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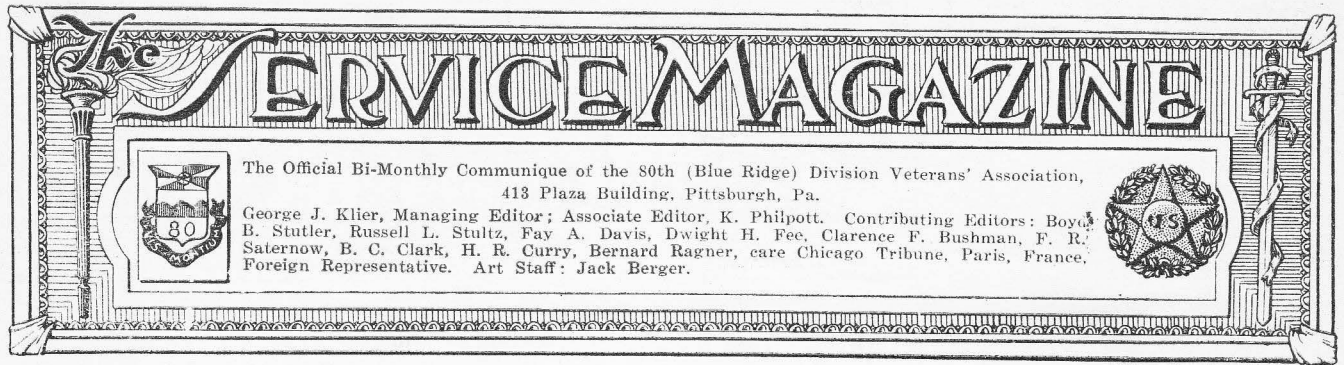
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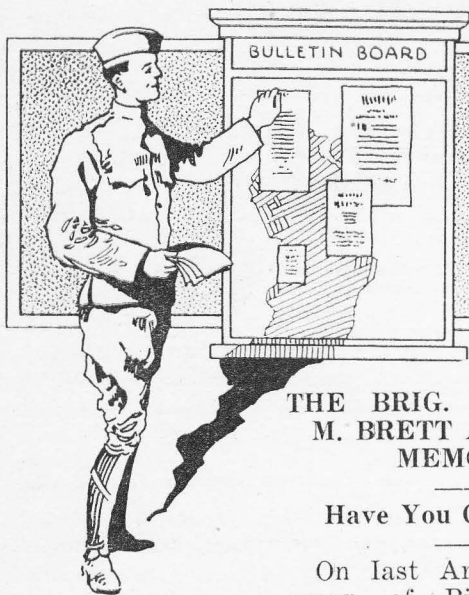
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THE BRIG. GEN. LLOYD M. BRETT ARLINGTON MEMORIAL

Have You Contributed?

On last Armistice Day a group of Pittsburgh 80th Division veterans visited Arlington Cemetery and placed a wreath upon General Brett's grave. The temporary marker indicates its location, near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, in a new section of the cemetery. It, at once, occurred to the group that when a more permanent marker was erected it would be a privilege that many would appreciate, who had served with the General, to be permitted to have a part in the purchase and erection of an appropriate memorial stone to mark his last resting place. In discussing it with friends of the General, it was felt that permission could be secured from his family, and the movement would meet with unanimous approval of 80th veterans.

Accordingly, a short time later, The Brigadier General Lloyd M. Brett Arlington Memorial Committee was organized by about 60 members of the Division. The plans, as formulated by this committee, were approved by Mrs. Brett.

The Committee secured information, prices and samples of stone, and now has considerable data on hand to be considered in this connection at the proper time when ready to order the monument. The Government regulations covering the erection of such stones in the National Cemetery must be complied with in every respect. The base of the stone must measure 7 feet long, 4 feet wide, and 1 foot 2 inches high above the ground. The upper stone resting on the base to be 5 feet 6 inches long, 2 feet 6 inches wide, and 3 feet 6 inches high. The quality of the stone used, design and inscription will influence the cost, and from prices submitted it is anticipated that this will be under \$2,500. Nothing ornate and unduly elaborate is desired, but one that is in keeping with the beauty and dignity typified by General Brett throughout his long military career.

It was felt that the funds sufficient to carry out this idea could be secured without recourse to publicity. A letter was therefore sent to 1,500 active members who in the past have evidenced consistent support of their Association and magazine, with the thought that they could pass the word along to others in their territory, and the cost of printing and mailing (which was underwritten by members of the committee) would be kept down, while the amount received would be adequate to secure a proper monument within a short period.

The total amount received, as yet, is considerably below expectations and insufficient for a stone of the type desired. Undoubtedly, many who received the letters have overlooked the importance of a *prompt* response, or failed to mention the project to their comrades. The contributions should be sent to The General Lloyd M. Brett Arlington Memorial Committee, Miss Gertrude Horne, Treasurer, 730 Bakewell Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Can we not gain this objective without delay?

VICE PRESIDENT OUTLINES PURPOSES AND PLANS FOR COMPETITION OF THE SCHOBLE LOYALTY CUP

Hon. D. Paulson Foster,
Pres. Eightieth Division Veterans Ass'n.,
413 Plaza Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Judge Foster:

A broad acquaintance with veterans' organizations and veterans in general leads me to a very definite belief that there is a spirit in the veterans of the Eightieth Division which is unique. I do not believe that it arises out of the fact that we possess one of the largest and most efficient Divisional Veterans' Associations, although this is something of which any former member of the "Blue-Ridge Division" can be justly proud. What I do believe is that it is a direct inheritance of the spirit which animated the Eightieth during the War.

With due regard to the service of every other Division of the A. E. F., I do not believe that there was a Division in the War in which the spirit of loyalty was as prevalent as in the Eightieth. From the Commanding General to the most insignificant member of the rank and file, this spirit was evident to every beholder, from the first days of training at Camp Lee, through the hazards and sufferings on the other side, to the time of final discharge. It was too glorious and mighty a thing to die with the ending of the War, which had brought it into being. Instead, it demanded a new and a larger life in the constructive efforts of peace.

It was this spirit of continued loyalty to the ideal of the Old Division which made the Eightieth Division Veterans' Association possible. It is this spirit which has, up to the present day, preserved it and made it a vital living thing. It is this same spirit of loyalty which will make it still more useful in the future. It is to this spirit, which is the proud possession of every Eightieth Division veteran, that I have dedicated the Loyalty Cup. Its possession by any Post of our Association will be evidence that the Post, as a group, has demonstrated its practical effect. My hope is that, because of the desire to

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"The Spirit Of The A. E. F."

(By BOYD B. STUTLER)
314th Field Artillery

OF the many thousands of pictures made of the American soldiers in France in widely varying poses and characteristics, one was singled out by General John J. Pershing as the most striking and as best exemplifying the spirit of the American soldiery. He gave this picture a distinctive name—"The Spirit of the A. E. F." It could, with the same degree of propriety, be called the "Spirit of the Eightieth Division," for men of that Division formed the group in the picture.

Opinions may differ as to the most representative war-time picture, but with the distinguished endorsement of the General of the American Army, with his intimate knowledge of the action and spirit of his men, it is not likely the judgment will be reversed. The title would indicate a spirited and inspiring picture. It is, but it is not the kind of action that is usually "played up" on the movie screen. It is not a stirring

battle scene with men going forward at the charge, bared teeth and bayonets fixed, in the face of a hail of shot and shell. It is not a picture of a be-ribboned and be-medalled general officer adding to his collection of breast decorations. It is not a ceremony, a port of debarkation scene, or a picture of the village cafe on the night after a long-delayed pay day. It is a quiet picture; the interior of a ruined church with a group of tired and worn men singing at the organ. This ruined church, wounded men on the floor, singing at the organ—the battle raging just beyond—typified to General Pershing the undaunted and unquenched spirit of the American soldiery and their will to "carry on." The same impression is carried to the American people when the setting of the picture, its time and place, are explained.

The men forming the group included in the picture designated as the "Spirit of the A. E. F." were members of the 317th and 319th Ambulance Companies, 305th Sanitary Train, 80th Division. The place is the church at Vaux, in Ardennes, a small town just south of Sommauthe, and the time was the fifth day of November, 1918, when the 80th had been called upon to enter the Meuse-Argonne offensive for the third time. A dressing and first-aid station had been established in the church and to this place the men of the Ambulance Companies carried the wounded for first treatment. They were later taken to the Eightieth Division field hospitals at Buzancy, a few miles further south.

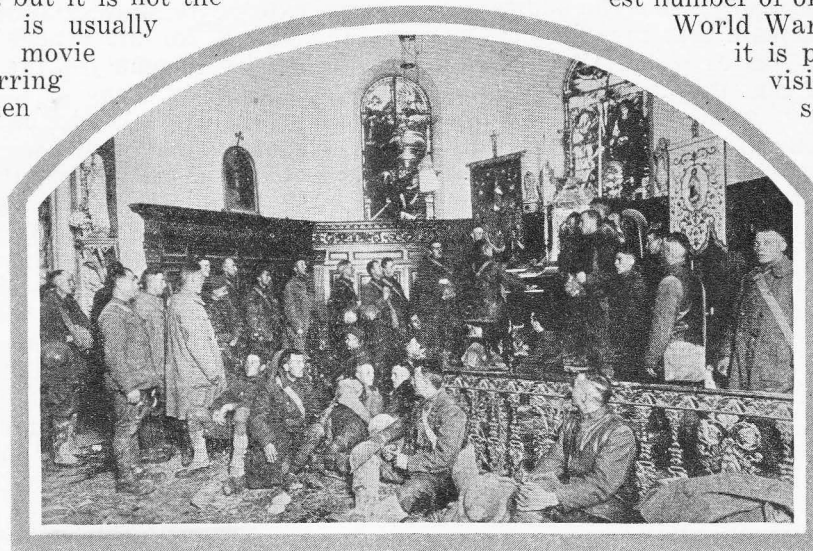
The scenes of horror and of mangled men had

not daunted the spirit of the members of this corps. They had been through the harrowing experiences before, and, perhaps, but unconsciously accepted the fatalism of the soldier and in a measure believed that if one's name was not on a bullet it would not hit him. Their work done, they relaxed in song.

The picture was taken by a member of the photographic section of the Signal Corps, and is an unusual one. At the time it was brought to public notice some years ago by General Pershing it was published in many papers and magazines and attracted much attention. Just recently it has again been brought to public notice through its publication in *Foreign Service*, the official organ of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the *American Legion Monthly*, the two great magazines representing the greatest number of organized veterans of the World War. For the reason that

it is peculiarly Eightieth Division, in spirit and personnel, *Service Magazine*

presents it to its readers. It is distinctive and outstanding, and is in complete accord with the famous slogan coined for the Blue Riders by their beloved General Adelbert Cronkhite—"The Eightieth Division Only Moves Forward." The "Spirit of the A. E. F." has been selected by the History Committee as the frontispiece to the "History of the Eightieth Division," which is



[Courtesy of American Legion Monthly]

This scene of men of the 317th and 319th Ambulance Companies singing in the ruined church in Vaux, France, has been called by Gen. Pershing the most striking picture of the war. The Guild of Former Pipe Organ Pumpers wants to locate the unseen and unsung hero who pumped the organ.

now being compiled by Russell L. Stultz and a committee under his direction.

