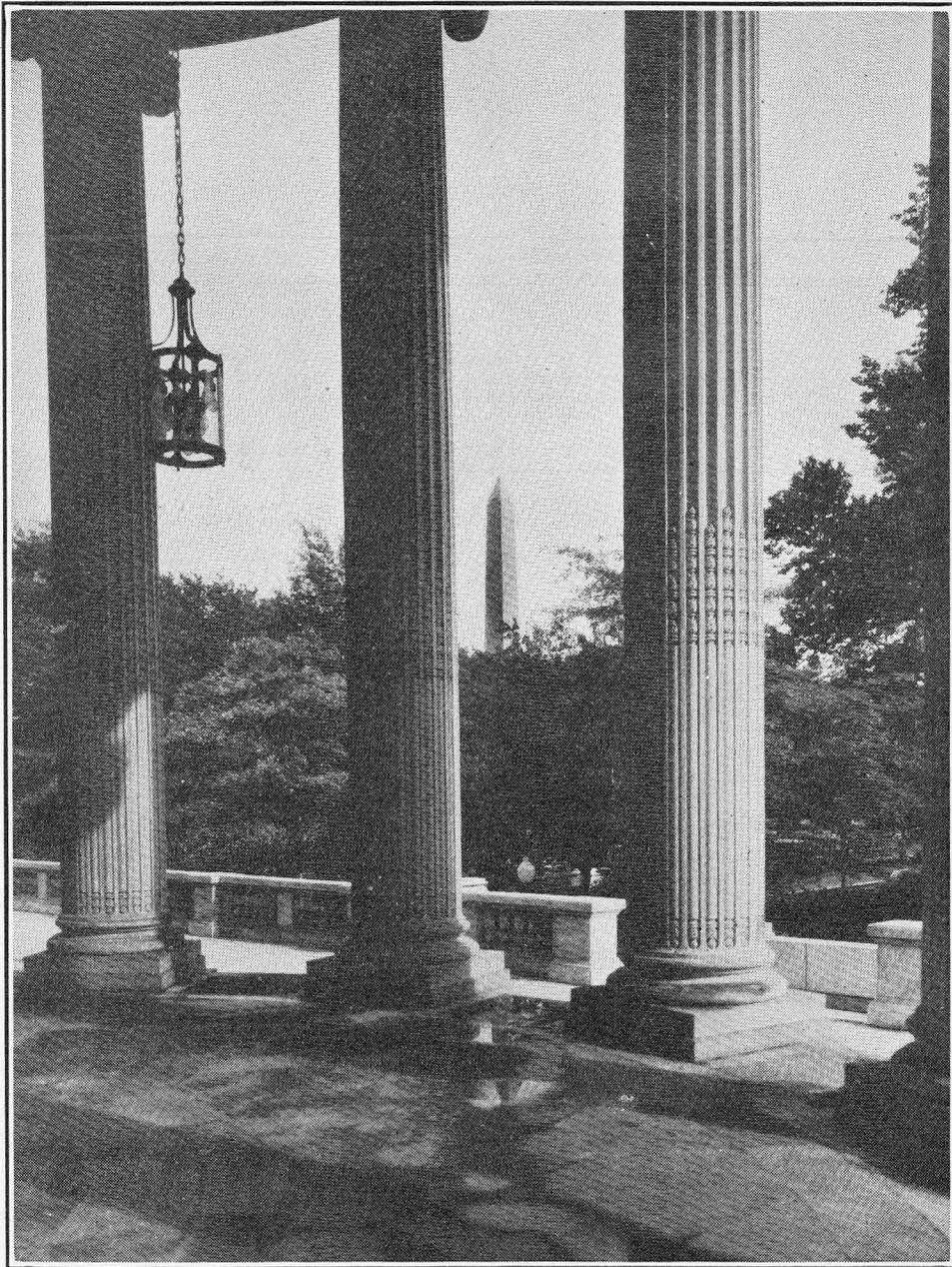




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Washington Monument from the Amphitheater

## THE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

*It is very appropriate that the reunion of the 80th Division Veterans Association should be held in Washington, D. C. August 18, 19, 20, and 21st. This marks the tenth annual meeting and with the Nation's Capitol acting as host, it should be the aim and ambition of every member of our organization to make every effort to be present. The very root of the government, for which many of our comrades made the supreme sacrifice, is located at our convention site. During this reunion many of the veterans will see, for the first time, the Capitol, the White House, and the various governmental buildings which house the different phases of government.*

*On such an occasion the members of the Eightieth Division Veterans Association gather, not only in the spirit of brothers-at-arms but also as a concrete reminder that the 80th Division is a living, breathing organization dedicated to the welfare and happiness of its surviving members and as a memorial to those brave lads who have gone on, after fighting the good fight and to those who are maimed, crippled and disabled.*

*Headquarters for the convention will be at the Raleigh Hotel and hotel reservations should be made at your earliest possible moment, either at the Raleigh or the hotel of your choice in Washington. It is my desire, as the commander of the organization, that a full attendance be on hand to revive the comradeship of 1917 and 1918. I shall look forward with anticipation and pleasure the opening of the reunion that I may have the joy of once again being in the midst of those with whom I had the pleasure of serving.*

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**May 8, 1929**

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**No. 1.**

*During my delightful visit to Pittsburgh last November for the celebration of Armistic Day with the enlisted men of our great Division, it was pointed out on several occasions, that a big error was committed, when the intelligent "Bucks" and "Top Kicks" were not given more of a voice in the training and fighting of the 320th Infantry.*

*That point was well taken, and at this late date, the undersigned is going to correct that error by turning over to THE INTELLIGENT PRIVATES, CORPORALS, SERGEANTS and TOPKICKS, THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TAKING THE NEXT GREAT OBJECTIVE ASSIGNED THE 320TH INFANTRY, namely, THE STORMING OF WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1929. The success of this enterprise will be measured by the strength of units in present locations and the absence of casualties BETWEEN LINE OF DEPARTURE AND THE TENTH ANNUAL REUNION OF THE EIGHTIETH DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION.*

*All that is required in the form of preliminary preparation for the accomplishment of this mission is a rekindling of the OLD SPIRIT and an application of proper individual INITIATIVE in budgeting the pay envelope.*

*Commissioned officers, after OFFERING COUNSEL AND ENCOURAGEMENT, will assemble on the objective on the dates named to applaud the success of this change of policy, and to meet again the MEN WHO MADE THEIR UNITS EFFICIENT, RELIABLE AND FAMOUS ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF FRANCE.*

*Now, Old Timers, sound many warning calls and assemblies and finally TO ARMS, without arms, for the INVASION OF WASHINGTON in August.*

**E. G. PEYTON,**  
Colonel, 320th Infantry (war time.)

# Eightieth Preparing for Tenth Annual National Reunion

Plans of big gathering of Blue Riders in Washington, D. C.,  
August 18 to 21, being completed by committee

**T**HE average person who attends the theatre has a small conception of the weeks and months of effort put in by the directors of the show, the actors, and all who contribute to the details of performance to make it a success. The playgoer

is mainly interested in spending an enjoyable evening. He is not interested in its financial success or failure. It is human to want the best seat in the house, to hope that the ticket seller will make a mistake and give him ten dollars change for a five dollar bill, and to wish that the little dream who is third from the end in the chorus would extend an invitation to go places and brighten her evening after the show.

This attitude is always more or less in evidence during a convention. The entertainment features draw a big attendance, but the business meetings are left to a minority of conscientious souls, who regularly move, and second the motion, that a smaller minority do the work, after which a third very minor minority is conceded the pleasure of finding ways and means to pay the pipers. Nearly everyone goes home happy and waits for another reunion to roll around.

The system is probably more practical than the familiar "Army Channels" of war days. Most of the channels needed dredging and the introduction of steam to speed up the shipping.

The 80th is more fortunate than the other A. E. F. divisions. We know of none that have held nine national reunions since the war, and not one that has ever staged a convention equal in size and organization to some of the nine held by our Blue-Ridge Division. The committees planning an 80th Division reunion have had the experience of others as a guide, and many mistakes are avoided. Each reunion, however, is a new problem governed by the local conditions of the reunion city.

In the past ten years, veteran organizations have found that in the minds of the public and business men, a convention is a convention, whether it is attended by saviours of the nation or the Association Making it Compulsory to Wear Red Neckties. There may be a little more kindly enthusiasm on the part of the public for the former, but if the latter require less financial support and are better spenders the City Fathers send them a nice telegram of invitation together with a hand-colored photograph showing the Mayor wearing a red necktie.

Patriotic enthusiasm has a habit of cooling considerably when it nears the vicinity of the pocket book and gets farther away from the brass band era.

There is no rea-

son to start trying to reform a condition that has been going on since Noah was blamed for saving a lot of unnecessary animals that no one would have missed in any event.

Very generous public support has usually been extended to veteran conventions, but it is reasonable to expect that if there is any benefit as a result of such gatherings, those attending should do their share. The organizations of the war period designed to gather funds and prepare entertainment to keep the soldiers in a pleasant frame of mind so that their thirty dollars a month could be spent for Liberty Bonds and Government Insurance, have plenty to do at present taking care of the unfortunates who suffer from floods, cyclones, tariff and other disasters. Free issues were on the downward trend at the time we were presented with a salvaged uniform, a badly written discharge, and sixty pieces of depreciated currency.

Well, here's the bad news. No doubt the reader felt it coming. Washington has many conventions each year. Its residents are not allowed to vote. Most of them work for Uncle Sam. We who have also worked for Uncle know how this family employment system acts. Is there any chance to have Uncle contribute to a good time for the thousands who naturally come to Washington and have a good time without his assistance?

Uncle is not much different than other Uncles from other cities who invited the 80th to hold its convention on their Main Streets this summer, so don't be too hard on Sam.

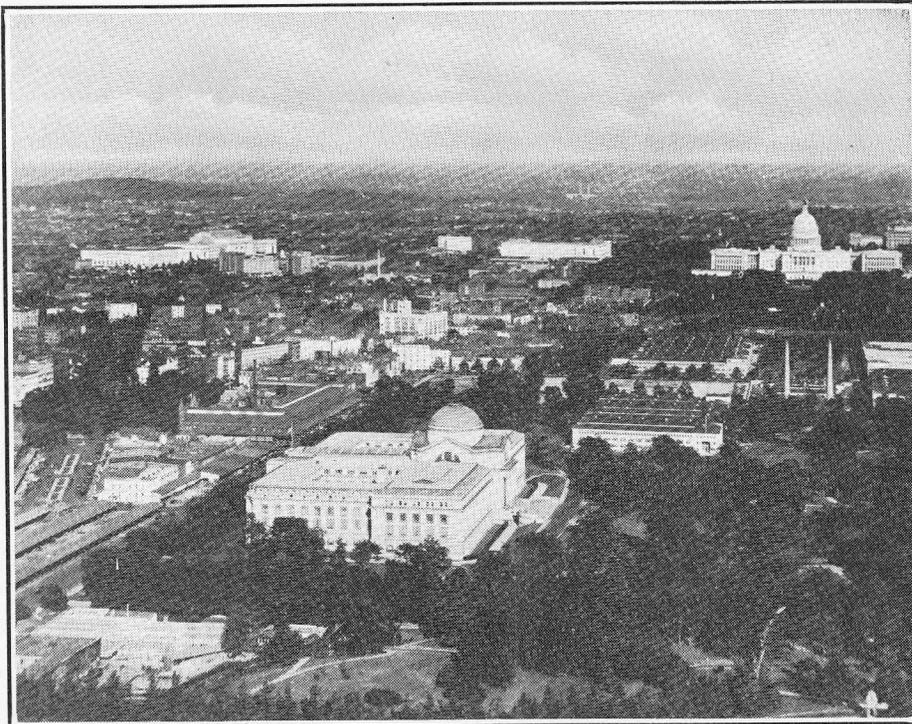
Washington is without a doubt the most central city that has yet been selected for an 80th Reunion. It also unquestionably has the most to offer us in the way of natural entertainment, points of interest and conveniences for a convention of our type. No other city is its equal in beauty, but the problem that has faced the Headquarters of our Divisional Association is that of how to hold a reunion without it resulting in a deficit. In previous years, financial support was

received from the cities inviting the division to meet within its portals. Of the number of invitations received for our 1929 convention, none carried this pleasant news.

