

A.E.F. SOUVENIR HUNTERS

-By WALLGREN



SEVENTY KILOMETER RELAY ROAD RACE FROM CHATEAU-THIERRY TO PARIS MAY 30

Long-distance runners from all sections of the A.E.F. will participate in a great 70-kilometer relay road race from Chateau-Thierry to Paris on May 30 for gold, silver and bronze medals and cash prizes offered by the Knights of Columbus.

The race was suggested about a month ago by Alex McLean, the veteran marathon promoter of the United States, now a Knights of Columbus secretary with the Army of Occupation. Despite a blunder from misinformed sources that such a race was contemplated, THE STARS AND STRIPES, in its issue of April 25, announced the plans, that will now be carried out.

Ten teams of 20 runners each are expected to be entered from the Third Army and the S.O.S., and without a doubt the race will prove the most interesting athletic event, barring the football championship series, ever pulled off in the A.E.F.

When the distance men speed away from Chateau-Thierry, now recognized as the shrine of all Americans, they will bear a message written by one of the men identified with the famous battle to President Woodrow Wilson. This will be passed from runner to runner and will be delivered to the President or his representative at the Place de la Concorde in Paris.

The first relay team will face the starter at the statue of Jean de France, and the course will wind through little villages and across some territory once occupied by German troops. From a standpoint of historic interest this race should rank next to that ancient race on the plains of

BALL GAMES FREE TO WOUNDED MEN

Wound Stripes Only Ticket They Will Need for Major Leagues

AMERICA, May 15.—President Charles A. Comiskey, of the Chicago White Sox, announces that soldiers and sailors of the United States Army wearing wound stripes will be admitted free to major league baseball games this year.

George H. Lawson, formerly major in the Engineers, Canadian Army, and now demobilized, has announced plans for the formation of an outlaw baseball circuit to be known as the Allied League. Only those men who have seen service with the Allied Armies in Europe will be eligible to play.

Lawson, who promoted the outlaw United States League a few years ago, claims he has sufficient backing for his new enterprise, which will begin its season on June 1. He claims to have options on available baseball grounds in the following cities, which will comprise the league: Boston, Providence, Brooklyn, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Montreal, Ottawa or Toronto, and Newark.

Cincinnati, Brooklyn and Chicago are setting a hot pace in the National League race, while the White Sox have a commanding lead over all opponents in the American circuit. Detroit and the Athletics, ancient rivals, are battling furiously for the collar pennant in the American organization.

POOR OLD BARON MUNCHAUSEN MUST BE TURNING IN HIS GRAVE

The greatest clipping agency in the world is watching the American papers. Nothing escapes the doughboy's eye, and we unto that former bunkie who falls for the gleam of the limelight.

Not always is it the returning hero who errs. Certainly, Pvt. Fred Miller did his best over here just like the rest of us. He might have spent his time in charging machine gun nests or he might have soldiered at St. Aignan on kitchen police. We do not know that part of his story. But the Buffalo Courier carried his picture on March 16, 1918, and beneath it some unsuspecting member of their staff informs the public that it is a likeness of—

"Pvt. Fred Miller, of North Tonawanda, N.Y., 36th United States Infantry, who was wounded twice and gassed at Coblenz, September 23, 1918, while serving with the American forces in France."

The awful battle in which Private Miller took part in Coblenz on September 23 has, unfortunately, been buried for history.

The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin stirred the wrath of an entire company of civilians when members of that unit accused the hero of the battle of being a strip of wood one morning.

"During my 11 months in France I served with the Railway Transportation Corps, carrying ammunition. In June, at St. Denis, near Soissons, I was a strip of wood one morning. My jaw was fractured by an exploding shell and I was trying to get to a dressing station."

"I came upon a wounded lieutenant who told me a German airplane with two Boche flyers had been disabled and forced to land behind our lines, some- where in the woods. He told me to go and get them. Those were my orders, and so I went."

"After scouting around I found them near their disabled machine. They put up a fight and I was obliged to kill them both. Investigating their pockets, I obtained plans to our lines made from their observations."