So much has been said about the picture itself, but little of the men who form the group. How many of these can be identified ten years after they gathered together in the village church? What member of the 317th or 319th can pick out his own picture, tell us how he spent the day and why he sang? Was it because there was a rift in the clouds of war and the impending collapse of the great Central Powers? Or was it that he and his comrades had safely braved the dangers of the day and still lived to serve?

The scenes around the members of this group were not those that encourage song and light-heartedness. Perhaps the songs were those of solemn praise and not of merry-making. Those were the days when combat soldiers were keyed to the very highest nervous pitch and forced themselves forward into the maelstrom by sheer nerve, but to the men who picked up the wrecked forms on the shell-torn field it must have been a most depressing experience. We've heard much from the combat sec-

tions, now let's have some talk from the Ambulance Companies, the Sanitary men and the Medicos.

Chet Shafer, who is not unknown to fame, author of the widely-circulated "Story of the Second A. E. F.," in the April issue of the American Legion Monthly, calls for the identification of an unseen person in this group, and promises fame and place to the unknown and unseen hero. Some place, somewhere, out of reach of the searching eye of the Signal Corps camera, is an individual whose duty was of the first importance and made him the life of the party. He was the soldier who pumped the organ, filling its internal economy with wind and gave "wim, vigor and vitality" to the instrument and brought forth musical tones from the pipes. Shafer wants to find him and reward him. He gets none of the applause of the public because he is not sticking out like a sore thumb in the picture. But he'll get his reward if Chet can find him. The present inducement to find the shrinking violet is that an honorable membership in the Guild of Former Pipe Organ Pumpers awaits him. The Legion Monthly admonishes the brethren to withhold the shower of razzberries until they explain that there is such an organization, that Chet Shafer is the High Mokus or some such title, and that it was formed to perpetuate the memory of a calling that is no more. This was the highly honorable, but off-stage, work of the men and boys who pumped the organs for churches and movie palaces but have now been replaced by electrical contrivances. They were unknown, unhonored and unhung. But this wonderful mechanical age has its disadvantages. One can not take pleasure in showering a piece of electric mechanism with over-ripe tomatoes. Chet Shafer organized the guild and has formed local "lofts" in this country and in Paris. The man who furnished the musical background for "The Spirit of the A. E. F." is wanted for membership.

Who will furnish his name?

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possess this trophy, the individual Posts will be prompted to recall the power of organization and will bring this constructive force into play, so that these latent, scattered loyalties may be harnessed together and put to work for the benefit of our Association.

Not having statistical records at my disposal, it is difficult to institute plans for a competition of the nature of the one which I have in mind. I can give you, however, a tentative plan, which can be further elaborated at the time of the next Convention. This I shall arrange in tabular form as follows:

1. Competition is open to any Local or Unit Post of the Association.
2. The Cup will be awarded each year to the Post whose score, according to the following qualifications, is highest. It will remain in the possession of the Post for one year, when it shall become the temporary property of the new winner. The Cup will become the permanent property of the Post which first wins it three times, not necessarily in succession.
3. Points on which the competition rests will be as follows:
 - (a) Based upon the records at the last convention, the Post showing the largest

percentage of increase in membership during the past year, shall be credited with two points.

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- (d) The Post showing the largest numerical increase in Life Memberships during the year, shall be credited with one point.

I shall leave to your judgment the advisability of awarding the Cup at the forthcoming Convention in August. I realize that it would be necessary first for the Headquarters to make computations which would form a basis for future credits to the veterans' Posts. This I know will seem additional labor for those at Headquarters, but I also know, from past experience, how gladly they undertake anything that is for the benefit of the Association. I shall be able to send you the Cup about the first of May. I am retaining it here for the present in order to let the Philadelphia Veterans see it at their annual dinner on April 28. One final word, in the nature of a formal presentation. To me, the word "Loyalty" stands as a background behind many names which could have served as fitting designations for a cup of this nature. General Cronkhite, our beloved Commander, is still spared to us. General Brett has passed on to his heavenly reward. He is now with many others of our comrades, no less loyal, although not as outstanding in rank and service. Let each Post and individual then select the leader, friend or comrade, for whom this Cup might stand, or let them have it stand for the loyalty which they possessed, individually, in so large a measure and which we are determined never shall die.

Your sincere comrade,

FRANK SCHOBLE, JR.

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The Verdun Medal is a beautiful bronze medal featuring the famous countersign "On Ne Pass Pas," and is suspended by a red ribbon with a tri-colored edge.

America And The Home-Coming

Extract from Provisional Chapter; History of the 80th Division
(Russell L. Stultz, Division Historian)

Memorable, indeed, were those days which witnessed the return of the Division to America. A year had intervened since its departure for an embattled land, there to render valorous service in helping to end the world's greatest war, and now that its allotted task was completed the final entry was about to be inserted in the Morning Report. All the checkered milestones of victorious youth had been reached and left behind during that brief, uncertain period when the manhood of Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia left homes in response to America's call and fared forth to combat a relentless foe on an alien soil. Eager, yet reluctant; fearless, yet afraid; determined, yet hesitant; yet had gone, had seen and attained the heights, had descended and explored the depths of life's misery and sorrow, had wallowed in the muck and mire of humanity's most terrible depravation, and many had remained behind, mute evidence of their courageous devotion. To the survivors had been vouchsafed the glory and compensation of a triumphant home-coming. Their duty well done, loved ones and native country awaited the opportunity to bestow that affection and homage well earned by those who, with that earlier warrior, could now truly say, "Veni, vidi, vici."

As the homeward-bound transports approached the United States, all eyes aboard watched eagerly and intently for their first view of the American coast. A realistic account of the vigil and the last hours preceding debarkation is supplied by the historian of Company "G," 318th Infantry, who was on the "MAUI."

"Dawn broke with a low hanging, misty grayness. To the initiated—and all seemed of the elect—it indicated the proximity of but one thing, terra firma. The morning mess was scarcely concluded before the decks were swarming with men; an undercurrent of illy suppressed excitement pervaded all. Something like four thousand pairs of searching eyes were strained to conjure the outline of the Virginia coast out of the mist. In the interim before illusion became reality the suspense, although of short duration, became terrific. The finale to the Regiment's career was about to be staged on the same soil that had witnessed the prologue.

"Suddenly, from the region of the upper deck a thousand throats burst into a single yell. That outburst could denote only one thing—land! It was no false alarm. Sure enough, just off the starboard, a dim, almost imperceptible profile slowly emerged and assumed definite contour, at times wholly obscured but now known to be there. As the low-lying sand dunes revealed themselves, the last vestige of doubt fled.

"Four thousand jubilant tongues took up the cry. As the noise reached to the bowels of the ship, a wild tumble to daylight and the upper decks ensued. Oh, shades of C. Columbus! Could he have sensed the same measure of thrill? It was a serenade such as France had never heard—no, not even when the November Armistice was announced; it was the home-coming chorus of weary

Americans returning to the land of their birth.

"The hours which followed dragged with unprecedented slowness. Eyes were oblivious to all save the looming shore line, now in plain view for everyone to gaze upon and drink in with great, deep gulps of satisfaction. Mature men exhibited shameless eagerness to discover anew well remembered landmarks, importantly pointed out by those who were natives of the region. The call for an early noon mess passed generally unheeded. One meal, more or less, of ship's stew and cabbage, didn't match the enthralling panorama unfolding itself; already, visions of red chevron feasts discounted a questionable loss.

"The arrival of the pilot, far out, temporarily distracted attention from the rapidly defining shore. His diminutive cutter, seemingly threatened with imminent destruction as it bounced and careened over the waves, never wavered in its course. Straight onward it came, soon to be anchored fast. Almost in the same operation the pilot clambered up the swinging ladder and assumed direction of the transport. The first link re-establishing connection with America had been forged."

Before the last contingent of the Division had embarked at Brest, the first units were arriving in the United States. Beginning May 24th and continuing day after day, with occasional intermissions, for more than two weeks, the transports carrying the command docked at Philadelphia, Newport News, New York and Boston. The voyage had required from eight to seventeen days, dependent upon the speed of the vessels, the course pursued across the Atlantic, and the Port of Debarkation in this country; for a majority of the trip ranged from ten to twelve days.

The "Agamemnon," with the 305th Mobile Ordnance Repair Shop aboard, led the debarkation movement by arriving at New York May 24th. The "MAUI," carrying 159th Brigade Headquarters and the bulk of the 318th Infantry, docked at Newport News May 27th. On the same day Casuals attached to the 313th and 314th Field Artillery landed at Boston from the "North Carolina." On May 28th the "Zeppelin," with Major General Cronkhite and Staff, Division Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, and the entire 155th Artillery Brigade, with the exception of two batteries, arrived at Newport News. The "Mobile," having aboard Brigadier General Lloyd M. Brett, 160th Brigade Headquarters, the 320th Infantry, 315th Machine Gun Battalion, 305th Field Signal Battalion, and the 80th Military Police Company, reached New York on May 30, Decoration Day. The "Rotterdam," carrying the 305th Sanitary Train, docked at New York May 31st. The debarkation was continued at Newport News June 1st, with the arrival of the "Nansemond" with the 317th Infantry, detachments of the 318th Infantry and 315th Field Artillery, 305th Train Headquarters, the Division Postal Unit and Casuals attached to the 317th and 320th Infantry,

aboard; the "Finland," with Casuals attached to the 319th Infantry, reached Newport News on the same date, and the "Canandaigua," with the 305th Ammunition Train and a detachment of the 318th Infantry, arrived at Philadelphia. Landing at New York June 2nd from the "Graf Waldersee" were the 319th Infantry and 305th Engineer Train. On the following day, the "Troy" reached New York with the 305th Enigneers and 305th Motor Supply Train aboard. Four days later, on June 7th, the "New Jersey," carrying the 313th and 314th Machine Gun Battalions and Casuals attached to the 318th Infantry docked at Boston.

The homeward movement of the Division was concluded at Boston June 9th, when a small detachment of the 305th Engineers landed from the "President Grant." As the ships came into New York Bay, Hampton Roads, Charleston Harbor, and the Delaware River, their decks presented a mass of olive drab gone wild with excitement. Bands playing on the transports and docks; American flags waving greeting; harbor craft shrilling noisy welcome; vacuous-voiced tugs, gaily decorated and bearing citizens' committees—all spoke of an enthusiasm and reception unmistakable and contributed that touch of the spectacular which never fails to thrill. It was an emotional moment—and emotion was not lacking. Strangely different by contrast with those stealthy, subdued and unheralded movements characterizing the Division's departure from the United States was that tumultuous demonstration announcing its return.