Should the 80th surrender on this account and pass up its Tenth Reunion or could the members be relied upon to pay an increased registration fee, every one make it his business to attend and **Register**, and see that his comrades do likewise, in order that the funds thus secured be available to meet the expenses of the affair. Therefore instead of collecting one dollar for registration fee, another two or three dollars for a banquet ticket, and contributing s m a l l



Raleigh Hotel Reunion Headquarters



Aeroview, Washington, D. C.

amounts here and there in an easy painless manner as has been the custom, this year the committee decided to shorten the agony and collect the full amount in one sum, equal to the price of a pint of bad liquor—in other words the registration fee will be \$5.00.

The \$5.00 collected from each one attending the reunion will be used to supply each registrant with a plate and all that goes with it at a first class banquet, a ticket to the 80th Division Dance and Ball, pay for the member's badge and program, defray the expenses of printing, postage, labor etc. connected with reunion notices, entitle the 80th veteran to the reduced railroad fares secured for his benefit; also the reduction in hotel rates; make possible the proper holding of our Annual Memorial Services in Arlington Cemetery, and cover such other entertainment features as may be arranged. It is hoped that all of this can be done on a \$5.00 registration fee providing that everyone who attends, registers. The banquet and other features requiring cash guarantees will be arranged for the number of men who have actually registered and not for any estimated number who may be in the city seeking their comrades and high-hatting other comrades who have already contributed to the financial success of the reunion by registering promptly upon arrival. We know that there is a great need of refreshments during the hot weather, but the registration fee stated above will bring more value for the money in just the one event of the banquet alone.

The Hotel Raleigh has been selected by the Washington Hotel Committee as the Reunion Headquarters. Its central location on Pennsylvania Avenue within a short distance of the more important buildings that one may wish to visit, together with its arrangements in lobby space, registration rooms, Banquet Hall, etc. make it very suitable for a headquarters hotel. One very important advantage that Washington has as a convention city is that of a great choice of first class hotels, all located in groups that are within easy reach of one another, and close to the principal points of interest. The 80th men who register will receive a reduced rate at whatever hotel they decide to stop at, and good accommodations may be had as low as \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day.

Railroad identification certificates for securing the reduced railroad fare are now available at the Association Headquarters in Pittsburgh and may be had by dropping a post card to the Resident Secretary. The excellence of the railroad and transportation lines to Washington, including the highways centering there from all our Blue-Ridge territory do not need explanation.

The matter of entertainment is being well taken care of by a live, active committee of 80th comrades in Washington, whose names are listed at the end of this article. In addition to the Banquet and Ball, there is a possibility of having an air show at Bolling Field, a Cavalry exhibition at Ft. Myer, an Infantry drill parade, as well as other features. There will be no 80th Division parade under the present plans, as it is felt that everyone who attends will have difficulty finding time to meet the schedule already prepared. There is the Capitol to see and inspect, the White House, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, the National Museum, The Pan American Union,

Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Smithsonian Institution, Botanical Gardens, Potomac Park, Corcoran Art Gallery, the National Art Gallery, the National Zoological Park, Rock Creek Park, the War and Navy Building, the Congressional Library, Arlington, Mount Vernon—one has difficulty remembering all of the things that must not be overlooked while visiting the Capitol. No matter how often one has visited Washington there is always something new to see that was missed on the other trips. Annapolis, Baltimore, Gettysburg, Richmond, and a lot of extra territory can be also included in the itinerary of the Washington trip, either before or after the four days of the reunion, and a complete two weeks vacation spent in a very satisfactory and interesting manner.

It is planned to hold one Memorial Service on Sunday, the opening day of the reunion. This will be arranged for the afternoon and will take place in Arlington near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Grave of General Brett, if it is possible to hold it here.

Needless to say, the Washington Committee expects to receive the fullest co-operation on the part of the Army and Navy Departments in connection with the reunion. The Washington Convention Bureau is lending its assistance and by the time August 18th rolls around the 80th will be ready to again go over the top.

There are a number of ways in which the individual member can help increase the attendance and make the affair a greater success. One is by talking and writing about the reunion to his comrades and friends. If he intends to drive to Washington and has room for additional passengers, make known the fact. If he has a good friend who served in another division who wants to come along and join in the 80th festivities, invite him to do so, but see that he registers. Bring the

family, all the relatives and comrades you can gather, be prepared to stay for the entire period of the convention, and don't miss a single one of the events on the program.

The following is a list of the committees made up of our comrades in Washington who are working to put the big 80th Show across in the Nation's Capitol.

**Committee on Banquet**—Erskine Gordon, Chairman; Richard P. Williams, Theodore Cogswell, H. W. Bennett, F. Tracey Campbell.

**Committee on Receptions**—General Briant H. Wells, Chairman; Earl D. Church, C. Fred Cooke, Colonel Ephraim G. Peyton, Colonel W. W. Gordon.

**Committee on Hotels and Housing**—Allen G. Gartner, Chairman; Cornelius H. Bull, Conway W. Cooke, F. A. Nugent, A. W. Yereance.

**Committee on Ball**—Hugh H. Obeare, Chairman; Frederick H. Cox, Andrew W. Litton, G. B. Gill, George D. Tilghman.

**Committee on Transportation and Sightseeing**—Edwin G. Ballinger, Chairman; Ernest E. Boyd, Sidney Boswell, G. B. Gill, Wardon S. Donaldson.

**Committee on Entertainment**—Rufus S. Lusk, Chairman; Cornelius H. Bull, J. C. Robinson, Paul P. Steintorf.

**Committee on Military Entertainment**—Colonel Ephraim G. Peyton, Chairman; Colonel W. W. Gordon.

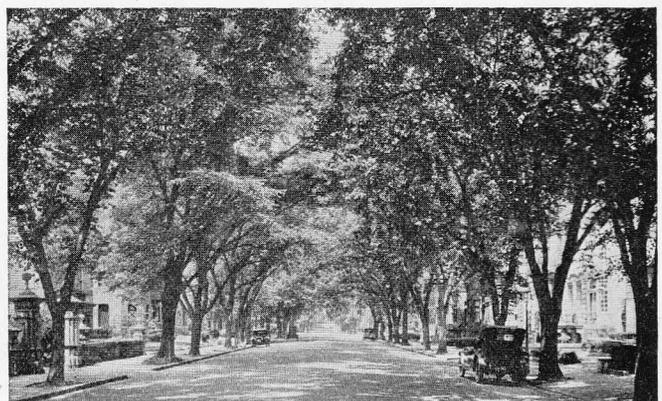
**Committee on Memorial Service**—Richard C. Cruik, Chair-



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*Street Scene*

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**Smithsonian Institution**—Open daily from 9 to 4:30, including holidays. Smithsonian Grounds, 7th and B Sts., S. W.

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**New Lincoln Memorial**—Potomac Park, near River.

**Arlington National Cemetery**—Open daily, Sundays included, from sunrise to sunset. Trolley cars leave station 12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., hourly.

**Lincoln Museum**—516 Tenth Street N. W. (House in which President Lincoln died.) Open all day.

**New National Museum**—Open daily from 9 to 4:30. Sundays 1:30 to 4:30. Smithsonian Grounds, 10th and B Sts., N. W.

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**Corcoran Art Gallery**—17th Street from New York Avenue to E Street. Open daily from 9:30 to 4, from September 1st to July 1st. Sundays afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30.

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**Pan American Union Building**—17th and B Streets, N. W. Open from 9:30 A. M. to 2:30 P. M.

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**Mount Vernon**—Home of George Washington. Sixteen miles south of Washington, on the Virginia shore of the Potomac. Reached by trolley from 12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, and steamer from Seventh Street wharf.

**Tomb of Washington**—Mount Vernon.

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- Wharves and Docks
- Three Mile Oak
- The Liberty Tree

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Annapolis, Md. ....	34.7
Atlantic City, N. J. ....	199.7
Baltimore, Md. ....	40.5
Charlottesville, Va. ....	145.3
Colonial Beach, Va. ....	110.0
Cumberland, Md. ....	142.0
Fairfax, Va. ....	20.3
Frederick, Md. ....	51.2
Fredericksburg, Va. ....	55.1
Gettysburg, Pa. ....	85.3
Great Falls, Md. ....	15.4
Hagerstown, Md. ....	76.7
Harpers Ferry, W. Va. ....	70.5
Havre de Grace, Md. ....	81.6
Laurel, Md. ....	20.0
Leesburg, Va. ....	42.4
Luray, Va. ....	99.3
Mt. Vernon, Va. ....	16.7
New Market, Va. ....	114.0
New York, N. Y. ....	242.5
Norfolk, Va. ....	174.8
Ocean City, Md. ....	143.0
Philadelphia, Pa. ....	140.7
Pittsburgh, Pa. ....	241.6
Quantico, Va. ....	43.0
Richmond, Va. ....	115.5
Rock Point, Md. ....	55.9
Staunton, Va. ....	175.5
Warrenton, Va. ....	51.7
Wilmington, Del. ....	119.5
Winchester, Va. ....	70.9

**RAILROAD INFORMATION**

This year, as in the past, various railroads throughout the country have granted a fare and one-half rate for the round trip to the association members who will attend the 10th Annual National Reunion of the Division which will be held in Washington, D. C., August 18th to 21st inclusive. All that is necessary is that you write 80th Headquarters for the Identification Certificate which covers not only the member but also dependent members of the family. Tickets must be used on same railroad in both directions. Children of 5 years and under 12 years of age when accompanied by parent or guardian will, under like conditions, be charged one-half of the fare for adults. Members are advised when presenting the Identifications Certificate to Ticket Agents to state which class of ticket is desired, since the fare and one-half basis ticket will bear final return limit of August 27th, whereas the fare and three-fifths basis ticket will be good returning for 30 days in addition to date of sale. The later ticket on the one and three

fifths basis will be slightly higher, but if the members desire to avail themselves of the opportunity of obtaining the longer stop-over period, they can do so by paying the slight difference in this class of ticket.

The various railroads will place the tickets on sale from August 15th to August 21st. The return portion of the ticket must be validated at Washington, D. C., by ticket agent at the regular ticket window of the lines over which tickets reads to Washington. Tickets will be good for return, leaving on any day within final limit; however, members must reach starting point within the transit limit shown on the ticket. Don't fail to write for your Identification certificate immediately.



*Pennsylvania Avenue*

# PASSING IN REVIEW

By *FAY A. DAVIS*

# CLOCKWORK! OVER THE CUP!

## CLOCKWORK

**W**HAT a thrill I got as I watched a man overhaul a set of eight time clocks from the doors of a safe deposit vault. With the skill and precision of an artist, he picked wheels, cogs, screws and bolts from the clocks with the abandon that you and I would pick the kernels from a hickory nut. An alert eye, sharp as a tack, he had about himself that effervescent something called confidence. Spread out before him on a green baze table top was a pile of tiny springs, cogs, washers and other minute accessories that seemed tamed to do his bidding. To me it looked like a hopeless jumble of junk. Without wasting a moment, he opened a kit of tools and started to work. With a piece of oiled-cheesecloth, he cleaned the parts and put them together again. Almost before I realized it, the job was done. He grabbed up his kit of tools and hurried away to catch a train for another city.

He was a man of action and few words. However, I learned from him, when he observed the service button in the lapel of my coat, that he had served in France in the Intelligence Department of the Canadian Army.

## OVER THE CUP

**A**T, MAC and I were soldiers together. We were tucked under a tarpolin one November night, the three of us, in a shellhole at Fleville.

Says Pat, to himself, along toward morning, "I must have a guzzle of java to warm my throttle."

Mac, pounding his ear like a saxophone at bay, was rudely awakened by Pat playing reveille on his ribs with his fist.

"It's Pat," says I to Mac. "The Irish coyotte—he's howling for java."

"This stuff in your haversack," says Pat to me, "looks like French coffee." "What is it, anyway?"

"It's Postum," says I to Pat.

"Postum!" and what's that?" says Pat to me. "Do you inhale it or inject it?"

"It's a drink," says I.

"Certainly!" agreed Mac, although neither of us had ever indulged.

By the flickering light of a candle, that dark night in France, three java hounds were converted.

Not long ago I met Pat on the street, the first time since I bid him goodbye in uniform. He looked as fresh as a peach blossom. The old nervous twitch had disappeared from his face and he wore a boyish grin. We talked awhile of days "Over There" when suddenly Pat discovered we were standing in front of a coffee shop.

"Let's have a gargle," says Pat to me.

"You know," says Pat as we straddled a stool, "some folks make a terrible racket about the hardships they've been through. They don't know the half of a soldier's life. It's ten years now since we tramped the troubled terrain of Sunny France and Mac, the old culprit, I wish he was h——"

"The waiter!" grasped Pat, lounging across the counter at the man in the white coat. "The waiter, the waiter!"

