

# 78TH DIVISION TRIUMPHS IN MUSKETRY CONTEST

## COMPANY L, 310TH INFANTRY WINS IN MUSKETRY CONTEST

Lieutenant W. A. Hitchcock Handles His Platoon Like Veteran

## FIFTH DIVISION IS SECOND

First Platoon of Company L, 60th Infantry, Give Winners Run for Money

Second Lieut. W. A. Hitchcock of Waltham, Mass., led the second platoon of Company L, 310th Infantry, to a brilliant victory in the battle efficiency competition at Le Mans, winning the A.E.F. platoon musketry trophy, the guarantee that gives its holder the right to the proud distinction of the best musketry platoon in the American overseas forces.

They were the last to perform and though the visitors had watched the same battle fought over ten times in a day and a half their interest was rekindled the instant Lieutenant Hitchcock's men went over the top. The platoon smashed right into the enemy within three minutes after the scouts had engaged the enemy the signal flag showed that the attackers' percentage of hits had the superiority over the enemy. From then on Lieutenant Hitchcock's platoon moved like a machine.

**The Battle Problem**  
Lieutenant Hitchcock took his men over with the same information that had been given to all the competitors just before the start. The enemy was retiring and had left small groups and machine gun nests behind to delay the progress of the advance. A counter attack might be expected at any time. An advance of 1,500 meters was required, where the attackers would halt, dig in and establish a line of life-like silhouettes, mechanically controlled, represented the enemy, and machine guns firing into pits added realism to the operations. The targets used in the battalions indicated by a simple code which side had superiority of fire from minute to minute.

When the first enemy infantry opened fire Lieutenant Hitchcock's scouts got the range and outlined the target with tracer bullets. The lieutenant threw his second wave into the attack and the enemy's machine guns to rush when a white flag denoted the surrender of the enemy line.

**Reorganizes Platoon**  
Hastily reorganizing in the captured position the platoon continued its advance until it had reached the enemy's field yards. The line halted and flankers worked swiftly forward over a morass and through small brush until within ten minutes they had reached the enemy's position. The center advanced under cover of this fire, but before it closed with the enemy the umpire decided from the riddled state of his headquarters that their objective had been taken.

An instant later a heavy machine gun barrage indicated an impending counter attack. The group immediately disassembled the "Boche" making an enveloping movement. Automatic rifles opened on the advancing enemy and two squads of riflemen in echelon to the rear moved forward to meet the attack. For a minute and a half the automatics sprayed the advancing figures and the bugle announced that the problem was solved. It had been completed in 33 minutes.

While the trophy went to the 78th Division entry, every platoon participating actually received a commendation for its contribution on the whole far exceeded expectations. In addition to the cup, which went to the winning organization, every member of the platoon received a medal.

**How They Finished**  
The platoon finished in the following order:  
78th Division, second platoon, L Company, 310th Infantry, Second Lieut. W. A. Hitchcock, Waltham, Mass., commanding, 52.72.  
2nd Division, 1st platoon, L Company, 60th Infantry, First Lieut. Harrison J. Zimmerman, Munich, Ind., commanding, 52.47.  
2nd Division, 4th platoon, 51st Company, 5th Marine, Second Lieut. H. B. O'Leary, Waterbury, Conn., commanding, 52.47.  
2nd Division, 1st platoon, L Company, 24th Infantry, First Lieut. Wm. R. Cox, Salina, Kan., commanding, 52.47.  
31st Division, 1st platoon, D Company, 221st Infantry, First Lieut. Raymond T. Allen, Kingston, N. C., commanding, 52.47.  
31st Division, 4th platoon, B Company, 25th Infantry, Second Lieut. G. H. Keady, Marston, Mass., commanding, 52.14.  
2nd Division, 1st platoon, L Company, 14th Infantry, Second Lieut. G. L. Burrell, Key West, Fla., commanding, 52.12.  
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**C-IN-C. PRESENTS MEDALS AT LE MANS**  
Congratulates Individual and Platoon Winners Who Show Skill

The Commander-in-Chief personally presented medals and trophies to the winners of the A.E.F. rifle, pistol and musketry competitions at Le Mans on Saturday. In company with a number of American and French officers he witnessed the champion machine gun outfit, the first platoon of Company A, 8th Machine Gun Battalion report the battle exercise in which it won first honors.

