocks a bit, and when she rocks, there is no doubt about the rocking. Few meals are missed, however.

If a soldier feels indisposed, he doesn't bother with the ship's mess. He moves instead in the general direction of the ship's canteen, which in attractiveness and variety of eatables rivals many candy and cake shops in the States.

When in New York on her last trip the Leviathan was remodeled and refitted so that the total carrying capacity has been increased to over 12,000 officers and soldiers. Added to this is a crew of 1,600 men and 100 naval officers. The troops are quartered on four decks in 25 separate troop compartments, holding from 59 to 1,543 men.

### Liquid Salt Soap for Washing

Compartments are numbered consecutively for each deck from bow to stern. Bunks in compartments are numbered consecutively. Salt water is available for washing and bathing purposes, and liquid salt soap is supplied in dispensers. At the end of each section of bunks there is a rack for rifles and belts. All ammunition, together with matches and lighters, must be turned in to the naval officers when organizations arrive on board the ship.

A major is designated as chief compartment officer, two majors or captains are assigned as assistant chief compartment officers and 25 captains, company commanders, as senior troop compartment officers. Added to this number there are 50 first lieutenants who are junior troop compartment officers, 75 sergeants as their assistants and 75 orderlies. According to the ship rules, at least one of the three officers assigned to each compartment must be always on duty. The sergeants relieve the compartment officers between reveille and taps.

These officers are responsible for policing the compartments, which includes the cleansing of latrines, urinals, washrooms or wash basins, showers and drinking fountains. Daily inspections are conducted by the ship's medical officers and designated officers among the troops aboard.

Of all the troops aboard, the wounded live better even than the officers. Over the cot of every wounded man is a push button, and if a match or a cigarette or a magazine is wanted, there is an orderly who responds to the push.

One of the most attractive features of the Leviathan to members of the A.E.F who aren't slated for immediate transfer to the States is that on every return trip she brings back an average of 17,000 sacks of first class mail.

# SOME OF THEM ARE GETTING AWAY WITH A PRETTY SLICK LINE OF STUFF

When P. T. Barnum, or whoever said it, remarked that each man's wrist watch is pregnant with birth dates of suckers, his epigram covered aptly and fully that great body of American journalists who for the past few months have been filling otherwise quite readable newspapers with pictures and interviews which have caused in the A.E.F. a riot of humorous disgust.

Witness, for example, the Chicago Tribune including the following in a story written by C. V. Julian at New York on February 9, when the old Eighth Illinois landed:

"Captain Patton disliked trenches because it took time to traverse them. So he got a bicycle and used to ride up and down on No Man's Land giving his orders from the bicycle. German machine gunners tried unsuccessfully to knock him off. Finally a German shot the spokes out of the wheel and ruined the bicycle."

Comes then the New York Herald with a picture in its rotogravure section of February 2, showing:

"Bob Slay of New York City. Has the distinction of being one of the most decorated and wounded men of the 77th Division. He has the U.S. Distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre and has been complimented personally by the King of England."

Among other of Bob's decorations as shown in the picture were a star above his two service chevrons, sergeant's chevrons on his left arm, and a fourragère looped about his good right shoulder. Bob must not have noticed, nor the Herald, that the French wear that decoration on the left shoulder and it must not have been noted that the only American soldiers authorized to wear it at all are members of S.S.U. 646 and the 103rd Aero Squadron.

### Another Smokeless Battle

Not to be outdone by its New York edition, the Paris New York Herald of March 18, 1919, prints the following under a Columbus, Ohio, date line:

"Lieutenant Drainey of Crooksville, former Ohio State University student, has been designated by the War Department to write a book on the Chatillon-sur-Seine battle, in which he participated as an aerial observer."

Chatillon-sur-Seine is approximately 100 kilometers from any front, past or present. But it is only fair to the Herald to point out that the item in question was conveyed to them from the States by the American Radio News Service, which is cable matter given out in France by the Cable Radio Division Committee on Public Information.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press broke into the sucker game on February 16 with a picture of Robert Neal, 45th Company, Fifth Regiment, U.S. Marines. Above the picture is the caption:

"This Hero Has All the Decorations There Are."

To a mere A.E.F. observer Robert had also a few decorations there are not, among which his photograph shows a fourragère of the Legion of Honor, which the Press says is "worn by all members of his brigade," a star above his third service chevron and three ribbons which are called "additional decorations of the French government."