The waiter stared at the two of us dazed, amused, almost frightened.

"What a chance!" he exclaimed at last. "Make it Postum, boys—the treat's on Mac!"

**Professional and Business men of the 80th "enlist" in the Directory on inside front cover. Let the members know what you are doing.**

## OBSERVATIONS

Comrade Kohnfelder, of the 320th Medical Detachment, was met at East Liberty Station by a welcoming committee of one, on his recent return from France, and Europe in general. The welcoming committee was, in reality, on its way to the work-a-day world, and was automatically detailed via sign language from a pullman car window. Kohnfelder, plus his foreign looking baggage, and accompanied by the singular committee, detrained at Pennsylvania Station, Pittsburgh. It is rumored the committee is now eligible for honorary membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary.

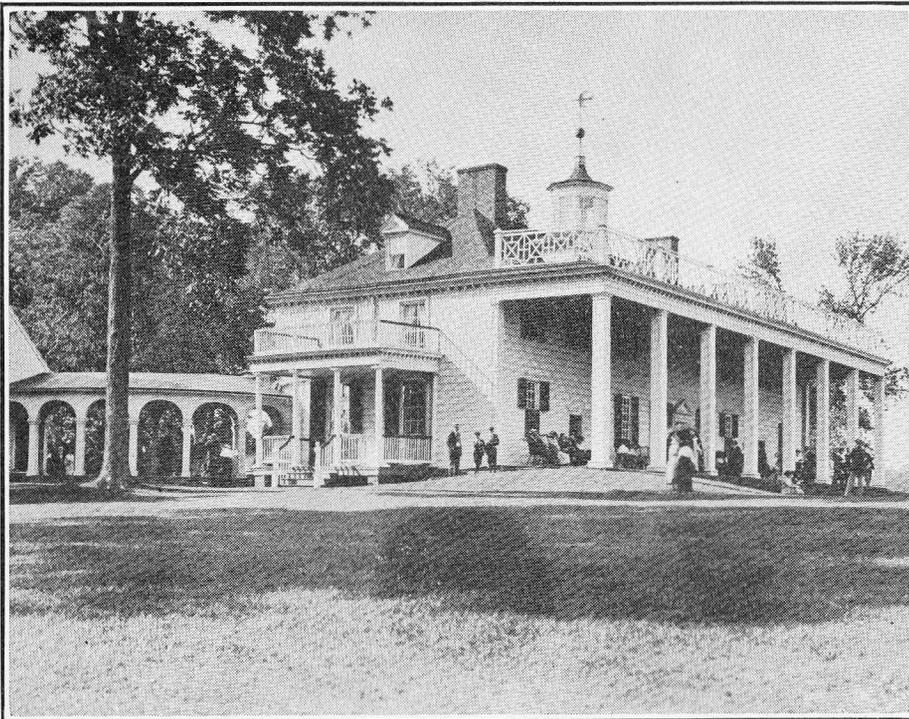
Among the very late book publications is one, a translation from the German, "All Quiet—On the Western Front." It tells of the life of our friend, the enemy, in the German line, and calls a spade, a spade. A mighty interesting volume, if you should happen to ask. "The Case of Sergeant Grischa," another translation from the German, has the power to grip and hold your interest to the very last page.

Referring again to company and separate unit reunions, one was recently held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, when three former commanding officers of that special infantry outfit were present. One journeyed here from Richmond, Va., another from Washington, D. C., and the third from Hartford, Conn. Such interest speaks for itself.

During the day of the sale of Buddy Poppies in Pittsburgh, a little, old, shabbily dressed woman was seen hunting through her worn-out purse for change to buy a Buddy Poppy. She dropped her mite in the young lady's money box, and was given a Poppy. Tears were running down her wrinkled and faded cheeks, as she gently caressed her token; continuing on her way, seemingly caring nothing for what might be taking place among the hurrying throng about her. The real story must go untold, but the incident was sacred.

—A. Doeboy.

**Some members are getting subscribers—some are getting advertising from their friends—some are contributing news articles—what are you doing?**

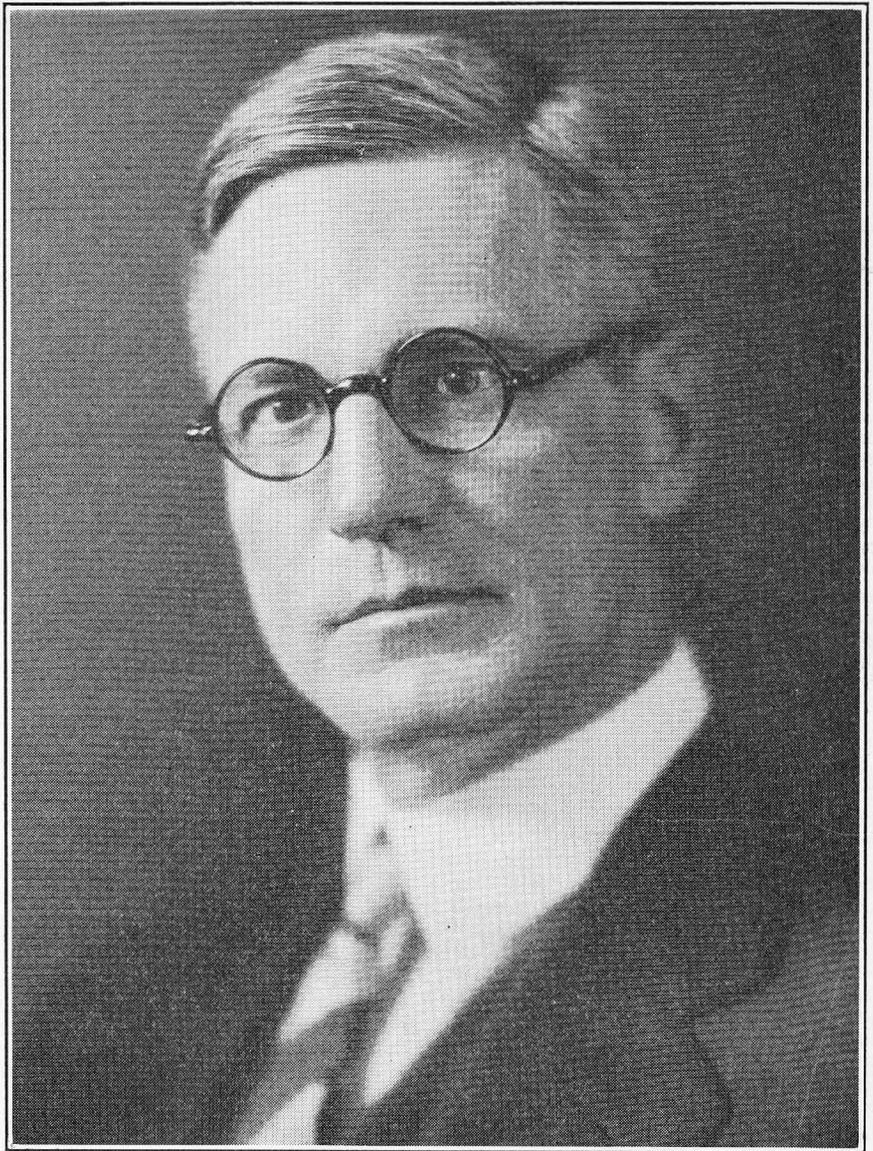


Mount Vernon

## General Chairman for Tenth Annual Reunion

**L**IEUTENANT-COLONEL ASHBY WILLIAMS, U. S. A., retired, has been appointed General Chairman of the Tenth Annual National Reunion of the 80th Division Veterans Association to be held at Washington, D. C., August 18 to 21, 1929. Colonel Williams was born June 18, 1879, in Stafford County, Virginia, the son of Thomas and Susan E. (Rockefeller) Williams. He was educated at Oberlin College, Ohio, and the University of Virginia, graduating from the University of Virginia in 1906 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He practices law in the City of Washington and has been a resident of the District of Columbia since 1919, and is a member of the Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C., Phi Kappa Sigma and Delta Chi Fraternities. He has two children, Ashby, Jr., (1912) and Elizabeth (1916). He was commissioned Captain, Infantry, U. S. A., May 11, 1917, promoted to rank of Major, Infantry, U. S. A., Sept. 1, 1918; promoted to rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, Infantry, U. S. A., June 22, 1919. He commanded "E" Co., 320th Infantry, 80th Division, on the British Front, south of Arras, France; commanded 1st Battalion, 320th Infantry, 80th Division, in St. Mihiel Drive, Sept. 12-13, 1918, and in Meuse-Argonne battle, Sept. 26 to Nov. 8, 1918; discharged Jan. 20, 1920. He was a member of the War Department Board of Contract Adjustment, June 22, 1919 to June 30, 1920. Author of "Williams' Corporation Laws of Virginia," 1909, and "Experiences of the Great War," 1919. His home is at 1709 M. St., N. W., Washington, D. C., and his office 1001 15th Street, N. W., Washington.

Colonel Williams has always been interested in the activities of the 80th Division and is a loyal booster of the Association. His untiring efforts in making plans for the Washington Convention assures us of a successful affair.



LIEUT.-COLONEL ASHBY WILLIAMS

*My dear Comrades:—*

*On behalf of the Reunion Committee, I most cordially invite you and your families and friends to attend the Tenth Annual Reunion of the Division which will be held in Washington, D. C., on August 18th-21st, 1929.*

*Washington, more than any other place at which the Reunion has heretofore been held, is conveniently accessible to all Units of the Division, and this should, therefore, be a real Division Reunion. Besides, Washington itself is a most beautiful and interesting City, and Arlington and Mount Vernon are especially beautiful and inspiring.*

*We will do all in our power to interest and entertain you. There will be a Memorial Service at Arlington, a trip to Mount Vernon, a banquet, a ball, and other interesting and entertaining features.*

*Make this your vacation time and come because your old comrades will be looking for you.*

*Cordially and sincerely,*

ASHBY WILLIAMS,  
*Chairman, Reunion Committee.*

# The Third Corps in the Meuse-Argonne

## A Critical Study

By JENNINGS C. WISE, COL., F. A., O. R. C.

IT IS not necessary here to set out in details the situation and mission of the First American Army in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. Suffice it to say it was assigned the task of breaking through the enemy's successive fortified zones including the Kriemhilde-Stellung, or the Eastern Continuation of the Brunhilde Stellung of the Hindenburg line, on the front Briailles-Romagne Sous Montfaucon-Grandpre, and thereafter, by developing pressure toward Mezieres, insure the fall of the Hindenburg line along the Aisne River in front of the Fourth French Army, which was to attack the west of the Argonne Forest.

The task was a serious one. The Meuse-Argonne front had been practically stabilized in September, 1914, and, except for minor fluctuations during the German attacks on Verdun in 1916 and the French counter offensive in August, 1917, had remained unchanged since the early days of the war. "The net result of the four years' struggle on this ground was a German defensive system of unusual depth and strength and a wide zone of utter devastation, itself a serious obstacle to offensive operations."\*

Up to the eve of the great offensive, the Vth German Army, Von Der Marwitz, consisting of five divisions—the 7th Reserve, 117th, 1st Guard, 2nd Landwehr, and 9th Landwehr manned the section between the Meuse and the Argonne. For the most part these were relatively inferior troops, even the 1st Guard Division which had been roughly handled on the Marne having been assigned to the Vth Army to rest and reconstitute.\*\*

Opposite Von Der Marwitz there was deployed from right to left in the order named, the Third Corps, Bullard, with the 33rd, 80th and 4th Divisions in line; the Fifth Corps, Cameron, with the 79th, 37th and 91st Divisions, and the First Corps, Liggett, with the 35th, 28th and 77th Divisions. Each Corps had one division in reserve, and the Army held three divisions as a general reserve. About 2,700 guns, 189 small tanks, 142 manned by Americans, and 821 airplanes, 604 manned by Americans, were concentrated in support.

Thus it is seen that the Americans had a superiority in guns and aviation, while the enemy had no tanks.†

It would be utterly impossible to form an accurate judgment of the operations of the Third Corps without an understanding of the battle terrain, and even with the best available maps there is danger of overlooking the influence of factors which do not appear from them. Maps, at best, can only serve as an aid. Even for one who has actually surveyed the ground with the curtain of battle lowered, and from both sides with it

raised, there must ever remain the danger of nature's camouflaged pitfalls.