It was at New York and Newport that the reception extended the troops attained its climax. At these ports, where the bulk of the 80th landed, delegations of citizens from Pittsburgh, Richmond, Norfolk and Newport News were on hand to welcome those arriving on the "Mobile," "Graf Waldersee," "Troy," "Rotterdam," "MAUI," "Zeppelin" and "Nansemond." The ceremonies, while usually of an official nature, were generally rendered informal by the presence of relatives and friends of the men among the committees. Much of the thrill of homecoming was dampened aboard several of the transports as a result of the enforcement of naval regulations requiring the decks to be cleared in order to avoid danger of the ships listing from overcrowding at the rails and to facilitate docking.

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NEW 80TH DIVISION POSTS

Three new Posts of the 80th were organized by the Blue-Ridgers in Johnstown, Greensburg and McKeesport, Pa., since the previous issue of SERVICE. How about starting one in your territory? Write to Headquarters for complete information.

THE DEFECTIVE SERVICE ACT

By I. O. Dine

THE act bearing the polite name for the draft which won the war (one might as well admit it, even if one did enlist for patriotic motives or the hopes of becoming a Second Lieutenant), was termed "selective" in those humorous days when the pen was indeed "mightier than the sword." Regarding its general success, from the time the Read-em-and-weep-writers on all our daily papers scared us pink and purple for forgetting to register, until the moments we turned our Prussian Hell-Mits and Lugers over to the S. O. S., sneaked home and worried for a year later about the extra pair of shoe-laces we forgot to turn in when we were discharged, there was no question but that both Barnum and Sherman knew whereof they spoke. Lucky for them they made their wise-cracks in a different age than this particular hysterical epoch we mention, or they might have languished in the place that was the A. E. F. Bogey—Leavenworth.

There was a lot of experimenting and adventuring done in 1917 and 1918, both with the printed and spoken word, which accounts probably for the educated bunk one is now able to spread with the assurance that no one will believe it "even if it were true."

This makes it an opportune time to throw a brick or two at the Medical System of the Army as it then existed. (Yaws of course, rully these are only exceptional and isolated examples, dont-cherknow.) We have heard so much about the mass results and the superior work of the Docs that we have swallowed everything they handed us, just like we always do. The surgeons evidently knew their meat axes, according to all reports. They did after they had had a chance to practice a little, anyway, but it is the nasty Diagnosticians of the Ancient Order of Pill Pushers this writer took a dislike to. Their Materia Medica was limited. We believe this is the way they would express it. So was their old man, from our observation of some of them, or he would have had them brought up differently.

Take, for instance, the Draft Dogers (Beg Pardon! We mean Doctors). What a fine bunch of one-eyed, wooden-legged, spavined, weak-minded morons they passed as O. K. and sent to camp as perfect specimens of the genus Homo Sap. (even as you and I). Their reasoning, if any, was that the proper place to select the victims was in the cantonments, and their "selectives" would be sure of a free railroad ride there and back, thus helping the railroad industry.

Did the Yogas at Camp do any better? Not that one could notice. They understood perfectly how to put everyone in an embarrassing predicament and cause general mental distress over whether one would ever regain the same clothes as were worn upon entering their August (Oh! so you came down in December?) presence.

What did they discover? (We hate to repeat the entire list.) In this writer's company, 20 pairs of flat feet; ten or more individuals perfectly capable of drawing a bead on a Y. M. C. A. man at fifteen paces under the impression that they were shooting a German General, one healthy specimen who turned blue

and hit the floor with a thud every time he turned around—he only had valvular heart disease, nothing to get excited about;—several emaciated and noticeably under weight men and vice-versa; two or three mental defectives like the writer, and others equal in every respect to the examiners. They all went across with the exception of the valvular heart patient who was passed in the overseas examination as fit, but two days before sailing transferred to the base hospital by our Captain who hated to spare the men for a permanent detail to pick the soldier up all the time. The flat footees were accused on the records of having "pronated arches—to be corrected."

The system of correction was to add three inches of leather and three pounds of hobnails to the inner side of their sole. One man had this operation performed and was unable to walk at all in the shoes, so the rest determined to rely upon their own souls to carry them over the rough going. Most of them made it but we never heard of their heroism being rewarded by anything more than a cussing out when they fell exhausted near the end of a march.

One of the underweight men died of consumption a month after landing in France.

Another of our "selectives" broke his glasses on the boat going across, and as no one was able to locate an optical section of the A. E. F. except in Paris, he had to be put on permanent K. P. for the duration of the war, where his near-sightedness would do no harm other than possibly result in doubtful mixtures for the menu.

Admitting that a certain amount of brains was used in sanitation in the World War, and that precautionary measures are worth more than medicine, the Swamis of the Staff and Twisted Snakes used mighty little medicine, and we wouldn't care to conduct a nut test on some of them. They believed in mental healing, hypnotism and profanity.

Count 'em on your fingers—C. C.'s, Aspirin, Iodine, Brown's Mixture, and a black pill the size of a marble—opium it was claimed. Did you ever hear of many others? Our doctor (?) carried quinine until he discovered it wasn't on the list, so he told his Sergeant to throw it away. The game was to impress the sick, lame and lazy, with the enormity of their offense of even thinking they were intelligent enough to have symptoms, then floor them with the medical name for Aspirin (look it up—it would choke a dog), mark them duty, and get back to the poker seance.

We of course didn't have to cough up five bucks for their valuable services, such as we do now, and no doubt the cure was just as certain. What if we are alive and kicking, it isn't their fault. We would like to make a few more "selected" remarks on this subject, but the editor suspects us of being a Christian Scientist, and he's wrong on both counts.

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WITH THE MARINES IN NICARAGUA

Editor's Note—The following is a copy of a letter commending the service of five Marines now on duty in Nicaragua, which gives a very vivid description of what the Marine patrols encounter on the present Southern Front. The private, Edward E. Davis, mentioned in the letter is a brother-in-law of Council Member John Vachetta, of the 80th Division. Private Davis enlisted from Pittsburgh a couple of years ago, joining the Marines at the age of 19. His home address is 1303 Bluff street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Marine Detachment, 51st Company,
El Gallo, Nicaragua, March 3, 1928.
From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commanding Officer, East Coast Area, Puerto Cabezas, Nic.
Via: The Commanding Officer, 51st Company, Bluefields, Nic.
Subject: Commendation.

1. The Commanding Officer at El Gallo is pleased to commend to the attention of the Commanding Officer, East Coast Area, unusual devotion to duty in the face of danger and extreme hardship in the case of the below named members of this command:

Private First Class William H. Kelly.
Private Francis J. Cannon.
Private Edward E. Davis.
Private Clyde M. Gibson.
Private Lucian E. Wilson.

2. These men were selected by the undersigned to accompany him as a patrol to San Pedro del Norte, 60 miles west on the Rio Grande, leaving this station at 1:00 p. m., Tuesday, 28th February. The means of transportation was a 24-foot pitpan, native style, equipped with a Johnson 4-HP outboard motor. From the midpoint at Pal Punta where the first night's halt was made the journey became indescribably difficult. Throughout the intervening 30 miles to San Pedro the Rio Grande is a never-ending succession of rapids and falls with a straightaway current of about 10 miles per hour increased at the rapids to many times that speed. This trip had never before been undertaken in a motor so the Indian guide secured at Pal Punta was of no value up stream, his experience having been in poling boats along the shore line. The river cuts its way through a deep gorge and the channel is dotted with rocks and huge overhanging crags. A stalled motor, an undertow, a crash against a submerged rock—anyone of these would have caused certain injury and probable death at anyone of a thousand places. At heartbreakingly frequent intervals it was necessary to pull the boat over rapids by means of a bow line, and, in some instances, carry cargo over almost impassable crags. The longest interval between these haulovers was 35 minutes. In pulling over these places it was necessary to clamber over treacherous cliffs, wade and swim in turbulent and dangerous water, and to labor incessantly throughout. To be sure, this has been done for centuries by Indians except for the use of the motor between rapids but here, familiarity with the vagaries of the stream and experience were lacking.

3. Skill and daring of a high order were required continuously, tempered with initiative and a fine judgment. In no instance was any man found wanting. They gave of their best always with the finest spirit it has been my good fortune to observe in nearly 11 years' service. Though capsized within 3 miles of the

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*Fades the light and afar
Goeth Day, cometh night; and a star
Leadeth all, speedeth all
To their rest.*

THOMAS, Harry G., aged 34 years, formerly member of Headquarters Company, 313th Field Artillery, died on Wednesday morning April 4, 1928, after a few days' illness of peritonitis. He was cited for bravery while in France, was severely gassed which was the start of stomach trouble which finally resulted in his death. Upon his return from the war, Comrade Thomas first worked in the Marlinton postoffice. For the past several years he was actively engaged in the grocery business. Two years ago he was his party's nominee for clerk of County Court, and this year was on the Assessor's ticket for office deputy. Comrade Thomas is survived by his widow, who was Miss Anna Armentrout, and their son, Tappan. He is also survived by his parents and four sisters, Miss Edgar Thomas, Mrs. G. S. Callison, Maxine and Paralee. Funeral was on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the Methodist Church. Interment was in Mt. View cemetery. Funeral rites were conducted by the Masonic Order.

STUMPF, Edward J.—Formerly wagoner, Supply Company, 319th Infantry, died in his home on Penn street, Lafferty Hill, Baldwin township. Carbon monoxide from a small stove is believed to have caused the death of both Mr. Stumpf and his wife.

Military funeral was in charge of the members of the General Lloyd M. Brett Post of the 80th Division, and the Uhlman-Horne Post, V. F. W., on Thursday morning, March 22, 1928. Requiem High Mass at St. Wendelin's Catholic Church at 9 o'clock. Interment at St. Joseph's cemetery, Carrick, Pa.

TOMPKINS, Francis M.—Formerly 1st Lieutenant of the 305th Regiment of Engineers, died April 2 in St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, Ill., following an appendicitis operation.

Mr. Tompkins formerly lived in Portage, where he was engaged in the coal business before locating in Chicago more than a year ago. He was well-known and very prominent in this community. He was the son of Milton and Mary Elizabeth Tompkins, and the grandson of Horace Patchin, known as one of the pioneer lumbermen along the Susquehanna river. His brother, Senator Tompkins, passed away in February, 1923.

Mr. Tompkins attended Blair Academy in New Jersey, Mercersburg Academy and Bellefonte Academy. He was prominent in the Masonic circles, being a 32nd degree Mason. He was a member of Jaffa Temple of Shriners, Altoona; Williamsport Consistory and the Knights Templar. Since moving to Chicago, he had been engaged in the real estate business.