War Department Circular 85, February 19, 1919, covers the above in paragraph 3. To quote:

". . . Such decorations as gold and silver stars on the sleeves, unauthorized campaign ribbons, gold chevrons presumed to denote that the wearer has been a prisoner of war, or denoting any service other than prescribed for such chevrons, are not authorized and will not be permitted."

### Making Time Fly

When Pvts. Louis Bostic, 3743 Broadway Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., and Gilbert Davis, of Topeka, Kas., reached Kansas City, the Post received them and allowed their wanderings two columns of illustrated space.

". . . and went over with the Fighting Fifth. They wear the Croix de Guerre with palm, French Legion of Honor citation cord, two wound stripes, two service bars and two gold chevrons, denoting one year of foreign service.

"After a brief training period at Paris Island, S.C., his (Private Davis') company was sent abroad and landed in France in April."

Note that these heroes wear two service chevrons. Their company landed in France in April, 1918, and they were back in Kansas City on January 19 last.

But here's the prize bit from Private Davis' story:

"Shortly after our battalion was relieved I was called to headquarters. It was there I received the French Legion of Honor citation cord. They said it was a little reward for remaining by my gun in the face of a counter attack.

"The greatest thrill came on September 14, when I was called to great headquarters at Brest, France. They had learned that while we were occupying a captured village I had discovered a machine gun nest and after killing one of the snipers, captured the other two. After much ceremony the Croix de Guerre was pinned on my breast. I can't commence to express my feelings as the military chiefs present shook my hand and praised me."

### The Battle of Tours

In a story from its staff correspondent in New York, the Washington Star of February 23, 1919, tells of the adventures of Sgt. L. N. Dixon and Cpl. George Harr of Washington, D. C. This tale includes:

"For the greater part of the time they spent at the front they were on the Lorraine sector and experienced terrific fighting at Tours, where they were at first engaged in trench building, cable laying and barbed wire stretching. . .

"They served much of the time at St. Aignan, the great replacement camp in France."

As a letter writer, Cpl. Carl Dillon, of Coffeyville, Kan., R.F.D. Route 5 and a member of the 12th Engineers (Ry.), gets the hand-crocheted gas mask. Hark to some portions of a letter he sent home to his father and mother and which was printed in the old home town paper:

"Notwithstanding the joy and comfort of the hope that in the near future we will return home to civil life and occupation, I am greatly worried, worried almost to the limit of human endurance, and frequently spend sleepless nights reflecting on an extremely unpleasant experience I underwent a while back.

"It occurred on the 10th inst., the day before the signing of the armistice of peace. We were in the front line trenches and had orders to take a small portion of the enemy's lines. It was a clear morning and just daylight when we had orders to go forward, and we had only reached the parapet when the enemy's machine guns opened fire on us, and I had rather a high place on the Boche front line selected as my goal and was determined on taking my objective. On reaching about the halfway point I discovered it was a machine gun I was facing, and could not go far to the right nor to the left, and I would not go back.

### But They Missed a Finer

"I decided to go forward as best I could, so I crawled and shot while lying down, and many a fine fellow was mowed down around me by the murderous fire of the machine gun. After I had crawled to within 25 yards of the enemy lines I gave them five quick shots, and, believe me, they were the best I had in the shop. As to me it meant life or death, and the machine gun ceased firing as a consequence of my shots, and I clambered to my feet and ran to the gun and leaped down into the pit, knowing that I had killed the gun's operator. I crouched down in the pit to avoid the machine gun fire still coming from in front of me.

"I turned to behold the glassy eyes of the upturned face of the determined German I had shot. I was greatly disappointed, for, instead, there lay the form of a rather nice-featured French girl, and I thought perhaps she was not dead. Feeling her pulse to see if she was dead, she opened her large, dark eyes and stared straight at me for a number of seconds, and I thought she was going to scare me. But quietly she said, 'Oh, American,' which somehow made me feel proud, and answered her, 'Yes.' I had a large bunch of questions to flash at her, and then she said, 'Oh, mother! Oh, mother!' and the spirit left her body and took its flight to another world."

When P. T. Barnum, or whoever said it, made that famous remark, he uttered the opinion of the A.E.F. as to periodicals which print such stories as those quoted above.