The no-man's-land which separated the Third Corps from the enemy was a swampy bottom along the northern bases of the famous Le-Morte Homme, and Hill 304, through which coursed the Rau de Forges to the Meuse. From Forges at the confluence of this brook with the river, the German outpost line which had latterly replaced the Hagen Stellung on the slopes behind, ran along the north bank through Bethincourt at the center, to Malancourt on the left, a distance of about 15 kilometers. The two narrow streamlets constituting the Rau de Forges that trickled through the bottom west of Bethincourt, in wet weather converting it into a bog, united at that point to form a single stream about 15 feet wide. From the French position but two roads led forward to the German position—one from Germanville via Chatancourt to Bethincourt, east of the Morte Homme, the other from Esnes past Hill 304 toward Malancourt. On the extreme right trails led toward Forges. Needless to say all these routes were much cut up and there remained no bridges across the Rau de Forges.

Beyond the outpost line the sector of the Third Corps was bounded on the east by the Meuse and on the west by a road running northward from Malancourt to Cuisy, Septsarges, Nantillois and Cunel. It narrowed rapidly by reason of the northwesterly course of the Meuse. Within this sector a series of four lofty ridges with intervening partially wooded valleys trended eastward, the slopes and valleys even in their natural state lending themselves admirably to machine gun defense. Skillful German engineers had not failed to improve with their art the four commanding positions which nature itself had marked out.

First there was the outpost line that has been described. In September 1918 the stream and the bog in its front were serious obstacles.

Along the elevations beyond including the Bois de Forges on the east, Hill 281 north of Bethincourt, and the ridge immediately south of Cuisy, lay the powerful first line of resistance, known as the Hagen Stellung Nord—a system containing two lines of trenches with deep dug-outs and concrete pill boxes. The Hagen Stellung continued westward from Cuisy through the Bois de Malancourt and the Bois de Montfaucon in front of Montfaucon in the Fifth Corps Sector.

From one and a half to four kilometers in rear the Volker Stellung lay along the heights of Montfaucon and Hill 295 north of Septsarges, and passing through the elevated Bois de Septsarges continued eastward to the Meuse between the Bois de Sachet and the Bois d'en Dela, north of the Bois Jure and the Bois Rond. This, of course was but a secondary line of resistance which was designated as the Corps Objective in the attack of September 26th.

The third, or withdrawal system was the Kriemhilde Stellung which we have seen was the Army Objective. This system embraced two exceptionally strong lines of fortified positions, the southernmost including the heights immediately

north of Dannevoix, Briailles, the Bois de Fays, the Bois des Ogons and Wood 250. West of Briailles it lay at an average distance of three kilometers from the Volker Stellung. The other line, six kilometers to the north, ran from Dun-sur-Meuse to Andevanne. Between the two at the left lay Cunel and the Cunel-Briailles Road which were both fortified.

Fortunately the naturally strong positions which had been thus organized were held but lightly, the 7th Reserve Division confronting the 33rd, and the 117th Reserve Division the 80th and 4th Divisions. But there were two outstanding natural features without the sector which afforded great aid to its defense. Immediately east of the Meuse the dominating heights about Consenvoye not only protected the enemy's left but gave him positions on which powerful artillery had been emplaced to sweep every ridge and valley beyond the river with oblique fire. And immediately adjacent to the sector on the left in the line of the Volker Stellung loomed the towering, strongly fortified heights of Montfaucon, affording perfect observation of the whole. Thus, it is seen the Third Corps was called upon to advance across a series of ridges over an area within which no secrets could be hidden from Consenvoye and Montfaucon, not only frontally against fortified successive positions, but with intervening strong points, covered by fire from both flanks.

In an advance of 15 kilometers to the Kriemhilde-Stellung the Corps must depend on two forward communications. The right leading from Bethincourt by way of Gercourt to Dannevoix was to be shared by the 80th and 33rd Divisions until the latter could prepare a crossing at Forges, and the left by the 4th with the 79th Divisions. Moreover, beyond the Rau de Forges, the only practical lateral communications were the dirt trails from Bethincourt to Cuisy, from Cuisy to Gercourt, and from Dannevoix to Septsarges.

The general plan called for the Corps artillery to commence the preparation at 11:30 P. M., September 25th, for the army artillery to join in at 2:30, and for a dense barrage to fall at 5:30 A. M. on the 26th and roll forward shortly thereafter. The crossing of no-man's land was also to be covered by an overhead machine gun barrage laid on the German outpost positions. So soon as the infantry had crossed the Rau de Forges, captured the outposts, and carried the Hagen Stellung Nord, the light artillery of the 80th and 4th Divisions under cover of the corps and divisional heavies was to move forward to positions from which to support the attack upon the Volker Stellung, or the Corps Objective. It was evident, therefore, that if the divisional artillery was to get forward quickly, detailed and abundant preparations in advance for the crossing of the Rau de Forges were necessary. In fact, no more serious problem than this confronted the Third Corps. Nor was it one the solution of which could be left to the attacking divisions, since under the Army and Corps plans they were not to be assembled behind their battle positions until

\*Final Report, Commander-in-Chief, A. E. F., Pg. 43.

\*\*The Last Four Months, Maurice; The American Army in the European Conflict, De Chambrun and De Marenches; The German and American Order of Battle, Sept. 25 to Nov. 1, 1918 C. S. Intelligence Section, A. E. F.

†Ibid.

the eleventh hour. Until then it would be impossible for the combat engineers to begin work. It will be shown adequate preparations were now made by the Corps staff.

So much for the task set the Third Corps, and the manner it was planned to perform it.

To the Third Corps had been assigned as Chief of Staff one who presumably was highly versed in the accepted tactical doctrines and staff system of the A. E. F., having served throughout the winter of 1917-18 as Director of the Army General Staff College.\* The universal testimony is that he was an exceedingly ambitious man, and impatient to manifest qualifications for high command, an opportunity for which now presented. At the outset his influence with his former pupils, (now serving as general staff officers with the divisions) was undoubtedly potent. Nor was it unnatural in view of his long association with foreign staff authorities, that he should have entered upon his task with a large conception of the control of operations which a corps staff was entitled to exercise; nor that he should minimize the freedom to be allowed the divisional commands. Experience only can bring about an exact adjustment between the functions of staff and command. At any rate his training both with the Prussian Army and as Director of the Staff College had not tended to lessen a naturally dictatorial cast of mind.

The Corps Commander himself, was undoubtedly a man of force and character entitled by every consideration of training and past service to the command entrusted to him. Of this there was undoubtedly general agreement among his superiors and inferiors alike. From now on events themselves must be allowed to disclose the capacity which he developed as a tactical leader.

In making a critical study of the operations of the Third Corps in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, the student has access not only to certain indisputable battle records that are now available, but, with the appearance of Gen. R. E. Lee Bullard's reminiscences, evidence of the contemporaneous ideas, impressions and conclusions of the Corps Commander as well. As a rule the critic is compelled to rely either upon one or the other. But here we have a general interpreting his actions by notes which bear all the ear marks of being contemporaneous.† They do not fail to help one understand both him and the operations which he directed.

Of the Third Corps, Gen. Bullard wrote:

"My corps was to attack northward on the west side of the Meuse having in line, from right to left, the 33rd Division (General George Bell), the 80th Division (General Cronkhite), and the 4th Division (General J. L. Hines). Behind this front line in the attack were to be

\*Brigadier-General Bjornstad. Previously Military Attache and Observer with the German Army.

†Personalities and Reminiscences of the War. Bullard, p. 267-268.

‡Bullard, p. 270.

§From now on it is impossible to rely on individual contemporaneous operations reports, and the earlier division and other histories, which are necessarily based on them. As is always the case, minor units, each thinking every other one has gone astray, and often themselves lost, in the pride of achievement set up the most conflicting claims. When, however, such material is studied as a whole the major errors become obvious, and it is possible to trace the actual movements of the larger units, at least, with practical accuracy.

held in reserve two divisions, my old 1st Division under General Summerall, and another which I have forgotten. These two reserve divisions were placed near the Meuse on account of anticipated danger from the enemy's right bank (of the Meuse) position on my right flank as we should advance. The 4th Division was to have the most difficult task in passing an enemy's strong point at Montfaucon, in being unmasked as it advanced against the enemy's artillery fire from east of the Meuse, and in approaching the enemy's position, which was known to be a very strong one. The two right divisions, the 33rd and the 80th, after a certain advance would, according to the plan, find themselves against the Meuse River and were then to halt and face this river, forming a line of protection along the left bank against possible enemy attack from the east, while the 4th Division continued its advance."

"The troops had been gathering and preparing for two weeks. It was the night of September 25th. Everything that I could do had been done. I went to bed without worry."

"The 33rd was an Illinois division. I had served with its National Guard basis for long months upon the Rio Grande, in 1916, and knew it as reliable. It was, besides, commanded by a regular officer, General George Bell, known to the whole Regular Army as perhaps the most exacting inspector general that was ever in it. The division had been serving with the British and I found it in excellent morale, condition and equipment. With the soldiers who composed it, its equipment and the general commanding it, I felt perfectly sure that it would do what was expected of it."

"The 80th Division I did not know at all, but I was told that it contained many North Carolinians, who, with me at least, always have the reputation of being very steadfast, reliable soldiers, not unlike the Pennsylvanians whom I had just been commanding on the Vesle."

"The 4th Division was a Regular Army division of already established reputation as a fighting machine. It was commanded by General John L. Hines, who had served under me as a colonel and a brigadier general in the 1st Division—a driving, hard-fighting, unrelaxing soldier."

The foregoing description of his corps is important in its bearing upon the Corps Commander's knowledge of the human factors with which he was called to deal; also upon the psychology of the situation, itself an influence upon which the critical historian must often rely for a true explanation of events. We find in it several errors. The Third Corps did not have two divisions in reserve, but only one, and that was the 5th Division. Nor was the 80th or Blue Ridge Division, composed largely of North Carolinians but principally of Virginians, West Virginians, and Pennsylvanians as indicated by its name.

We commence then with the unavoidable conclusion that Gen. Bullard was not accurately impressed either with the composition or nature of his command to which he was, of course, no less a stranger than its elements were unfamiliar to him. In the nature of things, however, that is in view of the hasty initial organization of the First American Army, this was unfortunately, in great measure an unavoidable consequence.

Bell, Cronkhite and Hines, labored

under no such disadvantage, each having molded the character of the troops which he was to lead with the exception that to the 33rd Division was attached the 52nd F. A. Brigade in lieu of its own artillery.

Bullard next tells us that before the attack he called together his division commanders and told them that in every fight in which he had thus far taken part we had heard division, brigade and regimental commanders excuse their failures to continue to advance by blaming the units on their flanks for failing to come forward with them. "I shall take no such excuse on this occasion," he added. "Each of your divisions maintains its reserve for the very purpose of protecting your flanks."‡

This somewhat gratuitous admonition was at least sound in so far as it was designed to discourage recriminations within the Corps, but it was unsound in so far as it discouraged co-operation through fear of calling on the Corps for the co-ordination of the common effort. It at once placed the Corps Command and Staff, in a sense, beyond the free call of the subordinate commands and staffs which were quick to see that they were going to be judged by the position of the front line, and not in the light of the obstacles which might be encountered. Thus, it is seen, that at the very outset the hard driving Prussian tactical doctrine—"get forward"—had been misconstrued by Bullard and Bjornstad in a fundamental particular, for above all else the Prussians encouraged co-operation on the battlefield.

#### THE FIRST PHASE

September 26th—October 3rd, 1918

The artillery preparation was intensely thorough. On schedule time the three divisions, each with two regiments, echeloned by battalions, moved forward.§

As may be expected liaison in the front line broke down almost immediately in the heavy fog of the morning and beneath the pall of battle. Fortunately, however, the spirit of resistance along the outpost line and the Hagen Stellung Nord on the first ridge beyond, had been crushed by the appalling artillery preparation so that there was virtually no opposition encountered within the first three kilometers of the advance. In almost every instance the enemy troops which remained in the forward positions gave up willingly.

Advancing under cover of the heights along the west bank of the Meuse past Forges, the 33rd Division met its first serious check before the Bois de Forges. And on the great massif of Hill 281, squarely in the path of the 80th Division, German machine gunners, hiding in the labyrinth of their works as usual until the front line had swept past them, emerged to fire from the rear upon the advancing troops until mopped up by the supporting battalions.