"Returning to the wounded lieutenant, who was badly hurt, I carried him to the dressing station. It was while in the hospital that a French colonel gave me the Croix de Guerre."

Twenty-six members of Trompeter's old company write at length of the deeds of Trompeter's credit. But we have space for only certain spicy parts of their letters:

"It was in the B.T.C., but not carrying ammunition. Of course, he secured a few months where the bullets were thickest—at an ammunition dump at Usine Brucie, a place a few miles below Nantes. He says that he was 11 months in France; he must have imagined a few of those, as his 11-month period is not up until April 12."

"The only German he ever saw was a prisoner of war. He never was any farther into France than Angers, and he

C.-IN-C.'S BATTLE MAP EXHIBITED IN U.S.

Interesting Souvenir Goes to National Museum as a Memorial

The big battle map in General Pershing's room at Chaumont, from which the Commander-in-Chief used to direct the movement of the American Armies, is gone. It went to Washington in charge of four sergeants whose instructions were to convey it to the War Department, and it now rests in the National Museum.

That map, with its huge green stretches of forest, its red lines marking the Allied limits of advance on November 11, 1918, its pink and blue and other colored lines, its divisional areas, headquarters and P.C.'s, all marked out in pins, is the handiwork of the American soldier. It was made by two sergeants and two sergeants-major, under direction of general staff officers. Its scale was 1-120,000. It was the first time that enlisted men had been let in on operations secrets, and the manner in which they kept them has met with the approval of the higher command.

PASSING THE BUCK by Franc Terror.

Athletes sent to Paris to train for the A.E.F. championships and the Inter-Allied games, whether officers or enlisted men, should be made to train and not spend all their time "soeing Paris." Not that any one begrudges them a good time, but their duty to their fellows, to the A.E.F., and to the United States, requires that they keep themselves fit for the athletic contests in which they are to represent the A.E.F.

In the international boat race on the Seine recently the American crew exhibited anything but good condition. At the finish most of them dropped exhausted at their oars, while the winning New Zealand crew hardly showed the pace at all. This does not speak well of American training methods. One man of the American crew has since been sent home with an enlarged heart. He should never have been permitted to compete in the race. Only the best men should be selected for the teams that are to represent the A.E.F.

A.E.F. SPORT NOTES

The A.E.F. will enter eight four-coupled shells and representatives of the same shells in the Henley regatta on the Thames July 3-5.

The undefeated soccer team of the Fourth Royal Scots has been selected to play the A.E.F. team which will come out on top of the Third Army soccer series.

What Army officials claim is the world's longest football game was played on May 8, when the 6th Division team defeated the 5th Division, four goals to two, in a contest lasting three hours.

The baseball team of Co. C, 310th Field Signal Battalion, at Chaumont, has been selected to play the team of the 10th Signal Corps. Another Signal Corps team, the 103rd Field Signal Battalion, will play the 10th Signal Corps.

England and Italy are to be counted for boxers and wrestlers of class in addition to the A.E.F. in the Inter-Allied games. The A.E.F. has three of the boxers. Army officials are anxious to add to the American team which will be trained at Chaumont barracks, Paris. Two of the A.E.F. boxing champions have already returned to the United States.

American athletes have been asked to compete in the 1919 French divisional athletes games, which are to be held at Chaumont, France, where the division is quartered on May 22. The male and female athletes are to meet at the Hotel de la Ville. First, second and third prizes are offered in each event, valued at \$2, \$10 and \$5, respectively. The entrance fee for races and entries close with the Recreation Officer, 30th Division, B.E.F., at midnight on May 15.

The baseball finals in the S.O.S. will be held at Bordeaux from May 23 to June 2, under the direction of Lieut. John H. Melton, Headquarters division athletic officer. Teams from the five base units and from the Advance and Intermediate sections are entered. Amos Bates, of the 10th Signal Corps, has been assigned for the final series. In the seven S.O.S. sections the various leagues are completing their schedule of elimination games to be held at Chaumont, France, in the final round-off of the S.O.S. inter-sectional games.