The party then moved to the Infantry camp and rifle and pistol matches were won by the Second Corps School Demonstration Company go through the approved solution of the musketry problem used in the A.E.F. contest. The Commander-in-Chief exhibited great interest in the problem and followed the platoon on foot as it advanced. After the problem was over the C-in-C. encountered the platoon marching to its barracks. He ordered his automobile stopped, while he left the car, shook hands with 1st Lieut. S. M. Fifth, Commander-in-Chief of the platoon, and said he desired to congratulate every man in the platoon on its wonderful performance.

Beginning Sunday and continuing until June 2, the S.O.S. baseball series will be held at Bordeaux with teams competing from the Intermediate, Advance and Base Sections. Diamonds have been obtained for the games at Beau Desert, St. Sulpice and at the Stad Bordelais.

## MANY ENTRIES FOR RELAY ROAD RACE ON MEMORIAL DAY

Teams From Third Army and S. O. S. Sections Will Compete

## DISTANCE 100 KILOMETERS

Course Will Be Through Essons Along Marne, and Through Meaux, Claye and Livry

From ancient times followers of athletics have always manifested great interest in Marathon races. With the Greeks the long grand was always chosen as a fitting climax to big sporting events, and in recent years the sporting public has come to recognize that nothing serves to better demonstrate pluck and endurance than a long competitive hike across country.

While the big Knights of Columbus relay road race, which will be held on Friday from Château-Thierry to Paris with the approval and cooperation of A.E.F. athletic officials, is not a Marathon race, each runner will cover five kilometers and the contest will call for the best of grit, speed and endurance the runners possess.

Interest in the race throughout the A.E.F. has been high since THE STARS AND STRIPES, in its issue of April 25, first announced that it would be held, and, as the event draws near, reports from every section of the S.O.S. and from the Third Army indicate that the contest will be a close one. The event will bring together many of the crack long-distance men of the Army. At Tours, Givres, St. Nazaire, Bordeaux, Paris, Nancy and Coblenz runners are now in training.

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**Course Mapped Out**  
The course has been mapped out by Lieutenants of Columbus and Army athletic officials. It is 100 kilometers in length and for the greater part is over a flat surface. Starting from the bridge captured by Americans from the Germans at Château-Thierry, the runners will pass through the ruined village of Essons, along the Marne, to Meaux, thence through Claye, Livry and on into Paris by way of the Line Lafayette to the Grand square at the Place de la Concorde, where the representative of the winning relay team will present a message to President Woodrow Wilson and the Commander-in-Chief of the A.E.F.

As the starter's pistol will send the men away at 10 o'clock a.m. it is expected that the first runner will see the streets of Paris between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Special arrangements will be made for checking the runners at various points along the route, and they will have attendants on motorcycles following in their wake to see that all runners are safe.

**Will Resemble Horseshoe**  
Pershing Stadium will in shape resemble an enormous horseshoe, and will have a seating capacity of 20,000. Along the south side of the field the grandstand extends in a straight line for 100 meters, with a seating capacity of 2,500. This is the only part of the stands which will be covered, and it will contain the boxes which will be occupied by notables during the time the games are in progress. This "tribune d'honneur" of presidents and generals will be flanked on either side by other stands.

**NEW RECORD IS SET BY 20-INNING GAME AT BASE SECTION 1**  
In a contest which set a new record for long games in the A.E.F., this Sunday the baseball team representing Camp No. 4, Base Section 1, defeated the Camp Dodge team in 20 innings in the Base Section 1 league.

**SPORT NOTES FROM ODD CORNERS OF THE A.E.F.**  
At athletic meet will be held at Camp No. 4, Base Section 1, on Monday. The newly formed athletic council.

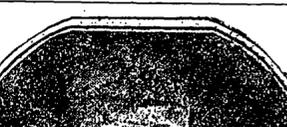
**YANKS VISIT FRENCH SHOW**  
Officers and men of the Third Army are being permitted to visit the horse show of the Tenth French Army, which opened at Wiesbaden on May 18, and will continue until May 25. The French commanding general issued a very cordial invitation to the Army of Occupation to take in the show, and this offer was promptly accepted. Travel by automobile has been authorized and, as the trip is through a very picturesque country, this has added materially to the pleasure of those luck enough to obtain permission to visit Wiesbaden.