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VI. The Executive Council shall authorize charters to Local Posts of the 80th Division Veterans' Association upon the written application of fifteen members of the Eightieth Division Veterans' Association, addressed to the Secretary of said Council. Each such separate Post or P. C. shall in all respects conform to the Constitution of the Eightieth Division Veterans' Association, so far as it may be applicable, and each shall adopt a name. Such Post or P. C. shall be responsible and pay to the Association, the yearly Association dues of each member, but may establish such dues for its own organization as may be necessary.

GENERAL LLOYD M. BRETT POST

A joint meeting of the Lloyd M. Brett Post and the Pennsylvania Auxiliary No. 1, was held in Judge Foster's Chambers, Court House, Pittsburgh, Pa., Thursday evening, April 12, 1928.

Motion pictures of the 80th Division taken at Camp Lee and at the First and Second Reunions of the 80th Division Veterans' Association held in Pittsburgh, and also those pictures taken of the 80th Division on parade Armistice Day, 1927, were shown. The pictures were very interesting and the members enjoyed them.

A dainty luncheon consisting of sandwiches, coffee and home-made cake was served by the ladies of the Auxiliary.

It was decided to hold a banquet the latter part of May and to start the arrangements and plans for the Ninth Annual National Reunion of the 80th, which will be held at Conneaut Lake Park, Conneaut Lake, Pa., August 9th to 12th, inclusive.

The following members were appointed on the committee: Robert E. Daume, chairman, John A. Burke, Samuel Fleming, Clarence McMurray, George J. Klier, O. K. Fry, Wm. L. Fleming, B. C. Clark, T. F. McCallum, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Hon. D. Paulson Foster, J. J. Madden, Reuel W. Elton, R. P. Loeffler, Edward McKenna, Miss Gertrude Horne, Mrs. W. H. Ferguson, Mrs. W. A. Gordon, Mrs. A. H. Kohnfelder, Mrs. E. F. Upstill, and Mrs. Doris Miller.

The place and date have not as yet been decided upon.

President D. Paulson Foster appointed Mr. J. J. Madden general chairman of the Ninth Annual National Reunion Committee.

NORFOLK-PORTSMOUTH POST No. 1

A very interesting meeting of Norfolk Post 392, V. F. W., for the members of the 80th, was held March 1st, when Department Commander A. B. Hill, ex-private 317th Inf., presented Past Commanders' Certificates to Capt. J. Carl Peck, 318th Inf., and Lt. Wm. H. Sands, 315th F. A., who now is Col. of the 111th F. A.

A. B. Hill and John B. Diehl visited the V. F. W. Post at Newport News, where Comrade Hill installed E. D. Bull as Commander and C. M. Fowlkes as Quartermaster of Wilkes Edwards Post 176. Comrade Fowlkes is a past commander of the post also of Peninsula Pup Tent No. 3 Military Order of the Cooties and served with the 314th M. G. Bat. with Comrade Bull.

J. J. McCourt says he is very glad to have all the gang of the 80th drop in and make his place their Hang Out, but he does wish Dr. Seelinger would teach his dog better manners.

Charlie Montgomery says E. T. Andrews is High Hatting him now just because he has a Sweetie who parts his hair and shines his shoes. Oh you Skinney.

J. B. Moore (Short Circuit) said he did not think he would go to the reunion this year for Brownly was going and he knew he would not have any fun. Go on, Joe, and beat his time.

J. C. Smith, Battery B, 314th F. A. is president of a Real Estate and Developing Co. in Portsmouth, Va. Best wishes, Joe.

Wm. H. Buckingham was operated on by Dr. Seelinger at the Protestant Hospital, and is now at home and doing fine.

P. A. Jones, A. M. Brownley and Morris Myers are expecting to make the trip to Miami, Fla., with the Shrine the last of the month. Who wants to bet they do not go on to Havana?

J. B. Diehl.

PHILADELPHIA POST NO. 2

Regular monthly meeting held March 15th at 2210 Sansom street, Commander Leddon presiding.

The Post annual banquet on Saturday evening, April 28th, has first call. Chairman Galleher reports everything in readiness. His full schedule going across as he had planned, starting with

the old Army numbers by the Post Bugle Corp. Dinner and we mean Dinner, and short, snappy speeches by Mayor of Philadelphia, President Foster, of the 80th Div. Veterans Assn., Wm. L. Fleming (Live Wire Daddy of the 80th in Pittsburgh), and our one and only Frank Schoble, Jr. Then moving pictures of the 80th Div. in action, American Legion parade and convention in Paris, and Philadelphia Post pictures of the 80th Div. reunion in Pittsburgh. Good music and dancing. The ladies are invited.

Memorial services for our departed comrades will be held Sunday, May 27th. Commander Leddon, Memorial Chairman Markert and Post Chaplain Dr. Frederic Poole are working together to make this service a success. Relatives of the departed comrades to be invited to attend.

Philadelphia Post membership strongly in favor of the General Lloyd M. Brett memorial, and will do their best to have it go across as the committee has arranged. A Philadelphia Post fund has been started and we request that any one that has not already contributed to do so at once.

May the Frank Schoble Loving Cup fulfill the wishes of the donor, in that every Post in Assn. and every member of a Post will wake up and get busy selling their Post to delinquent former 80th Div. Mem. We have not as yet reached our peak and nothing but work will do it. Membership is first—Subscriptions to Service, Advertising in Service, Life Memberships in Association, and number of Post members attending reunion. Shall Philadelphia Post win this Cup FOR Frank this year or shall we have the Booby prize wished on us?

JOHNSTOWN POST NO. 12

The second meeting of the Johnstown Post of the 80th Division Veterans Association was held at the Capital Hotel, Johnstown, Pa., Saturday evening, March 10, 1928, at 8 o'clock.

Commander Oscar C. Mulhollen presided at the meeting in a very satisfactory manner. The principal speakers were: Honorable D. Paulson Foster, president of the 80th Division Veterans Association, and a former member of the 305th Field Signal Battalion. The judge's talk was on organization, both National and Local, and was very interesting as well as educational.

The next speaker was George J. Klier, Resident Secretary of the 80th Division Veterans Association, who gave us some very valuable information in regard to organizing a local post. Jerry Madden, Commander of the General Brett Post, gave us a short talk on the advantages of a local post. Thomas Fitzsimmons, of Pittsburgh, Pa., spoke on the progress made for the Arlington Memorial to our beloved General Lloyd M. Brett (deceased).

There were present about 45 former members of the 80th Division, including all of the present officers of the local post. Seventeen paid memberships were received at this meeting, with promises for at least that many more. This meeting was in the form of a banquet at which a very nice chicken dinner was served with all the trimmings. A good time was had by all.

Frank G. Fleckenstein, Adjutant.

POST ORGANIZED AT GREENSBURG

A goodly number of "vets" attended the meeting held in the Armory in Greensburg on Saturday evening, March 24, for the purpose of organizing a Post of the Association. Judge D. Paulson Foster, President of the Association, was present, and gave a very interesting talk which was much appreciated and enjoyed by all. Mr. George J. Klier, Resident Secretary, also gave a splendid talk. Mr. Jerry Madden explained the purposes and details of a Post organization, and he also had charge of the election of officers. Other members of the Association who came out from Pittsburgh were: R. P. Loeffler, William Berghammer, Thomas Fitzsimmons, Frank McNulty and Samuel Fleming.

Robert F. Wertz, of Jeannette, was appointed chairman of the meeting and Nick Broker, of Penn., as secretary. Officers elected were as follows: Commander, Keys Murphy; Senior Vice Commander, Benjamin D. Elperin; Junior Vice Commander, John Brinker; Adjutant and Quartermaster, Stanley Zimowski. A second meeting was held on Friday evening, April 13 (No, we're not superstitious!)

As a result of this meeting quite a number of the boys paid their yearly dues and were re-instated as members of the Association. We trust this is only the beginning of big things in Greensburg for Eightieth Division Veterans.

Much credit for the progress thus far of the new Post in Greensburg is due Comrade Clyde Karns, Company A, 320th, of Greensburg, who, though too ill to be present at this meeting, had previously spent much time and effort to get an organization started. We are glad to report that he is in his usual health again and active in helping to make the Greensburg unit worth while.

The boys of Company A, 320th Infantry, wish to say "Thank you" to Comrade Frank McNulty, who so generously presented them with the snap-shot pictures taken at the A Co. reunion in Greensburg on August 30, last. We think they are quite good. "Merci" Mac. Keys Murphy.

McKeesport Post No. 15

The organization of McKeesport Post took place on Tuesday evening, April 3, with an old-time A. E. F. smoker, which was held in the Wyant Hall, 218½ Fifth avenue, McKeesport, Pa. More than thirty former members of the Division were present. A great wave of enthusiasm was displayed by all present, and indications point to a very successful Post. A general invitation was extended to all former 80th Division members to attend the meeting.

The meeting was called to order, with George J. Klier, Resident Secretary of the 80th Division, presiding. The following were elected to office: John F. Berg, Commander; Gregg J. Haughey, Senior Vice Commander; Frank P. Steele, Junior Vice Commander; William Buck, Adjutant-Quartermaster. Following the election of officers the meeting was turned over to the newly-elected Commander. Several of those present spoke on the good of the Post, after which the gathering was addressed by George J. Klier, who outlined general activities of the 80th, and the duties of

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NEW YORK OFFICERS OF THE 80th DIVISION

Plans are already under way for making the annual reunion dinner this year of the New York Officers' Association a large and representative affair. Regimental organizations are to be asked to send as many of their own members as possible so as to make the gathering a sort of assembly by groups. It is hoped to thus bring together not only the 80th men in the New York area but, on this tenth anniversary, to make it as inclusive as possible.

On the 21st of February a number of former officers of the 305th Ammunition Train assembled at the Yale Club in New York City for dinner. Those who attended were: the host, Lt. Robert B. Luchair, Lt. Col. H. A. C. de Rubio, Major A. L. L. Baker, Captains Frank T. Tweddell, David Stuart Bingham, C. C. Agate, Lieutenants Thompson Baker, John B. Howell, and Ralph M. Kutz. The place cards were replicas of those used in France when the officers of the Motor Battalion entertained the officers of the Horse Battalion on the 28th of June, 1918, at dinner in Besle, Brittany.

Following the dinner, the group attended a hockey game in Madison Square Garden, and spent the "end of a perfect day" as guests of Lieutenant Baker at the Alpha Delta Psi Clubhouse. C. C. Agate.

WHO IS WHO IN PHILADELPHIA

Good news:—Howard Brock, 317th F. H., attended March meeting after a 3 months' illness, always a loyal 80th man and blowing a mean bugle. He was gladly received by everyone.

George Guille, 305th A. T., returned from Florida or Alaska, and was put to work on banquet committee. Geo. surely loves to work on committees.

Cinema Producer Wm. Fox (himself) is taking charge of moving pictures for the banquet. Now you know they will be good.

Past Commander Bonsall is about again after a short illness.

