

DOODLEBUG CALL BRINGS SPEEDY REPLY ON RHINE A.E.F. Telephone Central in Coblenz Talks to France and Berlin FIRST INTO LUXEMBOURG Field Signal Men Beat Rest of Army and Had Some Exciting Experiences

"Doodlebug, please." The newcomer in Coblenz picks up his ears, when he hears a man say that into a telephone. The first time he wants to telephone the old-timers tell him to call for Doodlebug. He has his doubts, but the newcomer discovers that the hello girl at the other end does not take it as an attempt at kidding. Doodlebug is the old code name for the Third Army telephone exchange. It is printed in directories now, so it is no longer a code. The directory is not such a small affair, either, for the Americans save something like 5,000 phones in the Army of Occupation.

Many International Wires More than 500 long distance calls to France are handled daily. There are direct wires to Paris, via Chaumont, and when occasion requires, the electricians cut in on German lines and talk direct to Berlin. There is one telephone truck standing out in the yard from which conversation has been had with London. There is a wireless department, where operators, besides handling routine wireless business, listen to and gossip in all the conglomerate languages of Europe. In the telegraph department between 20 and 25 operators are kept busy all the time. The 32nd Field Signal Battalion, after a strenuous service all through the war, from Belleau Woods on, got busier than ever when it was made the Third Army signal unit. On the march into Germany the members of the unit were ahead of the troops, setting up, even before the Germans had cleared out, complete centers in each of the prospective Third Army headquarters—Longuyon, Luxembourg, Trier, Bitburg, Mayen and Coblenz.

Telephone Man Up the Pole Four members of the unit were the first into Luxembourg. To get their bearings one of them climbed a telephone pole and cut in on the most promising pair of wires. In a few minutes a crowd gathered. They had the telephone man up the pole. To the man on high they seemed like thousands, with more coming, and he was not sure whether they were friendly or hostile. The suspense was short-lived. The Luxembourgers hailed them as deliverers and the man climbed down to embraces and kisses instead of bayonets and blows. At Trier, the first stop in Germany, they were side by side with the German telephone girls, and nobody to dictate rules against fraternization. But there was nothing but cold, cold stares when they passed in the halls. When Coblenz was reached the first central established consisted of three field switchboards in the German telephone central. Then the central was moved to one telephone truck and two telegraph trucks. Next day the central was moved into its present quarters in the headquarters building.

Meanwhile, Dan Cupid, who brings despatch to telephone companies back home because of the ironies he cuts in the ranks of telephone girls, says that he has not overheard the Army of Occupation. The engagements of two of the girls on duty at headquarters central have been announced. The bridegrooms-to-be wear regulation O.D.

AFFIDAVITS NEEDED TO GET TRAVEL PAY 5 Cents a Mile Claims by Native Sons Must Be Properly Backed Up

Every enlisted member of the A.E.F. before he is discharged in the United States or overseas must execute an affidavit giving his bona fide home or residence and the place where he was mustered into the service. In order to receive travel pay at the rate of five cents a mile, according to new instructions sent out last week from Hqs., S.O.S. The affidavit will also state to which of the places the soldier has named he desires to receive travel pay. This affidavit will be attached to the service record of the man who makes it. All men making the sworn statements are warned that any false information renders them liable to prosecution for fraud. When the soldier is being discharged the disbursing officer will inspect the affidavit to insure that the place given as the bona fide residence or home corresponds to the home address given on the service record when the soldier was mustered into the service. In case it is different, the disbursing officer will give travel pay only to the place where the soldier was mustered into the service, and will advise him that he may submit a claim for additional distance involved in the new address to the Zone Finance Officer, Washington, D. C.

THE POINT OF THE SCARLET CHEVRON

The comforting assurance that no restrictions are being placed on bringing dogs, cats, and other pets by members of the A.E.F. was contained in late cable news from Hiohoben.

Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson, in asking Congress for \$4,700,000 to continue the work of the United States Employment Bureau, states that through that agency 65,000 men a week are now being placed in jobs, 15,000 of whom are former members of the A.E.F.

Henry J. Kelly, formerly a colonel of the 14th F.A., and a number of his comrades, all ex-members of the A.E.F., were refused drinks in the Hotel La Salle, Chicago, the other day because they were still in uniform, and despite their discharge papers, wore no scarlet chevrons.