# FOULS, SAFE HITS, ALL ONE TO DUTCH

## Neutrals Show Keen Interest in Doughboy—Gob Game

Add another aspirant for the world's baseball championship. Holland has seen the game and likes it.

Having been a neutral and therefore until recently not blessed with the presence of Americans within her borders, it has taken the Netherlands some time to become initiated into the mysteries of such famed Yankee institutions as chewing gum, fox trots, regular cigarettes and baseball. But now they know all about the game, or at least they think they do, and that helps.

At Rotterdam they turned out in large numbers for a game between the doughboys and the gobs, which was finally scientifically won by the former by the neat little score of 19 to 17. The Yank spectators worked harder than did the players, for the Hollanders had to know all the fine points, and explaining baseball's fine points in a foreign language isn't the easiest job on earth. Prior to the explanation three baggers and fouls were received with equal enthusiasm.

Either the Dutch had wrong ideas about the hardness of a baseball or they had implicit faith in the ability of the players, for they showed a fondness for standing just in back of third base or in the rear of the catcher. A couple of foul tips and a line drive or two caused them to get bravely over their trouble, however.

## A WEAK FORMATION

The corporal who had just put his last franc into the pot to exhibit the confidence he felt in his ability to fill a nine spot into the cavity of a seven-eight-ten-jack combination razzled the cards, squinted at their corners, and sighed regretfully at the five of diamonds he had drawn.

"I never could do anything with these skeleton squads," he observed, as he started to unwrap his spirals.

# FACTS ABOUT AMERICA

## ENCORE INFORMATION FOR A.E.F. TOURISTS TO THE UNITED STATES

In America, even a buck private M.P is called "officer."

If you go AWOL for a week or so back there, it makes the duration of your job shorter instead of longer.

In France, a tank is something that can cover much ground. In America it is somebody that can't.

If you long for the beauties of a French winter, try walking around on the bottom of the Mississippi river for a while.

Being a careless nation in many respects, America has so far made no law providing immunity for murderers of ex-buglers.

Safety first requires that, if you talk in your sleep, you apply a muzzle before turning in.

A derby hat is the same thing as a trench helmet, except that it is a trifle less hard boiled and a trifle more uncomfortable.

Remember that the human equivalent of the cootie is the man who, without invitation, takes up the whole evening telling his war experiences.

In America all are free and equal. Everybody has a chance to become President except top sergeants.

Verbal instead of written travel orders are in vogue in the United States. The proper form begins, "You can go straight to," etc.

If you check in with your wife about 3 a.m., the bawlings out the skipper used to give you will sound like recommendations for promotion in comparison.

It is well to note that in America railroad trains run to and fro, instead of fro and to, as in France. This is especially valuable for those who wish to take a train from Chicago to either San Francisco or New York. They also run from right to left, not from left to right.

While in America it is customary to salute a girl by touching the hat, moral laxity is such that it is permissible to keep a cigarette in the hand while doing so.

Tires blow out with some frequency in the United States. Unless you feel like it, you need not duck into a manhole when you hear the explosion.

Don't wait for a bugle call before you draw your pay on Saturdays. America is an unmusical nation.

# ARMY GRUB SELLS FAST

The Sales Department of the A.E.F. is doing a big business these days. With boatloads of troops returning to America the Quartermaster Corps found itself in possession of great quantities of food and clothing which could not be used or consumed. The Sales Department is disposing of this food and clothing as fast as it can be sold.

So far the sales have been made to the Allied Governments and relief societies only. Recent typical sales include 500,000 suits of underwear, 175,000 pairs of gloves, 1,000,000 pairs of shoes, 3,500,000 pounds of coffee, 6,500,000 pounds of flour, 1,000,000 pounds of rice and 7,000,000 pounds of beans. Beans and bread have been the most in demand, while coffee comes third. Belgium and France are the chief purchasers.

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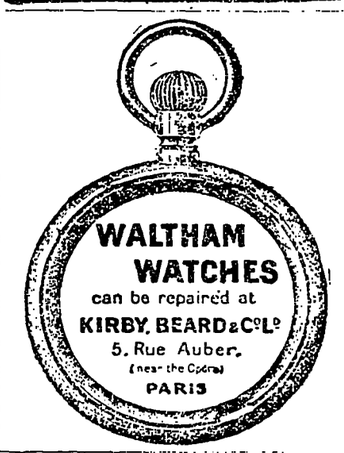


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