From Hill 281 the terrain sloped northward in open meadows to the Bois de Sachet in which, as in the Bois de Forges opposite the 33rd Division, the Bois Jure on the right of the 80th, and the Bois d'en Dela on its left, the enemy first showed a disposition to maintain themselves. Shortly after 9:00 a. m., however, the 33rd Division pushed through the Bois de Forges, its left soon reaching Gercourt et Drillancourt. From that point it drove the enemy from the eastern edge of the Bois Jure, and before 10:30 a. m. reached the Corps Ob-

jective in the Bois Rond with trifling losses.

Meantime the 80th Division, the right of which had approached the Bois Jure from the southwest after forcing its way through the Bois de Sachet, had been held up south of the Dannevoux-Sept-sarges Road in front of the Volker Stellung which, as we have seen, passed between the Bois de Sachet and the Bois d'en Dela.

On the left, the 4th Division reached the Hagen Stellung Nord along the Cuisy Ridge at 9:30 a. m. Here, where the front line was to be leap-frogged by fresh troops, a long delay in the advance occurred while efforts were being made to find one of the relieving units which had lost its direction in the fog of the early morning. Wandering over into the sector of the 79th Division it had become seriously involved with the enemy in that quarter.\*

Although it has been said that the halt of the 4th Division here was unnecessary,† it is exceedingly doubtful if this is true. The mere fact that the supporting units found the enemy on the immediate flank of the 7th Brigade far in front of Montfaucon would seem to indicate a situation prohibiting the complete uncovering of the left flank of the Third Corps. A study of the ground shows that Cuisy, lying in a narrow valley between ridges to the north and south at the junction of every possible communication in this quarter, was under direct observation and fire from Montfaucon.

The truth is, the more complicated works of the Hagen Stellung, on the left of the Third Corps, had proved a stumbling block for the Fifth Corps. The 79th Division, meeting with strong resistance at the jump-off from the trenches in the Bois de Malancourt and the Bois de Montfaucon, had early become widely separated from the rolling barrage, and had not reached Avocourt when the 7th Brigade on its right reached Cuisy. It must be obvious, therefore, that so long as the enemy remained in the Volker Stellung at Montfaucon, to say nothing of the Hagen Stellung immediately adjacent to the Third Corps sector, they could not be ignored by the 4th Division. Moreover, even had the 4th Division thrown a bridge across the Rau de Forges and the Esnes-Malancourt-Cuisy road been passable for the supporting artillery, it would have been completely commanded by the enemy throughout the morning of the 26th.‡

Upon reaching the Corps Objective the 33rd Division, there naturally crowded out of the advance, was supposed to consolidate its position along the Meuse. This it did while the 52nd F. A. Brigade pounded the enemy on the east bank from its position south of the Rau de Forges. In the center, the 80th Division continued to work forward, now greatly

\*History 4th Division, Bach and Hall, p. 164. It was 3:00 p. m. before this battalion was able to disengage itself and reach its proper position.

†History 4th Division, Ibid.

‡In the History of the 4th Division it is declared that the 4th Division, even though it possessed no communications with the rear and no artillery support, could have reached the Army Objective on the 26th had it not been required to halt at Cuisy.

§In recognition of this brilliant exploit Col. George L. Spalding, was almost immediately advanced from Chief of Engineers, 80th Division to Chief of Engineers, Third Corps, and soon to Chief of Engineers First Army.

¶Personalities & Reminiscences of the War, Bullard, p. 270.

aided by the direct fire of "C" Battery, 313th Field Artillery, which had gone into action about 9:30 a. m. on the road just south of Gercourt.

The early support which the 155th F. A. Brigade was able to render the infantry was a masterly achievement and may well be studied in detail. No sooner had Brett's 160th Brigade crossed No Man's Land, than the 305th Engineers, following on its heels with accurately prepared bridge material in trucks, commenced to throw a stout bridge across the Rau de Forges at Bethincourt, the survey for which had been made in advance.§ Consequently, the guns told off to accompany the infantry, were crossing by 9:00 a. m., and before 10:30 a. m. the entire 313th F. A. was able to go into action along the rear crest of Hill 281 on the right of the Bethincourt-Gercourt road. In this position fire with observation was possible on the Volker Stellung and on the artillery of the enemy east of the Meuse above Sivey Sur Meuse to Haramont and the Bois de Chaume. This at once brought relief to both the 33rd and 80th Divisions. Following closely the 313th F. A., the 314th also crossed the bridge going into action west of Hill 281. Before 1:00 p. m. it, too, was able to engage the hostile guns upon which it turned two captured pieces of large caliber.

The achievement of Welsh's 155th F. A. Brigade was in no small measure due to the personal efforts of Cronkhite. Establishing his P. C. near Bethincourt during the early morning the old artillerymen, with the utmost confidence in Brett's ability to care for himself, devoted his attention for the time being to getting the guns forward. It is seldom that such perfect co-operation as that which occurred between Cronkhite, Brett, Spalding and Welsh during the forenoon of September 26th will be found between command and staff, infantry, engineers and artillery.

It was fortunate the light artillery regiments of the 80th Division got forward with such speed for during the ominous lull in the hostile fire while the enemy were withdrawing, an all but inextricable jam occurred. Consequently, although the 1st Bn., 315th F. A. (heavy) broke off its fire at 10:30 a. m., moving forward at once, the other battalions continuing their fire until noon, it was impossible for it to get into action again that day. So too, but a single battalion of the 77th Field Artillery (4th Div.) managed to get across the bridge at Bethincourt on the 26th, nor was it able to go into position on the reverse slope of the ridge between Cuisy and Sept-sarges until after dark. Thus, throughout the entire day, through no fault of its own, the artillery of the 4th Division was stalled on the roads leading to Cuisy from Bethincourt. The supply of the infantry and the clearing of the wounded was now all but impossible, the 4th Division beyond the 80th being almost helpless in these respects. Instantly perceiving the situation Cronkhite caused his Division Surgeon and the 305th Sanitary Train to clear the wounded for both divisions.

Still there were no signs of an advance by the 79th Division.

With the aid of the 155th F. A. Brigade the right and center of the 80th Division broke into the Volker Stellung during the early afternoon and established contact with the 33rd on the right in the Bois Rond. On the left it sought in vain to cross the ravine south of the Bois de

Sept-sarges. The right of the 4th Division was now pressing through Sept-sarges, its left preparing to move forward at last from Cuisy.

In the situation described the 4th and 80th Divisions received the following order shortly after 3:00 p. m.:

"Army Commander directs that without waiting for advance of the 5th Corps on the left of the 3rd Corps you advance. Press your advance towards the army objective. Both of you with strong advance parties on your front and the 4th Division protecting well its right. Bullard."

The use of the word right in this message would seem to indicate that the Corps Commander was uninformed of the true situation at this time; that he believed his right and not his left to be endangered. This is also indicated by the following passage from his book relative to the attack of the 26th of September:

"General Hine's advancing notwithstanding the exposure of both of his flanks was remarkably fine."¶

As the narrative proceeds over and over it will develop that Headquarters, Third Corps was either not informed of the true situation on the left, or was disposed to ignore the facts.

Almost coincidentally with the receipt of the first message by the 80th Division, the following message was received by Brett:

To Commanding General, 160th Brigade: 3:15 p. m., 26 Sept., 1918.

Following message has just been received:

"Army commander directs you to push reconnaissance in your sector, down to and across the Meuse, and report results."

Bullard.

Hardly had Brett received this direct message when the first one was relayed to him from Division Headquarters. Not only were they in conflict, but with the enemy still in possession of Dannevoux and the Kriemhilde Stellung beyond, it was obviously impossible for him to push a reconnaissance across the Meuse, much less attack across the front of the 33rd Division toward the only possible crossing of the river. Brett continued his efforts to work forward.

Informing the Corps Chief of Staff of the true situation, and convinced that the Corps Commander was not responsible for the conflict of orders that had occurred, Cronkhite showed his displeasure with the way things were being handled at Third Corps Headquarters. The result was at 4:00 p. m. the following message was received by the 80th Division:

"Aviation reports indicate third position is held weakly if at all. No signs of the enemy infantry on east bank of Meuse.

"The 3rd and 1st Corps have reached the Corps objectives. 5th Corps somewhat in rear. 3rd Corps will proceed at once to American Army objective in conjunction with 1st Corps.

"Intervening hostile third position in the 4th Division zone of action will be attacked by the 4th Division, supported by available artillery required for its own progression. Corps artillery will engage part of its guns in interdiction fire on bridge at Dun Sur Meuse, and roads leading south from this bridge and may reach junctions north of the line to be attacked. Commanders of 80th Division and Corps Artillery will communicate at

once by phone with the Commander 4th Division to arrange details. One infantry regiment, 80th Division is attached to the 4th Division as additional reserve for this operation. The American Army Objective will be reached before dark and success exploited as heretofore ordered.

Bjornstad."

It would appear then that at last the Third Corps had become fully apprised of the true situation since the directions of the Chief of Staff given at 4:00 p. m., reversing the orders of 3:00 and 3:15 p. m., recognized the relative positions of the divisions.

Now that the hostile troops and guns, which the enemy had been withdrawing during the morning, were coming into action in rearward positions the defense was stiffening all along the line. Moreover, Von der Marwitz, having perceived the break which Montfaucon had caused between the Third and Fifth Corps, was hurrying the 5th Division from his reserve into the line opposite the center of the Fifth Corps, and the 115th Division opposite its right. At the same time the 5th Bavarian Division from Army Group "B" was thrusting in opposite the 33rd Division to prevent the crossing of the Meuse.

As a result of the shifts which now occurred, the 4th Division was being confronted by part of the 115th and part of the 37th Divisions instead of merely a part of the 117th as in the morning, while the 80th had opposite it part of the 37th and the entire 7th Reserve.\* Plainly, Von der Marwitz planned not only to stabilize his line between the Meuse and Montfaucon, but to hold the heights east of the Meuse as well as Montfaucon at any price, believing that with them in his possession the intervening ground could be rendered untenable by his enemy.

It was, for these reasons then, that the 79th Division and the left of the 4th Division were finding it difficult to reach the Corps Objective. It is probable too, that the observed movements, consequent upon the shifting of the enemy divisions and the reinforcement of the hostile line, gave rise to the ceaseless reports in the Third Corps at this time of counter-attacks and threatening counter-attacks.

Before the attack which the 4th Division had been directed at 4:00 p. m. to make upon the intervening position, or the southern shank of the Kriemhilde Stellung, could be undertaken, its left must be brought up to the Volker Stellung. There was, of course, insufficient time to arrange for artillery support in this advance since the only guns in action behind the Third Corps were those of the 155th F. A. Brigade then posted, as we have seen, far to the right at Hill 281. Obviously too, if the left of the 4th Division was to be advanced its flank must be covered. Accordingly, at 4:00 p. m. the 8th Brigade was ordered forward to Cuisy from Hill 304 where it had remained in reserve until now, and the 318th Infantry, 80th Division, ordered to proceed via Bethincourt to the same point.

These dispositions having been made, at 5:00 p. m. the 7th Brigade pressed forward, and without artillery support, managed to reach the Corps Objective at

\*German and American Daily Order of Battle, G. S., Intelligence Section, G-2 A-1, 1919.

†In Huindekoper's History of the 33rd Division it is alleged that the 33rd Division took Dannevoux during the forenoon of the 26th. It would seem that the claim has been officially rejected. Obviously it was impossible.

Hill 295 and in the Bois de Septsarges by nightfall. Undoubtedly, a few men got as far as the Nantillois-Brieulles road where one small group dug in just east of Nantillois, and another on the western edge of the Bois de Brieulles, there to cling tenaciously throughout the next several days. But these small outposts, whose hold was precarious at best, in no sense constituted a real front line, though their position was repeatedly reported as such. On the right of the 4th, the 80th Division, attacking coincidentally, made no appreciable gain during the afternoon, beyond the Volker Stellung against the reinforced enemy on the Dannevoux heights.