U. G. Walker, Battery C, 313th F. A., ran over from New York to say "Hello," and promised to attend the banquet. Only a 200-mile trip for him.

John J. Laughlin, 318th Infantry, was among those present at March meeting. John is now Captain in the Fire Dept. here and is kept quite busy.

L. Sokolove, another 318th man, ran in to say hello, pay his dues and subscribe to Service. He is surely stepping out and is now living in one of Philadelphia's marble palace apartments on Cobbs Creek boulevard.

Chester Erwin, 314th F. A., reports he is busy bowling in American Legion tournament, but will be good when the season ends.

Along with the spring, the new hat and scenery to match, comes an invitation at (35 cents per) to witness Two Black Girls From the South, a real black bottom contest by the members of the

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Funeral services were held at the home of the deceased's brother-in-law, and conducted by the Reverend Dr. P. C. Reeve, pastor of the Clearfield Presbyterian church. Military funeral was in charge of the members of John Moyer Post, No. 430, American Legion, of which Mr. Tompkins was an active member for some years before moving to Chicago.

Besides his wife Mr. Tompkins is survived by one sister, Mrs. Phila (Tompkins) Dickey, residing at Avon Beach, Florida.

EBERSOLE, Herbert N.—Formerly of Company M, 320th Infantry, who resided at 812 Seventh avenue, Altoona, died late Saturday, February 18, 1928, at Lake Saranac, N. Y., where he had gone four years ago in the interests of his health. He was 34 years old.

His death was caused by tuberculosis, from which he had suffered for seven years and which resulted from his being gassed while serving with the American Expeditionary forces in France.

Prior to going to Lake Saranac, to receive treatment for his physical ailments, Mr. Ebersole had spent some time at the State Hospital at Mont Alto, Pa.

Mr. Ebersole had been employed as a fireman on the Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania railroad, prior to the inception of his fatal illness. He had not worked at this position for a number of years, because of his failing condition.

The deceased was born December 24, 1893, at New Enterprise, Bedford county, but had come to Altoona when a young man. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maude Clark Ebersole, and one son, Robert, both of Altoona; his father, Irvin M. Ebersole, of Bedford, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Mary Cook, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Bertha Smith, Miss May, Joseph Dewey, Charles and Kenneth, all of Bedford.

He was a member of St. John's Reformed church, Bedford. The body will be brought to the father's home, West John street, Bedford. The funeral and interment will take place Wednesday morning at Salemville, Bedford county.

The deceased was gassed in the Argonne and several other battles while in France.

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the Post. J. J. Madden, Commander General Brett Post, and R. P. Loeffler, Adjutant Brett Post, outlined the purposes and workings of the Post, and told of their plans for getting a large attendance at their meetings. This was followed by an address by Hon. D. Paulson Foster, President of the 80th, who told of his personal reminiscences while with the 80th at Camp and in France. Councilman J. C. Zwingler, of the above city, spoke on the welfare work carried on while the boys were "over there." He was made an honorary member of the Post.

The above Post will draw its membership from Dravosburg, Clairton, Glassport, Boston, and Duquesne. The next meeting will be held the week preceding Memorial Day, in Wyant Hall. Members will be notified. All 80th Division men are urged to get in touch with the

Adjutant, William Buck, 226 Pacific avenue, McKeesport, Pa. Don't hesitate. Do it now!

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Ladies' Auxiliary, with refreshments included. This should be good!

We may not win the Frank Schoble Loving Cup, but hope we admire his 80th spirit enough, and the Post that does win, will know they were in a race.

Bugle Corp. Leader Al. Markert, 305th A. T., has secured the services of a sure enough Drum Instructor and how he does make them drummers beat that step!

Frank Haenle, 313th F. A., band leader, lead the Bugle Corp at the February meeting. Here is hoping he may be a regular.

What would the old army or the present Bugle Corp have done without the Artillery 313th F. A. Frank Haenle, Larry Fisher, Bill Graham, Bill Preifer and Lew Strouse, 314th F. A. George Bauer, Bill Fox and Frank Roche, 319th F. A. Bill Perkins.

Nothing light about the Cymbals—Geo. Burton, 318th Inf., and Frank Mayer 319th Ambulance, must relieve each other every half hour.

Welcome to the Bugle Corp! Edwin Vessey, 305th F. S. Btn. Frank Haenle 313th F. A., Geo. Burton 318th Inf., Wm. Perkins, 319th Art., and R. C. Stoughton.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to John Binder, 313th F. A., whose father and brother passed away within 10 minutes' time Wednesday morning, March 7th.

Thanks to Mrs. L. Buckallew for donation to Post, in gratitude for service rendered by Lewis Strouse, in assisting her with the Adjusted Compensation claim of her deceased husband.

R. C. Stoughton travels from Brooklawn, N. J., twice each month to attend meeting and bungle practice.

Otto Leinhauser is a good second, coming from Sharon Hill. Let's have more close-ins follow their example.

A little more action, Philadelphia Post! Help Membership Chairman Rus. Mahon bring home the Schoble Loving Cup!

Jas. McDonough has the spirit and turned in 15 new addresses.

Evan Tibbott, 319th F. H., now Welfare chairman, is again looking after our disabled.

Dr. Jackson, former 314th F. A. Dentist, with an office now in Baltimore, paid a week end visit to former Pill Roller Sam Millinghausen, of 314th F. A.

Doc. promises to pull teeth just as painless now as he ever did back in the army days.

Warren Rareshide, 305th F. S. Bn., missed the Legion tour to France, but hopes to take trip with the Pennsylvania Monument Commission.

Dave Dunseath, Commander Thos. M. Golden Post No. 560, V. F. W., presides over their meeting in West Philadelphia, then gathers up their Vice Com. Joe. Wood and Adjutant Norman Boggs and attends our meeting and bugle practice.

Never too late to attend our meetings every third Thursday of month from 8 to 12 p. m., at 2210 Sansom street.

MIDDLEBOURNE NEWS

W. H. Theiss, formerly of Supply Company, 319th Infantry, in the elections held in January, was re-elected Mayor of Middlebourne, West Virginia. We extend congratulations on behalf of all our members to the Honorable W. H. Theiss, and wish him success and happiness in his office.

Mayor Theiss was also elected Post Commander of the Tyler County Post No. 48, of the American Legion, which was organized in Middlebourne in February. In this new Post are the following 80th Division men: Herman H. Pyle, Adair Fuchs, Alden Carse, Earl Wince and Mayor Theiss.

Herman H. Pyle, formerly of Headquarters Company, 314th F. A., was elected Post Sergeant at Arms of the Tyler County Post No. 48, American Legion, and is Commanding Officer of the Bugle and Drum Squad. In the business world he is prominent as the General Manager of the Inland Telephone and Telegraph Company of Middlebourne.

Alden Carse, who was at Camp Lee with the 80th for a while and then transferred to another Division and wounded in action, is the County Assessor of Middlebourne, West Virginia. Another 80th man at the top!

Adair Fuchs, formerly of Battery F, 314th F. A., is now with the South Penn Oil Company.

Earl Wince, with the 80th at Camp Lee for some time, is Chief Order Taker for the New Martinsville Grocery Company. He is one of the few buddies who is fortunate enough to have a real position and not just a job.

H. R. Virden, formerly of 314th F. A., owns and runs the best barber shop in Sistersville, W. Va.

Arza Allen, formerly 314th F. A., is on the West Virginia State Police Force with headquarters at West Union, W. Va. He makes regular visits to Middlebourne trying to detect odors of new corn liquor, and quite often brings in a still.

Guy Gorrell, 314th F. A., works on a gasoline plant of the Carter Oil Company.

O. D. Guyton, formerly of Headquarters Company, 314th F. A., is still doing a real live plumbing business in Sistersville, W. Va.

Clarence Sandy, formerly of Headquarters Company, 314th F. A., is Street Commissioner and Manager of the Water Works of Sistersville, W. Va.

F. C. Ameth, 320th Infantry, lives at Wick, W. Va., and is a candidate for County Assessor.

Whitney Esttack, formerly 314th F. A., lives on his home farm near Middlebourne, W. Va., is married and has a baby girl.

Farrell R. Suter, formerly of Hdq., Co., 314th F. A., is ticket agent for the B. & O. R. R. at Paden City, W. Va.

Ladies' Auxiliary, Philadelphia Post No. 2

The Ladies' Auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting on February 16, at 2210 Sansom street, with Mrs. A. C. Markart presiding.

We had a very interesting meeting of some length, only adjourning then to prepare our rooms for St. Valentine party.

The members of Philadelphia Post joined us and we had a very delightful time, with games, music and refreshments. Prizes were given to those winning games.

Mrs. E. R. Leddon had charge of the entertainment, and Mrs. D. Dunseath had charge of the refreshments, and both ladies certainly did a nice job.

During the luncheon the ladies presented Philadelphia Post with \$50.00, in appreciation of their services rendered during our last bazaar.

Ladies' Auxiliary again met on March 15, and, as usual, we had a very interesting meeting, with quite a number of new members joining us.

Final plans arranged and tickets distributed by our theater guild for their first presentation, entitled "Two Black Girls From the South"—a real black-bottom contest by members of the Aux. A real social night is planned, with cards and refreshments included, all for the advertised price of only 35 cents.

Members of the committee in charge were: Mrs. Leddon, Fox, Schoble Sr., Burton, Mahon Sr., and Markert.

After our meeting the Philadelphia Post members again joined us, and we had a real nice St. Patrick celebration. Thanks to Mrs. S. Fogarty and committee!

318th INFANTRY

Brigadier-General Briant H. Wells, Deputy Chief of Staff, who served with the 318th Infantry as Lieut-Colonel during the World War, was recommended by President Coolidge for promotion to the rank of Major-General, effective April 18, when a vacancy occurs in that grade.

MEMBERS OF THE 320th INFANTRY, ATTENTION

We have just received a few extra copies of the History of the 320th Infantry. The book is handsomely bound in gray leather with the insignia of the Division imprinted in blue and white on the cover. It contains 127 pages and scattered throughout the book are many large-sized maps and beautiful illustrations of familiar scenes. This is not just an ordinary "History." It is the history of the travels, regimental activities and conquests of the 320th Infantry on foreign soil. Captain Thomas H. Westlake, the author, has produced a wonderful piece of work in this writing. Those who may wish an extra copy, just write to Captain Thomas H. Westlake, 3651 Prospect avenue, Cleveland Ohio. The price has been fixed at \$2.75 per volume, delivered. Please mail in your order at once.

—(Advertisement.)

COMPANY "E," 320th INFANTRY

All set, men—"Chow Call" will soon be sounded. Your reunion committee, planning the ninth annual reunion of "E" Company, has been meeting monthly, endeavoring to map out an affair which will certainly bring you to town when you learn of the details.

Your committee feels that this year's reunion will at least be on a par with that of last year. You who were on deck that time swore by all the inches in a skirmish line that you would be present this year. Remember that fact, and rush your acknowledgment in when you receive your notice relative to the reunion.