(1) Chief Mechanic Lloyd Wilson, 11th F.A., who won third place.



(2) Cpl. Clifford O. Leach, 14th F.A., who finished seventh.



(3) Pvt. Antonio D. Nicolini, 18th F.A., who finished sixth.



(4) Sgt. Tom L. Robinson, 2nd Cav., who finished tenth.



(5) Cpl. Clarence J. Perin, Co. E, C.R.O., Battalion, A.P.O. 902, Bourges, third prize of 10 francs.



(6) Sgt. E. F. Smith, Field Remount Squadron No. 303, A.P.O. 927, Coblenz, Germany, third prize of 10 francs.



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## FIVE OF SEVEN PRIZES IN BASEBALL PUZZLE CONTEST GO TO YANKS ON RHINE

**WINNERS OF PROBLEM NO. 2**  
Pvt. Mortimer Applebone, Co. B, 4th Inf., A.P.O. 750, Plaidt, Germany, first prize of 30 francs.  
Pvt. Fred Neunzig, G.M.C. Det., A.P.O. 767, Hospital Center, Nantes, second prize of 20 francs.  
Pvt. Roy Lee, Co. L, 3rd Pioneer, A.P.O. 927, Coblenz, Germany, third prize of 10 francs.  
Sgt. C. Scheine, Co. I, 59th Inf., A.P.O. 746, Valentin, Germany, third prize of 10 francs.  
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## HERE IS PROBLEM NO. 4 IN K. OF C. BASEBALL CONTEST

The following play came up in a game between Chicago and Boston many years ago: In the last half of the sixth Chicago filled the bases, and then, with one out, scored two runs without the aid of an error, wild pitch, ball, stolen base, passed ball, interference play, sacrifice hit or base on balls. How did they do it?

## A.E.F. RIFLEMEN PREPARING FOR ALLIED SHOOT

Three Hundred Officers and Men Begin Training at Le Mans

## SPRINGFIELD CAN BE USED Well Known American Rifle Is Not Barred Under Rules of International Contest

About 300 of the best rifle and pistol shots in the A.E.F. are participating in an elimination shoot which opened at Le Mans on Monday. From the men who make the best showing in this shoot in the next two weeks the American rifle team will be selected for the Inter-Allied games when teams from eight or ten nations will compete for international honors.

This team will number 37 marksmen at the most, 12 for the team match and 25 for the individual contest. In exceptional cases the same rifleman may fire in both events. The team match will consist of ten shots slow fire at each of the following ranges: 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 yards. This course is approximately the same as was fired in the meet at the last Olympic games at Stockholm. The international match will be fired at 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 yards, and the individual match will be ten shots slow fire at 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 yards, and ten shots rapid fire at 200, 300 and 500 yards.

The try-outs selections were made after a careful study of the records in the recent A.E.F. competitions and the previous shooting history of the contestants. A number of celebrated Army shots, among them Lieut. Col. Robert Sears, have been ordered to France to participate in the shoot.

Contestants in the Inter-Allied shoot may use any rifle regularly issued to the Army of any competing nation. This gives Allied marksmen the right to use the American Springfield which is equipped with a wind gauge by which allowance can be made for the drift of a bullet caused by wind, a device which is not used in any Allied competition who care to use them.

After June 1 the d'Auvours Range will be thrown open to the Allied marksmen for practice to enable them to study wind, light, visibility and other conditions peculiar to the range and which affect marksmanship. Quarters will be provided for visitors, and every effort put forth for their recreation and entertainment. Additional tennis courts and possibly a rough golf course will be laid out. There will be shows, dances and boxing bouts in the evenings. The Army sports have been selected for the pistol team.

## ICE PLANT TEAM CAPTURES GIEVRES DIAMOND HONORS

By superior all-around playing, Ice Plant Company No. 301, clinched the baseball championship of Gievres, the largest S.O.S. camp in the A.E.F., when it put the skids under its most formidable rival, the 333rd Labor Battalion, 8 to 2.

The team took the first of the championship series three weeks ago by a 10 to 2 score, and eliminating all teams in West Gievres, while the 333rd Labor Battalion, with an unbeaten record prior to the series, was perched on the top rung of the baseball ladder in East Camp.