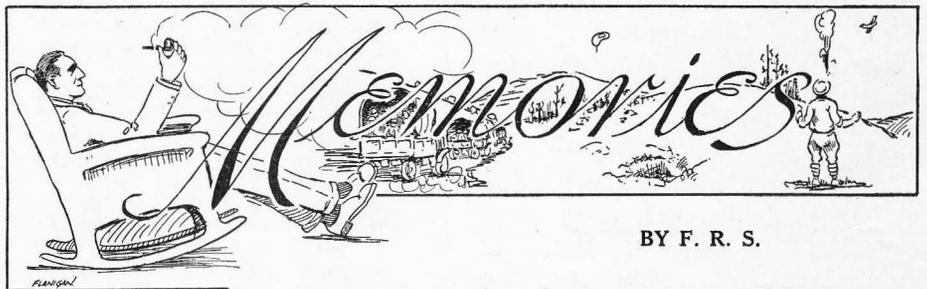
During the 26th the 4th Division made no further effort, but at 9:00 p. m. the 160th Brigade, 80th Division, resumed its attack. Advancing out of the Bois Jure and the Bois Rond, the 319th Infantry, on the right, seized Dannevoux and carried the ridge beyond, thus breaking into the Kriemhilde Stellung, itself—the first unit in the entire First Army

to reach the Army Objective. By midnight the 320th Infantry was able to cross the Dannevoux-Septsarges road and connect on the Corps Objective with the 4th Division in the Bois de Septsarges. The 33rd Division, now advanced its left to Dannevoux.†

Serious captures in men and material including ammunition and engineer dumps valued at many million dollars had been made at Dannevoux. A stunning blow had been delivered to Van der Marwitz whose entire system of defense between the Meuse and Montfaucon was now endangered.

In this situation ended the fighting of the 26th. During the night the 315th F. A. (heavy) got into position on Hill 281 ready for the morning, thus placing the entire 155th F. A. Brigade in close support behind the 33rd and 80th Division, while a battalion of the 77th Field Artillery, 4th Division, reached Cuisy, and a battery of the 52nd F. A. Brigade moved up behind the 33rd Division.

(Continued in July-August Issue)



BY F. R. S.

**D**O you know Buck that three striper with the horses head is harder to find than we are at detail time.

Look Buck, see that misinterpretation. It looks like an epidemic going somewhere to happen; but I'll bet my asbestos lined seat in the next world, he's the bloke we're looking for.

Yep! That's he. See the three stripes and the horses head. Now watch my smoke, Buck.

Say So'jer, are you the guy that's in charge of this horse band? Oh you are? Well we just got transferred to this outfit to go in the horse band. Where are our horses and instruments? Follow you? Alright, lead and we follow. Fall in Buck, "You're in the horse band; now we'll get the best of chow."

Whatcha mean grab holts? Where do you get that stuff? We're for a horse band, not engineers. The colonel said, "We could have Army banjos and here you're giving me a shovel and Buck a wheelbarrow." What's that, a wheelbarrow is a band wagon, while a shovel is an Army banjo. Oi Buck we're sunk, and did you hear him snicker when he said, "the horse band is on the picket line, that's where I got my start, following the ponies, maybe someday you'll be stable sergeants like me."

Oh Buck why didn't we stay with the dust disturbers. I should have known, that you would talk us into something like work. Why didn't you let me fix this transfer, then we would have been sitting on easy street, not playing chambermaid to a thousand and one horses.

Believest thou me Private Buck, I'm a fighting man, not a workingman. This horse sergeant wants to get the idea out of his head that my name is Sampson, when its Simpson.

Now list to me a while Pete. I've

fanned my ears to your lingo just once too often. You've slandered this detail for the last time.

Say Buck, who ta hec do you think you're talking to Don't forget I'm a sergeant, by the grace of God, and a few pen scratches of an Army Field Clerk.

Pete I don't care if you're Gin Rickey himself. Every time you have opened your mouth, you put your clod hopper in to it. Now just close that basso of yours till I drum some dope into your noodle.

Ever since I started to listen to your dream of transfers all I've seen is work. I gave up a good job as K. P. and now look at me. Why my own mother would die of heart failure if she knew her son was working. Why my old man could fall asleep beside work he liked it so well. Cast your glimmers on a chip off the old block.

Now here's what we are going to do starting right now. Sit down. That's better. You got the weight off your feet anyway. Now stay put. Now when that misconstrued element of human endurance shows up stay sitting. He'll do one of two things. Put us in the booby hatch or get us transferred. Neither one will hurt. If it's the guard house, we sleep and eat, while if it's a transfer, we might strike it lucky, if not, it won't be a darned site worst than the transfer you picked.

Oh But Private Buck, we can't do that I'm a sergeant and I might get busted.

It will not be a case of might but you will get busted in just two shakes of a nanny goat's eyebrows. Sit down or I'll knock you down stripes and all.

The worm has turned Good night Buck. I'm going to pound my ear.

**Life Members desiring new membership cards kindly notify headquarters.**

# Tentative Program

TENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL RE-  
UNION OF THE 80TH (BLUE-  
RIDGE) DIVISION  
NATION'S CAPITOL WASHINGTON,  
D. C., AUGUST 18, 19, 20 and 21st

Note—The following is a tentative outline of some of the important events scheduled for the Convention, and is subject to change.

### Sunday, August 18th

Opening of Convention Headquarters Hotel Raleigh. Welcome to visitors. Registration and reception to delegates. Selection and assignment to quarters. Distribution of badges, tickets, programs, etc.

Military Mass—11 o'clock.  
80th Division Memorial Service, Gen. Lloyd M. Brett's grave, Arlington National Cemetery, 3 o'clock.  
Evening—Opening Business meeting. Appointment of Committees.

### Monday, August 19th

Registration. Sightseeing trips, golfing, etc.

Trip to the Public Buildings.  
Individual Unit Luncheons. Combined luncheon of the members of the Executive Council and History Committee. Hotel Raleigh.

Cavalry Maneuver, Riding School, Fort Myer, Virginia.

Business Session, Reports of Committees, New Business, Nomination of Officers, etc.

Evening—Theatre Parties, etc.

### Tuesday, August 20th

Trip to Annapolis and U. S. Naval Academy.

Visit to Public Buildings.  
Individual Unit Luncheons. Golfing, theatres, etc.

Final Business Session. Election of Officers, reports of resolutions committee.

Evening—Annual Divisional Banquet, Hotel Raleigh.

### Wednesday, August 21st

Sightseeing trip to the home of Washington, at Mount Vernon, Virginia.

Trip to the Washington Monument. Seeing the Capitol City.

Individual and Unit Luncheons.  
Reception and Luncheon to visiting ladies by the Auxiliaries.

Meeting of the old and New Executive Councils. Discussion of new business for the year.

Evening—Annual 80th Division Ball—Ball Room Raleigh Hotel.

Au-Revoir "Buddy."

### HOTEL RATES FOR 80TH DIVISION CONVENTION

Hotel	Single	Double
Raleigh (without bath) .....	\$2.50	\$4.00
(With bath) .....	3.50	5.00
Harrington (without bath).....	2.50	3.50
(With bath) .....	3.00	4.50
Willard (without bath) .....	3.00	5.00
(With bath) .....	3.50	6.00
Mayflower (with bath) .....	4.00	6.00
Washington (with bath) .....	4.00	6.00
Grafton (without bath) .....	1.50	2.50
(With bath) .....	2.00	3.50
Wardman Park (with bath).....	4.00	6.00
Burlington (without bath) ....	2.50	4.00
(With bath) .....	3.00	5.00
Carlton (with bath) .....	5.00	8.00
Continental (without bath)....	2.00	4.00
(With bath) .....	3.00	5.00

Driscoll (without bath) .....	2.00	3.50
(With bath) .....	3.50	6.00
Ebbitt (with bath) .....	2.50	4.00
Metropolitan (without bath) ..	1.50	3.00
(With bath) .....	2.00	4.00
Winston (without bath) .....	1.50	3.00
(With bath) .....	2.50	4.00
Lafayette (with bath) .....	4.00	6.00
Blackstone (with bath) .....	3.00	5.00

(Rooms without bath in most cases include running water.)

The above is not a complete list but includes the hotels that have quoted us rates up to the time of going to press. The hotels will make attractive arrangements on suites and group reservations. Further information can be obtained from Allen G. Gartner, Chairman of the Hotel and Housing Committee, 815 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., or by writing direct to the hotels.

### ON TO WASHINGTON

Re-union time has come again  
The "Blue Ridge Boys" are set  
There are lots of stories to be told  
And "Buddies" to be met  
All roads lead into Washington  
O'er highway, rail, and air  
So pack the old kit bag once more  
Cause we hope to see you there  
But let us, as in former years  
Remember the boys who fell  
Midst the bright red poppies of  
Flanders Field  
For the flag they loved so well  
Within the shadows of Camp Lee  
What stories will be told  
About the trips to the old canteen  
Where nickle pies were sold  
Be on your way old soldiers  
Make Washington your first stop  
If you lose your way old timer  
Play safe and call a cop.  
—J. R. G.

### LONG SEARCH SUCCESSFUL

#### World War Veteran Is Located After 10 Years

To have searched for S. C. Tompkins, former member of the 111th Field Art., Twenty-ninth Division, A. E. F., for 10 years in all sections of the United States and then to find him in the city from which the search was being conducted, was the experience of Boyd B. Stutler, adjutant of the Charleston, W. Va., American Legion Post.

Stutler, former personnel sergeant, 314th Field Art., 80th Div., found a map upon which Tompkins had set down in detail the many places he had been since landing in France. Stutler knew that this map, with its notation, had not been carelessly thrown aside by Tompkins when he cleared through LeMans after signing of the armistice. He resolved to locate Tompkins and return his map.

"I wrote to all sections of the country, put notices in veterans' magazines, and kept the hunt up for 10 years. It was through a letter from national headquarters of the Legion at Indianapolis that I finally found Tompkins in the one place I hadn't looked, the town in which I lived," Stutler said.

"I will put the map under the glass on top of my desk for safe keeping. It is a priceless souvenir to me," Tompkins said.

### 80TH LOYALTY CUP TO BE AWARDED IN AUGUST

The awarding of the 80th Loyalty Cup to the Post attaining the highest number of quality points will be made at Washington, D. C., during the Convention of the Division in August. The cup will be on display at the Hotel Raleigh. Each year the cup will be awarded to the Post whose score 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. It will become the permanent property of



the Post which first wins it three times, not necessarily in succession. 80th Posts taking part in the contest are:

- Norfolk-Portsmouth Post No. 1.
- Philadelphia Post No. 2.
- Brett Post.
- Charleston Post No. 4.
- Washington D. C. No. 5.
- Clarksburg Post No. 6.
- Fairmont Post No. 7.
- Grafton Post No. 8.
- Richmond Post No. 9.
- Chestnut-Ridge Post No. 10.
- Petersburg Post No. 11.
- Johnstown Post. No. 12.
- Greensburg Post No. 14.
- McKeesport Post No. 15.

Points on which the competition rests are as follows:

- Largest increase in membership.
  - Greatest number of Subscriptions to "Service Magazine."
  - Most advertising.
  - Greatest number of Life Members.
- During the few remaining months we hope each member will do his best to bring the cup home with him to his Post library.

If your unit is not represented in these columns, then it is up to you to become a "reporter."



### Norfolk-Portsmouth Post No. 1

We regret to learn that John Diehl's mother is confined to her home on account of illness. We hope that at this writing she will be on the road to complete recovery.

Captain James W. Roberts, formerly of 315th Field Artillery, who is branch manager of the Gilpin Drug Company, was elected president of the Norfolk Lion Club. Installation took place on June 12, 1929.

P. A. Jones, formerly 1st Lieut. of the 319th Infantry, has become a member of the Norfolk Kiwanis Club.

John B. Diehl was elected Commander of Grice Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar of Norfolk on April 22, and led his Commandery in the parade in Roanoke at the Grand Encampment of Virginia.

A most interesting event of the month of April was the marriage of A. M. Brownley, formerly Lieutenant of 314th Machine Gun Battalion, to Miss Nellie Jordan. Miss Jordan is the sister of W. W. Jordan, formerly of Machine Gun Company, 318th Infantry. The Brownleys will make their home at Virginia Beach for the summer months. We extend hearty congratulations to Lieutenant Brownley and his lovely bride.

With Brownley out of the way, J. B. Moore says he surely is going to attend the Reunion this year.

The members of the Division extend to George W. Brittingham sincere sympathy on the death of his mother on May 24, 1929.

An enterprising real estate firm, of which W. W. Jordan is a member, is engaged in the development of a new and beautiful residential section of Portsmouth, Virginia.

P. A. Jones, A. M. Brownley and M. D. Myers attended the Ceremonial of the Shrine in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, where the Norfolk Patrol drilled.

W. A. Bucking, R. C. Hamlet and J. B. Diehl all claim that they are going to give J. B. Moore a run for his money at the Reunion in Washington. Page Mr. Moore!

### Philadelphia Post No. 2

Our regular meetings in April and May were well attended and very interesting.

Through the efforts of Comrade Evan

Tibbott we had the pleasure of entertaining a number of former 80th men who are now patients at the League Island Hospital at our April meeting.