In the meantime, mark off the date on your kitchen calendar. Saturday, May 26th, at the usual place—the Norse Room of the Fort Pitt Hotel. As was done last year, reservations will be made for those who care to attend the baseball game played at Forbes Field between Chicago and Pittsburgh.

No extra assessments will be made for the banquet, as the committee feels the usual fee of \$3.00 per person will cover all of the expenses incident to the reunion.

However, your committee is counting upon your support, for all their plans are based upon an attendance at least as large as last year—if not larger.

Remember the time—the place—come and swap tales with the rest of the gang. Show that old "E" Company spirit.

"Skipper" McCook was in Washington, D. C., during the past month. We wonder if he was down there trying to find out if Cal chooses to run, or whether he is still raising Cain with the Army Commissary Department because "E" Company didn't get a double allotment of socks when stationed at Niecy.

A member of the company reports meeting Lloyd Nicholson—he of the rampaging motor cycle ambition. Lloyd travels from coast to coast, but when he settles down for a few days can be reached at 366 Broadway, New York City.

Bill Waters writes that business is so darn good out in Kansas City that he is very much afraid he will not be able to turn down orders long enough to come to Pittsburgh on May 26th. Now Bill—listen to reason—if you don't send in a notice saying you will be here, we will give your address to the needy (in plain American, "broke") members of the old outfit. Those devotees of the old African golf game are hunting out the wealthy members of the organization.

Anson T. McCook, formerly Captain of Company E, 320th Infantry, is another of our prominent attorneys. He is practicing under the firm name of Buck and McCook, with offices on 50 State street, Hartford, Connecticut. Captain McCook recently became a life member of the Association.

COMPANY "G" 320th INFANTRY

Owing to the fact that the ninth annual reunion of the 80th Division Veterans' Association will be held at Conneaut Lake Park, Conneaut Lake, Pa., on the dates of August 9, 10, 11 and 12th, and the fact that the regular company banquet and get-together was held during the last reunion in Pittsburgh last September, it was feared by the committee on arrangements that it would not be good policy to hold another this spring, on account of a lapse of only six months since our last meeting. The plan as outlined at present is to have a get-together dinner of the men of the company who will be in attendance at the reunion at Conneaut Lake, and this body will make plans for the regular gathering in the spring of 1929. It was the opinion of the committee and the officers that, due to the unsettled conditions at present, it would not be good logic to hold the affair at the present time. Conneaut Lake will be within reasonable motoring distance for a considerable number of men of the company, and it is expected that a large number will turn out on the above dates for the reunion. The committee will be glad to hear from any of the members of the company on the above matter. Let's have your opinions and ideas. Drop a line to Klier at 413 Plaza Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Edward LaBelle, formerly Corporal Company "G," 320th Infantry, is now connected with Frank & Sedar as a salesman and is working in the Men's Suit Department. If you are in the field for a new outfit, drop in and have a talk with Ed. He is still living at 1703 Clinton street, South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Harry Newman, formerly Corporal Co. "G," 320th Infantry, is now a man of leisure, he has been out of work* for about three months. He regrets not having studied law after his experiences of a recent two weeks on the jury in the Quarter-Sessions Court of Allegheny County. He is still located at 232 Isabella street, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Company H, 320th Infantry

All 80th Division members who are planning to attend the Pennsylvania State Convention of the American Legion this year at Uniontown, Pa., will be interested to know that the Beeson Hotel has been designated as the Headquarters for the Blue Ridders. Jack Hawin, the good-looking proprietor of the hotel, is active in Legion circles and a member of the 80th.

COMPANY I, 320th INFANTRY

The tenth annual reunion of Company I, 320th Infantry, was held at the Morrowfield Apartment Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., Saturday evening, March 10, 1928, with 56 former officers and members present.

Telegrams of regret were received from former Assistant District Attorney of Allegheny County, Clyde Beistel, who is confined in the U. S. Veterans' Hospital at Tucson, Arizona; Edward Titus and Harry Parkman, both former officers of Company I, who are now living in New York and Boston, respectively;

Captain Wm. Vandewater, former aide to General Brett, and an officer of Company I, and who is practicing law at Princeton, N. J., under the title of Vandewater and Manser.

The 80th Division Standard and the American Flag were on each end of the speakers' table. The large gold star was reverently hung over a French chair which was left empty at the speakers' table, and recalled to all the loss of our War Time General and Peace Time Friend and Comrade, Lloyd M. Brett.

Invocation was offered by Jack Sugden, who also conducted memorial services for General Brett and the comrades who have answered Muster on the Other Side.

During the banquet a group of beautiful girls entertained with singing and dancing, while a good jazz orchestra kept things pepped up from beginning to end. At intervals the walls of the dining room vibrated with the tunes of "Over There," "The Long, Long Trail," "Pack Up Your Troubles," "We're Going Over," etc.

A very beautiful letter of greetings from Company E, 320th, was read and greatly appreciated.

Edward C. Lukens, 1st Lieut. of Company I, and also of Supply Company, who is now practicing law in Philadelphia, was the chief speaker. He made a most touching address. He commented on the Life of our Beloved General Brett, and our deceased Buddies. He reminisced on the War, and handed out good, wholesome advice. Again he endeared himself to all the men of Company I. Lieut. Lukens always had the reputation of being a "Real Man" both in times of peace and war. Quite a few members of Supply Company hearing of his presence in Pittsburgh were present to greet their former commander.

The banquet was a wonderful success, and we are deeply indebted to the following who served on the committee: Ninian Boggs, refreshments; Joe Dessell, publicity; Ralph Thomas, invitations; Jack Rhea and Chester Johnson, entertainment.

The following members were present: Sabin Bolton, president of Company I Association; Jack Sugden, secretary-treasurer of Company I; N. J. Boggs, Earl Young, Wm. Kiesel, M. N. Hermes, Jos. Dessell, Wm. Parker, Leslie Herdt, Frank Anderson, Meryl Kunkle, Bill Jarvis, Dick Brinker, Arch Sharp, Pat Boyle, Charles Smith, Bill Walker, J. G. Lovett, Jos. Good, C. Hinch, Ralph Thomas, S. Hunter, Jack Rhea, Harry Collette, J. Arbuthnot, C. Marshall, J. Harris, Squire Hildebrand, J. Heinninger, Howard Gaiser, Frank Rossi, I. Rosner, Ched Johnson, Felix Samasko, Osual Hughes, all from Pittsburgh. Out-of-town members who were present are as follows: John F. Garey, W. R. O'Neill, Jean Hughs, Vic. Mowry, J. McQuaide, I. K. Feather, Top Sergeant Barnhart and Wm. Wayne, from Latrobe, Pa.; Dan Claypool, B. D. Shafer and C. G. Shafer, from Vandergrift, Pa.; A. A. Gontz and Dutch Morcum, from Derry, Pa.; Bert Kelly, from Jeannette, Pa.; G. Tierno, Homer Dunn and Charles Johnson, from Greensburg, Pa.; Edward C. Lukens from Philadelphia, Pa.; Byron Shoff, from Uniontown, Pa.; Myran Harris and Clarence Marshall, from Dayton, Pa.; Fish Herron, from Wheeling, W. Va.

Company C, 317th Infantry

Cornelius H. Bull, formerly Second Lieutenant of Company C, 317th Infantry, and Richard E. Shands announce the formation of a partnership for the practice of law under the firm name of Shands & Bull, with offices in the Barr Building, 910 Seventeenth street, Washington, D. C.

305th Engineers

Harry W. Alexander, of Company "E" and member of Topographical Unit 305th Engrs, now located at Seaford, Del., is supervisor for Continental American Life Insurance Co., and vice commander of American Legion Post at Seaford. Would like to hear from some of my old pals in Company "E" and Topo. outfit.

SCHULTZ OF "K"

*Let your thoughts wander back
To that oft' beaten track,
Where the foot-prints of memory
abound,—
To a knoll near Cunel
Where our dear comrade fell,
Though now hushed is the battle's
harsh sound.*

*You can see him once more
Dashing on as of yore,
With grenade and pistol in
hand.
None braver than he;
For none braver could be
In sky, or sea, or on land.*

*We all cursed the damned Huns
Who wielded the guns,
That sounded his death-knell
that day;
And some of us cried,
And each of us tried
To move our numb lips, and to
pray.*

*For if ever I knew
A comrade true blue,
Who came clean, through and
through every day,
Who would do, and would dare,
Never shirking his share,
'Twas Lieutenant Schultz of
"K."
Frank N. Thompson,
Company K. 320th Infantry.*

CO. D, 305th A. T.

By Levine

Hello Gang:

Had a little meeting at my home concerning a banquet of our old Co. D. Among those present were: Welling, Simpson and O'Neill. Had a nice little chat and the wife served ice cream and fish.

Harry Jacobs and his girl friend were at my "mansion" visiting a fortnight ago, and we all had a nice little chat and the wife served fish and ice cream.

Got a letter from Bunce and he's in the plumbing business in Franklin. Plumb full of business! Maybe other things, I don't know. Don't get medd, Old Thing.

I wrote to Newell and Newell wrote back, so now we owe nothing to each other, yet. He manages a general store in Sligo. Maybe I said this before; I don't want to remember, but anyhow, this holds good for future remedies.

Got a lovely lace Valentine from Bill Feick. Remember those good, swell doughnuts he used to make—lots of hole and very little goodies. I think he's in Kelleysville, Pa., or thereabouts.

"Brigham" Young is still in Pittsburgh working for the P. R. R., or maybe only working them.

It has been rumored that Big Ben the Bugler is on the Pittsburgh police force; if so, I don't know why.

Am still in the market to hear from some of you birds, but if you can't write, let the wife write. I dare you.

**CO. F., 305th AMMUNITION TRAIN
IN MERCER COUNTY, PENNA.**

By Lean A. Gainster

The holidays are over once more, also the Bonus, or as Bob Daume sez it, "Adjusted Compensation." Say, gang, did you hear the latest rumor? It's a pippen, believest thou me. Senator Brookhart is sponsoring a bill to be known as a "Blanket Pensions System for the World War Veterans." Don't get occited, you wet-runs. Don't rush! There will be lots of time before it goes over. Just remember the first general pension for Civil War Vets didn't appear until 1890 and 1920 before the first for Spanish-American Vets and it was in 1905 that there was the most veterans on the pension rolls.

Would give two cents if some one could put me next to the whereabouts of one Lieutenant Ford. Last heard of he was living in one of the suburbs of Pittsburgh. Ford did his bit with Co. F, thence on the 223rd M. P. C. staff.

Percy B. Chamberlain, another Co. F'er claims Box 398, Everett, Penna.

George McP. Minatree, F Company's 2nd Louie, gets his mail at 653 Munsey Building, Washington, D. C. He states that he is always glad to hear from the boys of the old outfit. Say, Lieutenant, did you ever find that cake of soap you lost at La Claon along about the last of October, 1918?