Jelnek's work on the mound was of the first order, only one hit being secured off his delivery until the fifth session, which for a short time appeared disastrous. Arlington started the apparent rally with a single. Speece dropped a Texas Leaguer back of third, while Pennington duplicated Speece's feat a minute later. With the bases loaded and no outs, Jelnek tightened and retired Waldron on strikes; Farmer popped an infield fly. Umpire Morley called him out. Jelnek played into the hearts of the Ice Plant when he benched Jayner on three successive balls.

The 333rd Labor Battalion hung up their two tallies in the eighth, when Jelnek issued a base on balls to Farmer. Waldron connected with one of Jelnek's benders, scoring Farmer, while Waldron crossed the plate for the second score when Jayner singled. Jayner was thrown out on an attempt to steal second. Vicks filed out in the strike-out routine.

The Ice Plant team played airtight ball in the field, Hahn featuring, accepting nine chances without a flaw.

The box score:  
AB. H. O. A. E. AB. H. O. A. E.  
Ice Plant Co. No. 301..... 9 3 0 0 0 0 2-8  
333rd Labor Bn..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
Waldron..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
Hahn..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
Wicks..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
Jelnek..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
Farmer..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
Arlington..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
Speece..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
Pennington..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
Total..... 22 3 0 0 0 0 2-8

**Site of Stadium**  
The site of the stadium between Camp St. Maur and Ecole Joinville, two French military training stations, in a picturesque part of the Bois de Vincennes is just outside the Paris wall on the road to Joinville, and was formerly a field for training in trench work.

After the games the stadium will be turned over to the French government by America as a gift in the interest of international sports. It adjoins present French athletic grounds.

The work of completing the stadium is rapidly being pushed. While the American athletes are busy training in their camp at Colombes, American Engineers are mixing concrete under the trees in the Bois de Vincennes. The principal difficulty is that the ground is very soft and requires for the setting of the concrete, but two eight-hour shifts, from 3 a.m. to 3 p.m., are now in effect.

## MARINE PRIVATE IS WINNER WITH AUTOMATIC RIFLE

Fred Kramer Lands Gold Medal and A.E.F. Title With Score of 403

## DOUGHBOY IS RUNNER-UP

Private Thomas P. Smith, 47th Infantry, Registers 381—36th Gets Divisional Honors

The Marines scored another victory at Le Mans Friday, when Pvt. Fred Kramer, 6th Marines, of Remson, Iowa, won the gold medal in the individual phase of the automatic rifle competition on the d'Auvours Range.

Kramer scored 403. The 36th Division team from Texas, took the divisional championship with an average of 355.25. Pvt. Thomas P. Smith, 47th Infantry, of Foreman, Ark., was second in the individual match, with 381. Sgt. Howard H. Burdette, Second Corps School Demonstration Battalion, was a close third, with 378. He is from Peoria, Ill.

Private Smith and Sergeant Burdette won silver medals for their exceptionally fine shooting.

**Contest Is Novelty**  
The contest, which was a novelty in American shooting annals, attracted a number of spectators from all branches of the service.

Each contestant fired four scores, two at 300 and two at 500 yards. A score at each range was fired at the bulls-eye (class B) target and a score at each range at a special rectangular target divided into 18 squares.

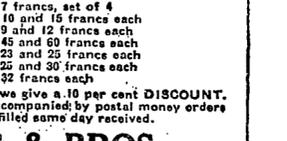
The rifleman who light Browning can be fired at any rate up to 600 shots a minute, the contestant had considerable latitude in his choice of class of fire.

**Burdette Makes Highest Score**  
Sergeant Burdette made the highest score of the meet at 200 yards on the group target. He fired 66 shots and registered 56 hits in 60 seconds.

On the four scores, Sergeant Burdette scored more hits than any other contestant, making a total of 140, against 124 by Private Kramer.

But the Marine showed great control. He showed remarkable ability, grouping his shots on the bulls-eye and scattering beautifully on the special target.

Five bronze medals were awarded winners. They are to go to Pvt. Frazer P. Bramblett, 11th Infantry, Willington, Texas, 423; Cpl. Henry L. Jackson, 142nd Infantry, Collins, Ky., 323; Cpl. John J. Ellis, 30th Infantry, Butler, Ky., 320; Cpl. Guy W. Sparger, 32nd Infantry, Mount Airy, N. C., 275; Cpl. Kimmel C. Brown, 143rd Infantry, Lufkin, Texas, 260.



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