"I wouldn't look good in lights," says Sgt. Alvin C. York, of A.E.F. fame, in reply to an offer of \$1,000 a day for 30 days on the stage, and that after wearing O.D. at a dollar a day!

Non-commissioned officers of the A.E.F. re-enlisting in the Regular armed forces of the United States will keep their rank, according to Circular 215 of the War Department.

WHAT THE ZODIAC REVEALS Friday, June 13, 1919

Aside from the benign influence of stars on shoulders, we have decided to publish the last issue of THE STARS AND STRIPES today (June 13, 1919) because close scrutiny of the skies has revealed to us the following: Closing on the 13th is lucky because it is a combination of the zodiacal signs Capricorn (the Goat), Cancer (the Crab), and Taurus (the Bull). Adding these together in the order in which they are fixed in the ecliptic gives 22; and subtracting Leo (the Lion), Gemini (the Twins), and Aries (the Ram), which total 9, leaves a remainder of 13. With very powerful planetary configurations this proves an eventful and interesting, if not exciting, day. It will be a day of large and bold enterprise, initiative, resourcefulness, heat and foaming steins. Important changes and new ventures, with a leaning toward a long journey across the sea, are indicated under the finest stellar auspices. It is a time for striking out confidently and on a larger scale seeking advancement, promotion, preferment, favors and distinctions. All letters, papers and contracts must be signed with caution, leaving no loophole for misrepresentation, fraud, deceit, treachery or secret enmity. A child born on this day should be active, enterprising, popular, respected, and will have a successful and prosperous life. If true of birth, why not of death?

NO KICK ON SNOW OR COLD BY THIS YANK IN RUSSIA

Former A.E.F. Man Tells of Life Amid Boulders and Bolsheviks

Russian Yanks are not mixing their cruelest consonants together and dropping vowels in the middle of the conglomeration so that they can speak the language that goes on around them. Their ranks are filled with those adventurous chaps from the A.E.F. in France who slipped one over most of us and are going home first, and the old estamint lingo of "vin blink" and "pour l'amour de Mique" is still in vogue. They have not written long, breezy letters between their battles with the Bolsheviki, but the mails sometimes bring a message of cheer telling that they are all right and enjoying all of the parts of their life that can be made enjoyable. Yank grumblers in France haven't a chance. They are sure to be taken that trip when they had the chance just to get in a good humor.

Private F. H. Fenricks, formerly of the 66th Regiment T.C., but now stationed at Soroka, Russia, sends the best gossip letter that has come from that country in some time. He is with Company 167, North Russian T.C., Expeditionary Forces, a volunteer regiment of Engineers, and is only natural that he starts off by crying for news of the civilized world, and the signing of the peace pact. He then continues: "Now that the main subjects of the letter are of my mind, I will try to tell you about the country in general. The country around Soroka, and so far as I can see, anywhere else, is nothing but low-lying, marshy ground, with some granite boulders thrown in. These boulders vary in size from as big as a bottle (vin blink, etc.) to as big as a box car. The timber is mostly pine, but there seems to be a great quantity of white pine farther south, as everything is built of long logs; that is, everything in the way of buildings, bridges, etc. "Who is up here? We are supposed to be operating railroads to bring American troops out as soon as the weather conditions permit, but so far we have had no success. We have had a few trains, but they were all broken up by snow, sleet and then sleet and snow, and it has just begun to thaw again. They will buy anything you want to sell them. They have a great weakness for buying pocketbooks. I saw one Ruski (that is what we call them) with seven. I don't know whether he had the francs to fill them or not, but when I saw him last he was buying another. They will sell you anything you want to buy, if they have got it, which is very seldom. I have seen some very nice furs sold for a mere song. One of them came out to our camp yesterday with a moose skin that was 12 feet long and wanted to sell it for 250 rubles, or \$30. No, he did not sell it at our camp, but he did exchange it with an Englishman for two cans of jam. What do you think of that?"

"We have quite a little excitement with the Bolsheviks every now and then, but the French will have their chance. The French up here have an armored train with about four of their little 75's on it and, believe me, they sure do play the mischief with our bolshies with them. The present fighting front (it changes every day or so) is about 80 versts from Soroka, but our fellows work on union hours or something like it, as they go up and then come back, and a fresh bunch goes up and comes back, etc., and then the English and Canadians do the same thing, but there is always some one fighting about something up there. I expect that it will all be over sooner or later, as the dope is that we will begin leaving for home in June.