Like seeing a ghost! Got a card from 1341 North 56th street, City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, Pa., signed Thomas J. Kelly; wants to be remembered to all the boys. Kelly saw the game from the ranks of Co. F.

Old Jack Frost, with his gang of rip-snoters, should be nicely packed away in moth balls, germicides, cootycides or what have you, by now. Who said that? Sergeant, take that man's name; also post a bulletin, that Al Key Hall preserves not prevents.

Conneaut Lake Park, Pa. Lineup fall in on the right. Song, fun and amusement. Golfing, swimming, fishing and dancing, boating, resting, eating and other things too numerous to mention.

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Frank W. Shaffer, better known in F Company as squirrel, crossed my gun sights t'other day. Still the same old mule skinner. Tilling the soil for a living. A real dirt farmer.

Wallace (Honey) Ruff, one time two striper from Co. F, is reported officially as a married man, as well as assistant basketball coach of Fredonia (Pa.) Vocational School. If I remember rightly he was mentioned in last issue as "Commander of Mercer, Penna. American Legion Post Vice," or words to that effect.

Here is a hot tip right out of the old feed box. Jim Struble, Co. F's mule persuader, put me hep to the fact that Clarence Uber, who hails from Mercer, Pa., is contemplating making the leap. Back in the old days at Camp Lee, Clarence fell heir to a Red Cross Kit Bag with a girl's address enclosed; consequently Uncle Sam had to increase the printing of stamps for their benefit. Clarence (Dewie) sprouted two stripes during the fracas while a member of "F," also made a name for himself during the 80th horse show held in Ancy-le-Franc, in December, 1918.

Manny Goldberg! Where did I ever hear that name before? No, folks, this isn't an "ask me another column," so don't start that, but I have seen that name some where in print, and with celebrity, too. What do you think of that? Now I got it. He was a Supply Sergeant in Capt. Rathbone's extinguished Co. "G," better known as the Wagon Company. Lately he got in the lemon or is it limelight, in connection with the French Round the World Flyers Costes and Le Brix when they were forced down on account of snow storm in the vicinity of Sharon, Pa. As the story goes, Manny deluged the flyers with a barrage of Yiddish, while a feminine on-looker remarked, "I didn't know that Mr. Goldberg could speak French so fluently." Many was also highly commended by the Aces for his kindness in assisting them in refueling their plane as well as arranging for its guarding against souvenir hunters.

Run across one of the original 2nd Caisson men, later known as Co. F, 305th Am. Train, Floyd Spangler, of West Middlesex, Pa. Floyd is earning his bread by the sweat of his brow, at the Farrell works of Carnegie Steel Co. Floyd transferred out at Camp Lee to the Corps Engineers. We ran into him again at that glorious rest camp, "Genicart," near Bordeaux.

Jim Struble, Co. F's premier mule skinner, who now hangs his chapeau at 401 Hull street, Sharon, Pa., is brushing up on his Frog; yep, you guessed it. Jim bought himself a Chevrolet Coop. I told him t'other day, if he didn't watch his foot he'd have to get a truck, for he was getting so fat. I told him he would

soon have to diet, and he asked, "What color would I suggest?"

Our old Uncle Sam was good to me the other day, by leaving a nice fat letter at my door. I'll say it was fat, postage four sous.

The sender who holds his relationship with the old outfit, near and dear, was very kind to give me quite a bit of dope, for which I am very thankful. I wish there were more from our gang that would keep me posted as to the strayers.

313th Field Artillery Battery "E"

A letter from the wife of Joe Coffindaffer carries the sad news that Joe is in dry dock out in Denver, Colorado, with a bad case of T. B. He has been there for about two years, having been confined to a Government Hospital for a year and a half. Last year his wife went to Colorado, and has been nursing him since in their own home. He is confined to his bed at present, but expects to be up and around when the warm weather sets in. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

Who of our comrades of the 314th Field Artillery regiment will forget the battle between the two regimental teams in April, 1919, (at Chateau-du-Loir) in which all ranks, from bucks up to Generals, took part? Coffindaffer pitched that game, and had the decision turned against him. Let's let him know that we are still rooting for him. His address is 3304 S. Pennsylvania street, Denver, Colorado.

Ex-Corporal T. Boy Engleby comes to bat with a story of a trip through what was once Camp Lee. He says that the only familiar signs left to identify the old camp site are the concrete roads, and concrete foundations of some of the buildings. Even the old tank has disappeared.

Paul Olson passed through Joe's home town, Roanoke, Virginia, some weeks ago, and Engleby learned later that he and Olson were partaking of a little exercise in the way of bowling, at the same bowling alleys, just a few alleys apart, and neither discovered the other.

L. P. Corbett's barber shop at Reynoldsville, Pa., is still paying him enough dividends to keep the wolf from the door. L. P. has quite a plantation, and tries to keep his weight down by working a garden between shaves. He tips the scale at 225.

Thought I had a nice Easter card from the girl friend in Philadelphia, but it turned out to be from the ex-saddler, William T. Lvnch, who used "to wolk at the shoit woiks, on Thoid street."

Ed. R. Stout is at Johnstown, Ohio, where he is conducting a profitable merchandise business. He has quite a nice home in the country, and from all appearances is getting his share of this world's goods.

Howard B. Strickland is another of our comrades in the merchandise game. His store is near Indiana, Pa. Howard is the proud daddy of another son. He attended the military funeral of our

comrade, Roy S. Juart, at Indiana, last fall.

Any news items of the old outfit will be greatly appreciated, and can be mailed to me at 1629 Mill street, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Sincerely,

Samuel G. Evans.

Supply Company, 314th Field Artillery

It isn't so very often that an apology or explanation is necessary following the announcement of a marriage, but in this instance we believe it is appropriate. In the last issue of SERVICE an account of the marriage of Charles H. Miller, of Wheeling, W. Va., was carried in this column, but the account carried a very grave error in that the name of the young lady who was a party to the agreement was given as Miss Tibbs, we believe, whereas her name is—or rather was—Miss Sarah Elizabeth Stamp. The mere mis-statement of a name to any other kind of contract except that of a matrimonial nature would, we think, be good and sufficient reason for the parties to abrogate the contract. We sincerely hope that in this case the flagrant error did not operate in that direction, because we all want Charlie to "stay married," and we again wish them good luck and happiness. Miller phoned me at my home the other day, but I happened to be out of town, and in the event that the purpose of his call was to "bawl me out," I hasten to make the correction. The bride's name was Stamp. 'Scuse me!

Spent a delightful week-end at the beautiful Dutch Colonial cottage of former Regimental Supply Sergeant, bald-headed- etc., Henry L. Ridge, a couple of weeks ago. The Sergeant lives at Langhorne, Bucks county, Pa. His cottage is most picturesque, and the spacious gardens adjoin the grounds of the Bucks County Courty Club. In fact, his front yard is just a fair "pitch shot" from No. 9 green. Henry is a member of the Board of Governors of this Club, and I think it pertinent to mention that he was the 1927 Club Champion. You just can't keep these Supply Company birds down; that is—keep them down for any length of time. I've seen most of them "down" at one time or other, but what I mean is—they didn't stay down.

The Sergeant "reports" to a very charming wife, and is the father of two sweet little girls—Mary Elizabeth, aged three years, and Charlotte, who is about a year old.

I believe it will be of general interest to all member of the ol' 314th to mention that I saw the former Captain S. L. Ridge, who was a Medical Officer in the Regiment. The Captain now lives in Langhorne.

In passing through Harrisburg a few weeks ago, I took time to phone ol' "Pop" Zeller, who lives at Mount Joy, Pa. "Pop" was not at home. No doubt he was out some place settling some question of international importance, but his good mother told me he had just returned a few weeks prior to that time from Sunny France. Yep, "Pop" went "Over There" with the Second A. E. F. last summer. Suppose he checked up on his handiwork at Lezinnes. Zeller will be

remembered as a real honest-to-goodness "empire-builder." Guess he rebuilt about half the houses in Lezinnes during the winter of 1918-19. Bet "Pop" hated to see pay-day come, because pay-day meant francs, and francs meant cognac, and cognac meant that a fellow would undertake to tear down a stable, or something like that, and then ol' "Pop" would get out his trowel and proceed to repair the damage.

Just by accident I happened to meet a former Supply Company Cook, John Weber, in Philadelphia, recently. Weber is working for the Reading Railroad and lives in West Philadelphia. He expressed himself as being anxious to hear from any of the gang.

Had lunch with Captain Ober in Baltimore, on a recent stop-over in that city. The Captain is as busy as ever, and one can consider himself fortunate, indeed, if he can find the "Skipper" in town. At the present time, his company, Hambleton & Company, is negotiating for the purchase of the Pittsburgh Hotels Company, and it will mean that the Captain will pay frequent visits to Pittsburgh. We hope the deal goes through. He promised to pay a visit to 'Hamilton P. C.' in the Plaza Building, some time soon.

Paid a visit to former Corporal Basil L. Jackson at his home in Portsmouth, Virginia, around Easter. Jack is the same substantial, likeable chap we knew him to be when he was serving as Battery Clerk, and his greeting of me was one of genuine and characteristic hospitality and sincerity. His family is enjoying good health and prosperity, and Basil authorized me to extend wishes for the same to all his former buddies.
W. R. (Perk) Kennedy

314th F. A., WHEELING SECTOR

Captain Graves, formerly of Battery C, was a recent visitor in Wheeling, renewing acquaintances with the ex-members of his Battery.

Ray "Noby" Miller, of Battery C, returned recently from a hunting trip in Canada. He conducts a lunch and soft drink establishment on the line between Wheeling and Benwood.

Burch C. Kiger, formerly of Battery C, visited the office of County Clerk Ray Falland, formerly of Battery E, and enlisted with the benedicts. The bride is a very well-known and charming young lady from Sherard, West Virginia. We extend congratulations and wish them every happiness.

Comrade Meyers, former top Sergeant in the early history of Battery E, was a recent visitor in town. He holds the same rank in an outfit at Fort Meyers, Virginia.

Harry J. Shaw, former cook in Battery E, was also a recent visitor in our town. At present he is in the Radio business.

William Filben, formerly of Battery C, must have profited by his experience at K. P. He is now chief of police of McMechen, West Virginia.

J. Stromp, former Battery clerk of

Battery E, is now located in "little old New York."

Bill McClelland, former Corporal of Battery F, is located in Baltimore, where he is in the employ of the B. & O. R. R.

Palmer V. Boyd, formerly of Company E, 317th Infantry, has returned recently from a tour of Europe. Boyd was transferred to the Third Division for thanking the senders of extra eats from his home town, which was never received by those for whom it was intended. The consumers of same, after the discovery of his letter printed in the home paper, not only robbed him of the food but also the honor of fighting with the famous 80th, according to his claim. He is in the landscaping business here.