Our annual Poppy Sale! Decoration of Graves! Memorial Exercises! The season when all hearts turn to thoughts of those who made the supreme sacrifice in France and those in the land of the living who are yet feeling the misfortune of former days. We must not neglect our members confined to the hospitals. It is up to us to help make their hearts happy and their burdens lighter. This year you have proved your loyalty to all by joining in and assisting us with our plans. We take this opportunity to thank each and every member for his kindness and cooperation.

Comrade Millinghausen, representing the Henry H. Houston Post of the American Legion, invited the Philadelphia Post and the Bugle Corps to participate in the parade and exercises to be held on June 20, at the opening of the new Post Home.

Allan A. Murray, a member of the Philadelphia Post No. 2, is with Dash, Incorporated, Jersey City, New Jersey. Comrade Murray, an active member and great booster for the Association, is planning to form a Divisional Post in New York City. All members living in or near this territory should support Mr. Murray in this proposition by being "true blue" and attending the first meeting called. Help make this undertaking a success. Another 80th Post!

### Brett Post

The last meeting was held on Friday, May 24, in Judge Foster's Chambers. Earl Kohnfelder gave a very interesting talk on his trip to France, the battlefields and visits to his war-time friends. Great enthusiasm is being displayed by the members in preparing for the Washington Convention. Very few will miss this gala event.

The members have not given up hope in the competition of the Loyalty Cup. All are going to work up till the last minute.

Well, Well! The news arrived as to why the Commander of the Brett Post, Bob Daume, ex-sergeant of Company K, 320th Infantry, was absent from the meeting. A big son, Richard, was born on May 24, 1929. Atta boy, Bob! Congratulations from all the boys.

"Another reason for making whoopee!" Jerry Madden, ex-sergeant of Company A, 320th Infantry, and past Commander



FLAHERTY, JOHN J., formerly Private of Company B, 305th Engineers, died at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 103, Aspinwall, Pa., Wednesday, May 8, 1929. He was the son of the late John and Winifred Donahoe Flaherty. Funeral was from the home of his brother, H. J. Flaherty, 5205 Dearborn street, Saturday, May 11. Solemn high mass of requiem at St. Mary's Church.

HAGUE, JAMES R., formerly Cook of Company M, 320th Infantry, died Thursday, April 25, 1929, at his home on 21 Park street, Crafton, Pa. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, his father, three sisters and one brother. Mr. Hague was a member of St. Phillips Church and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

MORAN, EDWARD B., formerly of the 305th Ammunition Train, died April 23, 1929, at his home, 709 South Irvine avenue, Sharon, Pa., as a result of wounds received in the war. Mr. Moran was well known in Sharon, and his death has caused widespread regret to a large circle of friends. Surviving are his mother and two sisters, Mrs. Anna E. Flowers and Mrs. Gertrude McGinty, all of Sharon. Funeral services were held at the Sacred Heart Church.

QUINN, WILLIAM, former Corporal of Company M, 18th Battalion, Training Center at Camp Lee, Virginia, died May 20, 1929 at the Buhl Hospital, Sharon, Pa. He was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery with full military honors.

WILLIAMS, GILBERT E., formerly of the 80th Division, died May 12th at his home, 804 Cleveland avenue, Pleasant Valley. Mr. Williams was a son of Gilbert and Matilda McDowell Williams, born June 9, 1892. He was a blacksmith in the Fourth street P. R. R. shop and a member of the P. R. R. Relief and Floral Association.

Surviving are his father, at Colver, his wife, Mrs. Mary Williams, and the following brothers and sisters: George Keith, Ebensburg; Elmer, Wehrum; Clyde and Jesse Williams, Mrs. Earl Stall and Josephine Williams, Colver; Mrs. Celia Pandolic, St. Michaels; Mrs. Jack Swyers, St. Benedict.

Funeral service was held at the home at 2 p. m. Wednesday, in charge of the Rev. Johnson, of the Grace United Brethren Church. The Veterans of Foreign Wars were in charge of a military funeral. Interment was in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

of the Brett Post, now boasts of a new "heir apparent." Claims little Jerry, Jr., was getting lonesome for someone to pal around with. Congratulations Jerry! We'll drop in for the cigars soon.

### Pennsylvania Auxiliary No. 1

The Ball and Card Party at the William Penn Hotel, April 26, was very successful and well attended.

We take this opportunity to thank the members of the General Lloyd M. Brett Post who gave their services so willing-

ly and who helped make this affair one long to be remembered.

On Sunday, May 12, Mothers' Day, Mrs. W. A. Gordon visited Miss Lillian Barnes, of Washington, D. C. In the afternoon they visited Arlington Cemetery and placed a wreath on the grave of General Brett and one on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the name of the Pennsylvania Auxiliary No. 1. Miss Barnes extends greetings to all her friends of the 80th Division.

A memorial tree and tablet were dedicated to the memory of General Brett on Sunday afternoon, May 26, at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Aspinwall, Pa. Reverend A. Atkinson, Chaplain at the Hospital, was in charge of the services. Addresses were made by National Commander Milard Rice of the Disabled Veterans, President of City Council, Hon. James F. Malone, Dr. Brown, Superintendent of the Veterans Hospital and Mr. Wm. L. Fleming, of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Bernice Baker and Mrs. Margaret Finn, two of our gold star mothers, placed a wreath of poppies at the foot of the tablet.

Flowers were sent to the U. S. Veterans Hospital and the U. S. Marine Hospital for Mothers' Day and small remembrances were sent to two of our boys who are in the Hospital.

Elaborate plans are being made for our annual picnic which will be held Saturday, August 3, at West View Park, and the boat ride on Tuesday evening, August 6, 1929.

#### Who's Who In Philadelphia

Wm. Bradford, 305th Sanitary Train; Jas. Kilgannon, Battery A, 314th Field Artillery; William Mulvihill, Camp Lee Motors; B. K. Meyers, 315th Machine Gun Battalion; Elmer Keifer, 320th Medical, and R. C. Stoughton have just returned after a winter sojourn in Florida with the elite. All attended our April meeting.

The Tenth Annual National Reunion in Washington, D. C., August 18 to 21, 1929! Close to home this year—no time lost in traveling! Philadelphia wants the largest delegation ever attending a Reunion to turn out this year. Have you that uniform? Always room for new members in the Bugle Corps. Then we need color bearers and guards.

Did George Bauer, formerly of 314th Field Artillery, make a nifty job of the painting on the new Bass Drum? Now I ask you! And how!

Major Louis J. Koch, formerly of the 318th Infantry, is on a business trip abroad. He hopes to make a tour of the battlefields of France and visit the old billet areas. On your return, Major, remember the Philadelphia Post members will be anxious to hear your story.

You are always sure to meet the following members at our monthly meetings: Otto Leinhauser, 313th M.G.Bn.; Fred Haussmann, 319th Infantry; Rodney Bonsall, 317th Inf.; Al Markert, 305th Am. Trn.; Wm. Galleher, 318th Inf.; Rus Mahon, 320th Med.; Geo. Bauer, 314th F. A.; Howard Brock, 320th Med.; Larry Fisher, 313th F. A.; Wm. Pfeifer, 313th F. A.; Lew Strouse, 313th F. A.; George Guille, 305th Amm.

Trn.; Evan Tibbott, 305th San. Trn.; Frank Roche, 314th F. A., and Frank Mayer, 319th Amb. Co.

Readers of "Service," do you wish to get in touch with a former comrade residing in Philadelphia? We have the present address of some four hundred former members of the Division. Write to Adjutant Fred W. Haussmann, Jr., 100 E. Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, Pa.

Do you like the Blue Ridger? Then get behind the Editor and the Commander and work hard to put it across. One man cannot do it all. Don't wait until you are invited,—volunteer to do your share in the many positions to be found in the Post.

#### 80th Division Headquarters

Raymond A. Skeehead, formerly Sergeant, is now with the Barnsdall Corporation of Tulsa, Oklahoma. We had a very fine letter from Raymond recently. Always a great booster for the History of the 80th, the Association finds a loyal friend in Sergeant Skeehead. Copy down the above address if you want to write to him. You know, he was formerly residing in New York City.

#### 317TH INFANTRY

While visiting in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. B. C. Clark visited with Major A. R. Peterson, prominent attorney of that city, who has been active in the Council of the Divisional Association. Major Peterson paid a visit to the 317th Battlefields in France last year and took a number of moving pictures of the old areas and villages which he promises to have on hand for the entertainment of the Blue Ridgers in Washington this year.

#### 318TH INFANTRY Headquarters Co.

If you run out of gas down around St. Brides, Virginia, Fred M. Payner, ex-corporal, will fix you up with a harem—"six gals. for a dollar" or so.

#### Company C

If you have been wondering just what Gilbert B. Leslie is doing and where he resides we shall ease your mind at once. He is in the undertaking business at 43rd street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### Company K

Members of the 80th Division, veterans' organizations and friends of Lieut. Frank Schoble, Jr., will be pleased to learn that the latter is well on the road to recovery. The members of the Philadelphia Post are anxiously awaiting his attendance at their meetings.

#### 319TH INFANTRY Headquarters Company

Remember:—

Eleven years ago this month we sailed for France on the "Madawska," and just ten years ago this month, we left France for the good old U. S. A.?

Rest Camp No. 1 at St. Nazaire? The only things we had there were sand and hot weather—and plenty of both. Water was as scarce as hen's teeth. For one franc the French children would get one's canteen filled. Most of the company worked during the day on the docks, helping unload boats. Were surely glad when we pulled out of there, although Rest Camp No. 6 at Calais was just as bad we were to discover later.

How we all "hollered" at the French as we were coming through the locks at St. Nazaire? Everyone was shouting "Oui, oui!" Sounded like a lot of pigs squealing.

The sub attack on the last day out? We were in sight of land when it happened, and most of us were on the hurricane deck watching a French seaplane when the siren blew. After taking to our stations we had a chance to watch the fun. The destroyers came in like so many flies—all the boats in the convoy formed a circle and started to fire towards the center of the circle, and I believe, from later reports, that one sub was bagged. All in all it was an exciting half hour spent.

Our first casualty at St. Nazaire? One of our men fell going down a companion way and fractured his skull. He died the day following our landing in the Base Hospital No. 101. Was a member of the firing squad but cannot recall his name. Can anyone supply this information?

The time the Trench Mortar Battery was hiking from Minot to Chattillon-sur-Seine, and on coming from a side road to the main road we were stopped by Colonel Waldron who complimented us on our cadence, soldierly appearance, etc. etc.? We surely felt good as we thought we were going to be called down for something. While we all tried hard to have the best outfit, (and we did) most of the credit is due Lieut. Matthai who worked untiringly with us and for us.

When we hit Minot we were told (the rumor hound was working) we would be there until February? It was then August.

The hike from Chattillon to Minot? All up hill and in hot weather! That old pack of mine cut into my shoulders and became heavier with every step, but somehow I got there with the rest of the gang. Believe the Trench Mortar Battery holds the company, if not the regimental records, for hiking. Not once did a man drop out of line. Boy, that was some gang to march with. One hundred twenty steps at the beginning of a hike and one hundred twenty at the finish.

Heroic service medals were presented to eight employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad on Wednesday, April 24, 1929 by President W. W. Atterbury in the Company's board room in Philadelphia. Dave Murhamer, of Duquesne, was one of the eight so honored. According to reports Dave entered a tank car and rescued a fellow worker who had fallen in and became asphyxiated.

Tom McCallum, a member of Fleming & Fleming Real Estate Company in the Plaza Building, is now living at 224 Washington Avenue, Oakmont, Pa.

C. R. Halpin is with Geo. H. Alexander & Company, Inc., of 242 Diamond Street.

John H. Graves, of Dormont, Pa., is with the Philadelphia Company at Pittsburgh.

Another Dormont resident is Frank Raup.

Victor Shanor, of Eustis, Florida, is

in the feed and grain business. Vic was here last summer we understand, but did not get an opportunity to see him. We'll see that this won't happen on your next visit Vic.

Reports from "Way Down Burgettstown" show that A. V. Baldwin is with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Joseph Harde tells us that he hears quite frequently from Quist who is living in Juntland, Maine. An 80th man never forgets his "buddies."

Al Pressing of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, is residing at 1320 Kelton Avenue, Dormont.

Visited Bill Chrystal at 3452 Bates Street, when the balloon races were held in Pittsburgh recently. Bill is in the Accounting Department of the Montour Railroad Company.

The jolly, good-looking officer at the corner of Smithfield Street and Second Avenue is none other than our Romeo Poling. He certainly can keep traffic regulated in a very efficient manner.