"We have men in this one organization from the United States, and also Infantry, Artillery, Q.M. and Signal Corps men. We did have one officer from the C.W.S., but he was invalided back to the States. Lucky fellow. We have men from nearly every State in the Union. Have two from Alaska, one from Honolulu and two from Panama, so I think that we are pretty well represented."

The 75,000 grandstand tickets for the parade of the 26th Division at Boston were given to the returned soldiers for distribution among their folks.

Lieut. Earle H. Tostevin, who served in France, has been appointed chief pool-room inspector in his home state, North Dakota. At-a-boy, looney, say we!

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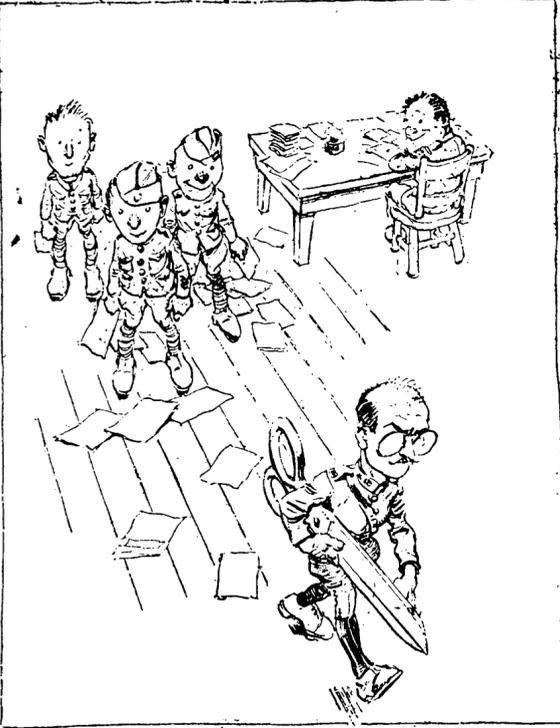
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WHEN THE CENSOR GOES



EVERY MAN CAN BE HIS OWN MEDAL-ISSUING OFFICER

It took a Victory Loan rally at Alexandria, La., to bring to light the oratorical ability of one of our former Medical majors, or else he so swayed the reporter that the journalistic pen produced one of the hottest bits of copy to reach the A.E.F. Picture for yourself the city square of Alexandria, La., the flaunting Victory Loan banners, the burst of music from the local band, the gay red, white and blue bunting, and the committee of Alexandria's best citizens gathered upon the platform. The major is introduced, and if one is to judge from the two columns of space assigned him, his was the speech of the day. He was introduced as Major Cappel of the 2nd Division, and the following statements are gleaned from the memorable address—that is, from the reporter's story of his address, as printed in the Alexandria Daily Town Talk of May 2, 1919.

Major Cappel gave a full measure of praise to the Red Cross, which he said furnished the men with food, clothing and everything else they needed. Major Cappel said that he had often heard the statement made that the American soldier is one of the best fed and best clothed in the world. He said that he had seen the men of our own army in the fighting with the Germans, and that they were well fed and well clothed. He said that he had seen the men of our own army in the fighting with the Germans, and that they were well fed and well clothed.

When we reached Paris we paraded the streets and passed in review before the King of France and other French dignitaries. When the American boys in the old tin hats passed our feet were not allowed to touch the pavement on account of the bouquets which were showered upon us. When the American soldier goes over the top he has a box car of supplies, and he has a lot of money. He has a lot of money, and he has a lot of supplies. He has a lot of money, and he has a lot of supplies.

The championship of the American Army in France was won by the 2nd Division. The 2nd Division was the best fighting unit in the A.E.F. in France. The 2nd Division was the best fighting unit in the A.E.F. in France.

The Saginaw (Mich.) News-Courier, under date of April 17, finishes the following interesting little item: G. L. Hunter, of Oakley, a returned soldier, who in his two years at the front saw an immense amount of fighting, and who was awarded a Purple Heart for his gallantry in the battle of Belleau Wood, has been awarded a commission in the United States Army.

WANT A.E.F.? YOURS FOR \$1,558,169,548

Only Q.M. Sergeant Could Afford to Buy Army as a Souvenir

For the information of anyone who may think he would like to buy the A.E.F. just the way it stands at cost price, to take back home as a souvenir, it would require \$1,558,169,548.23, according to the latest figures of the War Department, United States Liquidation Commission.

Or if just the movable supplies are desired, these can be had for the modest sum of \$1,388,169,548.23, and the installations for \$170,000,000.