Ed. Klee, formerly a Corporal of Battery E, catcher and captain of the baseball team which gave Battery D a hard afternoon's work to win the Regimental championship at Chateau-du-Loir, is the "daddy" of two lovely children. He is employed by the Central Glass Company.

Bill Silverman, former Supply Sergeant of Battery E, is located in Pittsburgh, where he is in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company.

Bill Haberstick, former Corporal of Battery C, was an entrant in the recent A. B. C. Bowling tournament at Kansas City. He also stopped at Detroit for some "suds." He was more successful with the latter, although he enjoys a fine reputation as a bowler. He operates the Musee Bowling Alleys on Main street, Wheeling, W. Va.

B. L. Helfer, former Regimental Sergeant Major, is back in town. He is in the employ of the B. & O.

Had a very enjoyable time recently talking over the old days with former Top-Sergeant Null, of Battery E. He is employed by the Bell Telephone, is


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married, and has two little daughters.
His home is on Wheeling Island.

Homer S. Cunningham.

315th M. G. Bn.

[Editor's Note:—The following letter was received at Headquarters recently, and we believe the tone and spirit of it should be broadcasted to all our members. It displays the beautiful sentiment felt toward our beloved General Brett.]

Hon. D. Paulson Foster, President
80th Division Veterans Association,
413 Plaza Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

After reading of some of the things which the late Brigadier-General Lloyd M. Brett did in life for his boys, would suggest that the members of the 80th Division donate to a fund, and erect a memorial to his memory.

I do not believe there is another man who was as well liked and loved as the late General. Everyone knows he had established an inevitable record as a soldier, and his passing into the realm of "Silent Men of Arms" was mourned by thousands of his boys, including the writer. His lovable spirit and character were the things which to his boys were as to father and son—the bond of friendship which cannot be severed.

Nothing would be more fitting and finer, if in years to come, the next generation could look upon a memorial to a man who was loved and respected by everyone who was fortunate enough to have known him.

Even some of his last words were of "his boys." "I may be a hard-shelled old General," he said, "but my boys haven't forgotten me yet." His boys will never forget him—for there is only one General Brett.

If a drive for funds for a memorial were started, I am sure and convinced that it would go over the top. However, this is only a suggestion, but it would certainly be an inspiration to the younger generation.

Yours sincerely,

H. J. Kendall,
Formerly Wagoner of Headquarters
Company, 315th Machine Gun Bn.

Have You Contributed
to the
General Lloyd M. Brett
Arlington Memorial
Fund?

WITH THE MARINES IN NICARAUGA

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goal and all arms and provisions lost the first words spoken were Gibson's "Let's get on to San Pedro." This remark was typical of all. There was no thought of quitting with the mission unaccomplished. After San Pedro the oars were manned in the recovered boat and the return journey began on diminished rations. But no loss of spirit.

4. Individual acts of sheer heroism are too numerous to mention. Cannon and Davis plunged into a 30-mile current after the capsized boat and recovered it, when an instant's hesitation would have been too late. Wilson carried on without letting the patrol leader suspect that he was a non-swimmer. There was no slacking, no complaining—not even a word of reproach to the Indian guide, though all felt him to be responsible for the heart-breaking loss of motor and supplies. Kelly, Cannon and Davis had returned less than 24 hours previously from a gruelling 22-hour trip under forced march conditions and an almost continuous rain.

5. Unquestionably other men might have accomplished this task but the undersigned does not believe that any other 5 men could have done it so cheerfully or so well. These men know how to think and how to carry their thoughts into successful action. They are the type of men that have created for the Marine Corps its enviable reputation. Without hesitation I recommend them to your consideration for promotion to the next higher grade.

(Signed) M. R. Carroll.

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Honorable Stephen G. Porter, of Pittsburgh, Pa., introduced a Bill No. 11192; in the House of Representatives to establish two United States Narcotic Farms, for the care and treatment of persons now confined in Federal prisons who are addicted to the use of habit-forming narcotic drugs. The Bill also provides that addicts who are not Federal prisoners may be admitted if facilities are available, and permits the States to board addicts who have violated their laws at a Federal Narcotic Farm.

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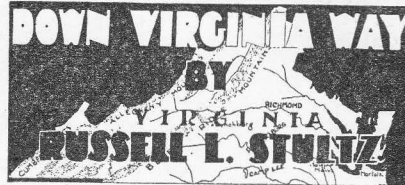
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A marriage of great interest to former members of 315th Machine Gun Battalion took place on March 21, 1928, when Miss Nelle B. Harris became the bride of Robert M. Johnston, formerly of Company C, 315th M. G. Bn.

It was a very beautiful affair, with two hundred and fifty persons in attendance. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. C. Cribbs, in the Ingram Presbyterian Church, Ingram, Pa. On behalf of the members of the 80th Division SERVICE extends congratulations and wishes Comrade Johnston and his lovely bride success and happiness "forever after."

**318th INFANTRY**

"Hurrah for the Irish! So says Comrade Wm. L. Phalen, ex-Sgt., Company E, 318th Inf., who had a double reason for celebrating "St. Patrick's Day" this year. "Bill" is now busy introducing a new "rookie" to the intricacies of "Reveille" and "Taps." Both congratulations and "rookies" are old stuff to "Bill," who now boasts of a pair of recruits in the family. Hope you turn out another championship platoon, old man, like the sort with which you won the 318th Regiment platoon drill a little matter of ten years ago. Sure, champions can "come back."

320th INFANTRY

Comrade J. A. Bosserman, ex-Company D, 320th Inf., may be petit as to physical proportions, but he's proving that size has nothing to do with one's ability to handle francs. "Joe" resigned his post of teller in the First National

Bank, Harrisonburg, Va., effective April 1, to become assistant cashier of the Planters' Bank, Bridgewater, Va. How about a "fiver," buddy? Just a "stake," you know.

314th M. G. BN.

Comrade P. C. Via, of Harrisonburg, Va., who used to check up scores with the 314th M. G. Bn., is establishing quite an enviable record as State Highway police officer down in the "Old Dominion." Just to show that "Via" can mean several things to motorists, this particular Via has recently been made supervisor of highway police for the Shenandoah Valley district of his State. It pays to have your lights bright at both ends of the "flivver" when "P. C." spots your vehicle, 'cause he's becoming a hard-boiled vet 'neverthing.

313th F. A.

Comrade H. M. Clements, Harrisonburg, Va., one-time Mess Sgt., 313th F. A., has recently become a "three-family" man—meaning, of course, that he's now drawing "rations" for a new "recruit" to the ol' mess hall. But he's in the creamery business and lucky, so why should he worry about the H. C. of milk? Yep, he feels very much like being congratulated—it's his first, you know.

Appointment of Major Robert T. Barton, Jr., of Winchester and Richmond, Va., as aide to the Secretary of War for Citizens' Military Training Camps for Virginia, has been announced by Major General Douglas McArthur, commanding general of the Third Corps Area. Major Barton, who is an officer in the 116th Infantry, Virginia National Guard, and a former member of the State Legislature, is best remembered by the 80th as Captain "Bob" Barton, 313th Field Artillery.

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ELEVEN YEARS LATER

April 6, 1928, marked the eleventh anniversary of the entry of the United States into the World War. Though the flight of the years, as the world rolls on through space like a bird on the wing, tends to dim our memories and heal the wounds of ancient animosities, still that morning back in 1917 must recur vividly at this time to the mind of every citizen who was then of a thinking age. Though we saw not then with physical eye, yet to each of us there comes a vivid picture of the Congress of the United States sitting in joint session early on the morning of April 6, 1918, as Woodrow Wilson, standing at the pinnacle of his career, delivered to the legislators his historic message and called upon them for a declaration of war against the Imperial German Government.

Following that meeting of the Nation's highest tribunal, the wires of communication quivered from coast to coast with the momentous message. By noon the word had reached the most isolated community not only in our own country but in every other country of the world. The message, indeed, was expected, but

nevertheless the countless millions who heard it for the first time were both thrilled and stunned. It was the first time in two decades that war drums had sounded in the land—the first time in half a century, truly, that the clouds of armed conflict had loomed with threatening intensity.

Already more than half the peoples of the earth were engaged in the conflict, the mightiest of all ages. Every man recognized that the World War meant a fight to the bitter end, with the power of all scientific knowledge gathered through the years being dissipated in internecine effort. The entry of the United States into this terrific struggle meant that the last barrier standing between us and the Old World affairs had been broken down and crumbled into dust. In that hour we became automatically a member of the family of nations in the earth, bound to all the rest by ties stronger than filial bodies.

Few if any of us realized at the time just how far reaching was to be the influence of our act in casting in our lot on the side of righteousness as we saw it. After the lapse of eleven years, it may be that we still do not fully realize and appreciate our new position in the world. Yet, a consideration of the part that our armies played on the field of battle, and a calm reflection upon those acute reminders which still remain with us, should give us some sense of the full meaning of that grand episode, at once dramatic and tragic, which history calls the World War.

In response to the call of the Chief Executive, the sons of the land went forth to offer their blood and their bodies for an ideal. The coffers of the nation were opened to further the cause and our gold poured forth in a gushing stream. Before the final gun had sounded on the banks of the Meuse, four millions of men were under arms, while the mothers, sisters, and daughters of those legions were adapting themselves to new situations at home and patiently carrying on behind the lines.

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In our celebration of this eleventh anniversary, particularly in the case of those who wear the uniform today, many considerations must enter. There is much upon which to reflect. In the glory that was won by the gallant men of the A. E. F. we take a wholesome pride. To the dead we accord the highest honor and hallow their memory with a consecrated devotion. To the living who still suffer in their bodies the brunt of battle, our hearts go out in an overwhelming sympathy and we are inspired with a desire to wrap them about in a mantle of tenderness and love. To all of them, the living and the dead alike, who carried the banners of democracy through fire to ultimate victory, we acknowledge ourselves indebted to an immeasurable degree. The price of our present prosperity and well being, our place of honor among the nations of the earth, was dearly bought with their blood. As those men fought and died that democracy in its fullest sense—the right of all peoples everywhere to enjoy the fruits of freedom and independence—might continue to flourish in the world, and that wars and strife might cease, we who live today can no more fittingly observe this anniversary than by reverently consecrating ourselves and our living services in the cause for which they gave their all. Men in serried ranks of olive drab strove to make real a long-cherished ideal. We, the successors of those men, who wear that same uniform today can do no less than live so that that ideal shall ever remain the living, vibrant reality which they strove to make it.

Would like to hear from every man that was with Jos. Harris, member of the Pirates, the night he was hurt. He was going from Tonniere, France, to Ancy-le-Franc. I am anxious to get in touch with all who were present on that night, about March, 1919.

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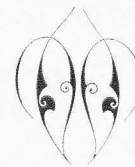


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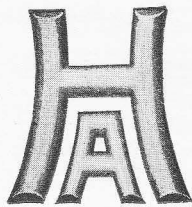
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