Ten fast French boxers are on a tour of the Army of Occupation, and they are going to take on all comers in their weights. Any fighter in the French Army who is anxious to fight will be accommodated, says Alex McLean of the Knights of Columbus, who brought the fight to the attention of the Frenchmen. They will stay in Rheims for four weeks, making a tour of the entire occupied area. They arrived in Coblenz last Friday morning.

The French boxers and their weights are as follows: Albert Francez, 125 to 131; Guehard, 128 to 134; Audouin, 140 to 146; Duron, 152 to 158; Baret, 115 to 118; Marcel Denis, 135 to 138; Blazet, 128 to 140; Carle, 145 to 150; Strain, 125 to 130; Horta, 122 to 125.

Two of the A.E.F. boxing champions have already sailed for home, and A.E.F. athletic officials have sent out an "S.O.S." call for fighters to take their places and to hold up the A.E.F. boxing team which is to be entered in the Inter-Allied games. By calling on Augie Ratner, Eddie McGorry and other well known mitt men in the ranks of the A.E.F. who do not compete in the A.E.F. championships, the officials admit what every one else already knew—that the A.E.F. champions are not necessarily the best in their class in the A.E.F. To state otherwise would be an injustice to the recognized pugilists of class who are just as much a part of the Army as the men who competed in the A.E.F. tournament. They passed up the A.E.F.

ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM OF THE 11TH MARINES MAKING TOUR OF LEAVE AREAS

Permissionaires at the Army leave areas will have an opportunity to see class A baseball when the all-star team from the 11th Regiment of Marines begins its series of training games today at Nice.

The team was organized at Tours by Col. George Van Orden. All of the men have had fast professional experience and among them are many stars who before coming to France played together in the Army, winning the service championship of the U.S. The team will be conducted around the leave area circuit by the Y.M.C.A. After finishing their training trip the Marine players will go after the championship of the S.O.S., and then, provided they win, they will play for the championship of the A.E.F.

On the pitching string of the 11th Marines team are Mike Cantwell, a Georgetown University pitcher who has won two years with the New York Yankees; Singleton, who formerly was on the Chillicothe team of the Ohio State League, and now the property of the St. Louis Cardinals; Toulon, of the Seattle team of the Northwestern League, and Telford, of the Portland team of the Pacific Coast League. The catchers are Lieutenant Beall, of

Dallas, in the Texas League; Pasquorilla, of the Philadelphia team in the American League, and Turner, of the Wisconsin-Illinois League. Few Army baseball teams can boast of such a classy string of pitchers and catchers.

The infield is exceptionally strong. It consists of Anderson, of the Chicago White Sox; O'Connor, of the Kitty League; Morgan, of the Wichita team of the Western League; Petty, of the Worcester team of the Eastern League, and Yockey, of the St. Paul team in the American Association.

In the outfield are Paul Cobb, of Clark Griffith's Washington team, in the American League, a brother of Ty Cobb; Purcell, of the Atlanta team, in the Southern League; Waldman, of the Delaware County team; Edlin, of the Cleveland Rail Road team; and the Cleveland Rail Road Division, former champions, and Darling, of the Birmingham League.

The favorable weather at Tours has enabled the men to practice several hours each day and they are in excellent shape. The swing around the leave areas should improve the team considerably and put the men in top-notch trim for championship games.

THIRD DIVISION WINS TENNIS HONORS

The 3rd Division carried off the tennis honors of the Army of Occupation by defeating the Seventh Corps in the finals at Coblenz last Friday. The Cleveland Rail Road team, eighth champions, defeated the 5th Division, 6-1, 6-0, 6-2; Merrill, 3rd Division, defeated Livingston, Seventh Corps, 7-1, 2-5, 7-5, 7-5; Bowman, 3rd Division, defeated Lanza, Seventh Corps, 5-7, 6-3, 5-6, 6-4.

In the doubles Treanor and Krughs, 3rd Division, defeated McCloy and Zelsler, Seventh Corps, 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; Love and Merrill, 3rd Division, defeated Dennison and Livingston, Seventh Corps.

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