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MEDICOS READY TO CALL QUILTS ON ARMY DISEASES

One Million Men of A.E.F. Attended by Doctors Up to March 1

HIGHEST AFTER ARMISTICE Army, if Taken as One Man, Was Laid Up With Trifling Illness Lasting 30,000 Years

They are packing up the old A.E.F. medical chest—that is, all except a little hand case being left behind to take care of the scratches, bruises and summer-time indispositions of the Third Army. Its knives and tools of torture glisten in sterilized repose. Its millions of unused iodine bottles are snugly laid away; its thousands of pounds and its millions of yards of gauze are now being diverted to other purposes.

It was some little medical chest while it lasted. It contained 913,180 pounds of ether and the gauze taken from it to wrap around the wounds of the A.E.F., 107,055,986 yards, unrolled, would wrap around old Mother Earth herself two and one-half times.

The size of the job which battles and disease placed up to the Army medics is shown by the following latest casualty figures for the A.E.F.: Killed in action 33,887 Died of wounds 14,190 Wounded 201,290 Total 250,367

There were 708,325 cases of disease and 215,955 cases of wounds and injuries in the A.E.F. between June 15, 1917, and March 1, 1919. Of these 22,636 died from disease and 14,190 died from wounds.

The final summing up of the A.E.F.'s health record in France shows that of the diseased, 90.2 per cent returned to duty; 3.3 per cent were invalided home; 3.3 per cent died in hospital, and 5 per cent deserted. It also shows that of the wounded and injured cases, 73.8 per cent were returned to duty; 21.1 per cent were invalided home; 5.7 per cent died in hospital, and 4 per cent deserted.

The average time spent in A.E.F. hospitals by both sick and wounded was 17 days each. Referring to the desertions from hospitals, the official bulletin of the Chief Surgeon states that "of those reported as deserted many are believed to have left the hospitals to return to the front."

The whole A.E.F. altogether, with its 924,290 cases of sick and wounded, considered as one man, was laid up 10,983,248 days, or 30,091 years. Mumps used to be considered a child's disease, but it put to bed more members of the A.E.F. than any other. There have been nearly 50,000 cases of mumps, only 12 of which resulted in death. Pneumonia was the most deadly disease, with 23,292 cases and 12,361 deaths.

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FACTS ABOUT AMERICA Interesting and Pertinent Information for Those Who Contemplate Traveling to the States

Won't it be a grand and glorious feeling to go around to the restaurant where your old top kick, who used to put you on K.F.P., is a waiter and order a meal off'n him? Don't grumble too much about the high price of cognac over here. There won't be any price for it at home. Neither will there be any cognac in the States.

Among the civilian synonyms for coolie are the following: Profiteer, war story faker, prohibitionist. America, however, has no despoiling plants for them. You may be an Army veteran, but you've got to start in all over again being a rookie civilian. You'll have to be your own Q.M. when it comes to issuing yourself new clothes.

The only sure cure for sea sickness on the way home is to go home by some other way than by sea. If they ask you why you were only a private, tell them it was because you never got a chance to be anything else. This will mark you as an original character.

Another good reason is that the war ended too soon. If it had gone on 30 or 40 years longer, you'd almost surely have been a general. However, if they ask you why you were a second loot, there is absolutely no comeback. You just have to admit it and face the music.

Don't make it a personal issue between yourself and a cow because her relatives turned into cow-bills. Letter sign a treaty of peace between yourself and the wife before you tell her everything that happened in France. No war service abroad was awarded except for service outside the British Isles. It is worn on the right forearm, apex up, and if the soldier is entitled to a red stripe also it should be worn at the bottom—nearest the hand.

Almost everybody has seen a map of France by now. Don't rave too much about the time shells were flying thick at Brest. If you carry your wife's letter around in your pocket for a few days, remember that the old gag about waiting for your commanding officer to censor it won't get her a tail.

And the same holds good for the old stuff of "the omnibus wasn't open" if she sends you out to buy something. If you are taking a trip and see a very good-looking Pullman you don't have to look for a Roman numeral "II" on it. A seat in that car is yours if there is one vacant and if you have the money.

Go easy on the I-was-there stuff. There are about 2,000,000 other members of the A.E.F. in the States and one of your listeners might want to know the exact location of a popular café that none had missed who visited the same place. Pneumonia was the most deadly disease, with 23,292 cases and 12,361 deaths.

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