—Robert D. Newman.

The Reunion of the 319th Officers held at the Hotel Jefferson, Atlantic City, New Jersey, on Saturday, May 25, 1929, was a very successful affair. The number in attendance was very much smaller than on previous occasions, nevertheless, a delightful gathering was held. Plans were made for the next year's reunion to be held in either Washington, D. C., or New York City.

The following officers attended the Atlantic City Reunion: Theodore Cogswell, H. Clyde Cruit, Charles R. Herr, Frederick Hickman, Stephen V. Hopkins, Henry W. Jones, Jr., Severn A. Miller, Robert F. T. Paul, Harry Price and Charles C. Rossire, Jr.

A great many of the Officers of the regiment are planning to attend the Divisional Reunion at Washington in August.

#### Company G

Company G, 319th Infantry, held their banquet at the B. P. O. Elks, No. 11, at Seventh Street and Duquesne Way, Pittsburgh, Pa., June 12, 1929. A list of the members who attended will be published in the next issue of the magazine.

Plans are being made for the annual corn roast which will be held sometime in the fall.

#### Company M

Oliver K. Fry, recently underwent an operation at the Marine Hospital. He is out again and feeling fine. We are all glad to hear this good report.

#### 320th Infantry

At the last annual meeting of the Mississippi State Society of Washington, D. C., on May 17, 1929, Colonel Ephriam G. Peyton of the General Staff, was elected First Vice President. After the business meeting short talks were rendered by Congressman James W. Collier, the retiring President of the Society, Congressman Busby, newly elected President, and Colonel Peyton.

Colonel Peyton attended the thirtieth anniversary of his graduating class of

the U. S. Military Academy held at West Point, New York, on June 11, 1929.

#### Medical Detachment

Earl Kohnfelder has just returned from abroad where he visited the battlefields of France and the friends he made while "over there" in 1918. You will hear more from Earl in the next issue of "Service," and we assure you the things he has to tell us will be most interesting and new.

#### Company C

Mel Schenk is the proud father of a baby girl. Mel's business associates at the American Oil Company of Pittsburgh helped him celebrate. Congratulations!

The Pittsburgh Police Force claim Edward Moran as one of its finest officers. Ed is living at 7519 Locust Street.

## E COMPANY 320 INFANTRY

The annual reunion of the Veteran's Association of "E" Company, 320th Infantry, was held in the Norse Room of the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Saturday evening, May 25th.

This marks the tenth time this Association has met in annual reunion since the men of the Company were mustered out of the service at Camp Sherman in June, 1919.



Men of "E" 320th Infantry look forward every year to their reunion. It has come to mean almost as much to them as their days of mud and toil in the Expeditionary Forces.

Ten years ago "over there" in St. Gervais-en-Belin, France, the foundation stones of the organization were laid.

Lieutenant Martin, Commanding Officer of "E" Company, felt that the ties, knitting the men together as an Army Infantry Company, should not be broken upon return to the United States and civilian life. His foresight, and that of the enlisted personnel of the Company instrumental in the organization of the Association, proved of inestimable value in keeping alive the comradeship born in service.

A roll of names was retained by the Company Clerk, Sergeant Dan Fackiner, who continued his Army duties, after his discharge, as Secretary of the Association. Due to his active interest, the Association was guided through its early days.

This year's reunion equalled any of the past in point of attendance and enthusiasm. Sixty members, and seven guests, were present. Of the members in attendance, Broomhall and Mills were "first timers" at a reunion. They vow that it will not be the last time either.

Guests of honor for the evening included Lieutenant Colonel Ashby Williams, who, during his "fatherly" talk to the men, reminded them that he was Captain of "E" Company "for a year and a day." Lieutenant W. W. Martin, who remained with the Company during practically all of its service in the States and France, came on from Richmond, Virginia, and boosted the reunion by his presence. Another loyal friend of the organization, Captain Anson T. McCook, of Hartford, Conn., paid a flying visit to Pittsburgh for the reunion. Others of the Association—from near and far—came into town, and by their presence—and war time anecdotes swapped with other of their fellows—made the Tenth Reunion one to be long remembered.

Mr. Joseph Hugo, War Time Interpreter for Marshal Foch, and Sergeant Major H. T. Farrar formerly of the British Army (but now connected with the Pittsburgh office of the Veteran's Bureau) were the speakers for the evening. Both spoke of the comradeship engendered in men by service in armed defence of Country—and of the opportunity, such as ours, in holding together in an organization, and assisting one another in the "Battle of Life."

Lieutenant Martin in his remarks paid tribute to the members of the Association—both to those living, and to those who had gone on. He spoke feelingly of his appreciation of the organization, and of his association with its members and their former Commanders, Colonel Williams and Captain McCook.

These speakers were followed by Colonel Williams, and his remarks were certainly appreciated by the men. You who were absent, and who, upon other occasions, have heard the Colonel speak, know that he has the power and ability to hold an audience spell bound. That was the case at the reunion. We believe that the Colonel could have talked for hours, and his old outfit would have sat there and listened. His talk dealt with the early training days at Camp Lee—how he was firm in his conviction that discipline was paramount to the well being of the Company, and how he kept that to the fore in all of his relations as Captain and leader of the outfit. This correspondent would hesitate to try to

quote the Colonel's talk. He was too rapt in attention to make notes.

During the early part of the evening, after the invocation pronounced by Captain McCook, an impressive memorial service was held for the deceased members of the Association. Sergeant Dan Fackiner recited "In Flanders Fields," and this was followed by the reading of the names of the departed Comrades, thirty-seven in number. Upon the reading of each name, a white carnation was placed upon a table in the front of the room, the flower being a memorial to the Comrade.

As an interlude to the several speeches, a cigarette lighter was awarded to the holder of the lucky number drawn from a hat by one of the guests. The award went to a friend of Joe Lee's who came in from Vandergrift to meet the boys.

Music, impromptu talks, and some stories by the unbeatable Jerry O'Connor, held the crowd together until a late hour. However, before the meeting was officially closed, the election of officers to serve for the coming year, was held. The crowd decided to worry along with those they had, and returned William Maisch, President, and Homer Ludwig, Secretary, to office for another year.

A few resolutions were offered during the short business session. One confirmed the report of the Secretary-Treasurer. Lt. Martin offered a motion which was quickly seconded and carried, that flowers be sent to Mrs. William Maisch, who is ill in the West Penn Hospital, in recognition of her kindness as hostess to members of the Association following former reunions. Another resolution instructed the Secretary to send a letter of condolence to the family of James C. Scholl, whose father died early in the week of the reunion.

During the afternoon of the reunion, many of the men gathered at Forbes Field to witness Pittsburgh, in a closely contested game, defeat Cincinnati. The afternoon was ideal for a ball game, and those who attended felt sorry that more of the members did not avail themselves of this feature of the reunion. It gave them more of an opportunity to talk over the present and past. Bob Maxon was there. Just to show his pep, he persuaded the Doctor to discharge him from the hospital, where he has been confined for some time, just to get out to the game with the boys! He reports that John McKibben is out at the Marine Hospital, in pretty bad shape, and would appreciate seeing any of the old crowd.

The members of the Association who attended the Tenth Annual Reunion are as follows: Albert Albrecht, John Amprim, Harry Black, Archie Blair, John Bernard, Harry Bittner, Howard Broomhall, Otto Burrough, Tom Corrigan, Duke Downing, Joe Davies, Dan Fackiner, Frank Floyd, Harry Glass, Harry Harenski, Alva Hughes, Jack Haughey, Jeff Haney, George Hromi, George Karnes, J. F. Kappler, Leo Kintz, Louis Kichinko, Bill Luley, J. F. Lauffer, Homer Ludwig, George F. Lear, Joe Lee, Frank McAtamney, Bill McCloskey, W. W. Martin, Bill Maisch, Bob Maxon, Clarence McGowen, Ernest Mills, Henry McGowran, Percy Miller, Fred Moslener, Anson T. McCook, C. P. O'Brien, Jerry O'Connor, L. L.

Porter, Hayden Robinson, Bob Scott, Jim Scholl, Sam Stover, Chuck Scovron, Arthur Tucker, Fred Uhlman, Ira Vance, Ashby Williams, Ed Winwood, Lysle Whitesell and Bill Wissinger.

Colonel Ashly Williams is General Chairman of the Tenth Annual National Reunion of our Division to be held in Washington, D. C., August 18 to 21, 1929, and he is looking forward to support of the 320th to help make this reunion a big success.

H. W. Ludwig, Secy.

#### Company C

The latest reports show that Andy Hesidence is getting along fine. For some time he has been at Whipple Barracks, Arizona. His letters are always looked forward to with interest, and he never forgets his old friends "back home."

#### Company G

Alright G Company on to "Washington" for the Big 10th Annual National Reunion of the Division which will be held August 18th to 21st inclusive! Plan your vacation early, pack that old grip and come along with the gang, even if you have to bring along the present commander-in-chief, but be there. It is our desire to have a real representation of the company present when the curtain rises for the big show. What city is more inviting than the Nation's Capitol? If you have never spent any time there, you have been missing half your life. It is planned to have a Company Get-together meeting of the men who are present, when plans will be made for the Annual Company "Whoopie" party in the fall. The Hotel Raleigh has been designated as headquarters during the reunion. It is located at Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street. If you intend going by rail reduced rates can be secured through a credential issued from 80th Division Headquarters, if you motor you need not hesitate about the roads as the highways are all in excellent condition. With the central location of Washington it will afford all men the opportunity of attending a real reunion, especially the men who are located in the three states, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. A card notice is being prepared which will be sent to all members of the company to determine the number expected to be present. Don't forget the dates, time and place! Come along with the gang, and "Go Over the Top" once again with the old outfit, at the battle of Washington.

Joseph P. Schrock, formerly Corporal, was married on Wednesday, May 1, 1929, to Miss Ruth Irene Pehrson. His home address is at 22 East Gaskill Avenue, Jeannette, Pa. Congratulations are in order boys. Joe will pass out the cigars at the reunion in Washington. How about it?

Edward L. Beauchat, formerly Corporal, made a motor trip to Pittsburgh on May 3rd, 1929, in company with his fiance, his mother, father and sister. Ed took the advantage of getting in touch with several of the members of the company, namely, Remmy, Loeffert, Page, Zisterer and spent the evening fighting the war all over with Klier at 80th Headquarters. He also invites the boys to hold a summer reunion at his Cottage on Canadota Lake, Union City, Pa., which is on the highway to Erie. So let's surprise Ed and drop in on him sometime.

His address is 313 No. Petroleum Street, Titusville, Pa.

John Loeffert, formerly Corporal, and well remembered as the one who handled the mail at Camp Lee, reports that he is the proud father of a big "bouncing baby girl," Marilyn, born May 28th, 1929. Congratulations from all the boys John! He also reports that he is now in business for himself, being the owner of the Tri-Boro Dairy Company, 435 Library Street, Braddock, Pa. He still resides at 711 Means Avenue, Bellevue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

#### Company I

In the following extract from Colonel Peyton's letter we find the enthusiasm and loyalty of a former commander:

"I sincerely hope all the Old Timers are busily rebuilding the Regimental Spirit to its former grandeur, so that the success of our Tenth Annual Reunion in Washington next August will be assured. Washington is a little nearer and somewhat more convenient for the Virginia Contingent of our Division, but I am relying on the greater spirit and enthusiasm of our people to insure that the Pennsylvania contingents do not suffer by contrast of numbers with those nearer Washington. I believe we should all constitute ourselves ex-officio members of the publicity committee, and urge all veterans we encounter not only to arrange their vacations for the reunion dates, but to start now to budget the pay envelopes so that they will be in ranks for the storming of Washington in August."

John E. Sugden, Jr., prominent Pittsburgh attorney, was appointed Captain of the 99th Reserve Division.

Mr. Sugden was chairman of the reception committee of the American Wholesale Coal Association Convention held in Pittsburgh, June 11 and 12, 1929. Mr. Sugden's experience and proficiency in handling the reception of guests for the 80th Division Reunions have gained for him a reputation that has spread far and wide. In his own way he extends a sincere and hearty welcome to visitors who, when their visit ends, leave Pittsburgh with a determination to return soon again.

Former Assistant District Attorney, Clyde D. Beistel, of 611 Lincoln Avenue, connected with the law firm of Stone & McCandless, Frick Building, has been elected judge advocate of the Disabled Army Veterans of Arizona. Attorney Beistel has been in Arizona for two years, going there after he suffered a breakdown in his health.

Joe Stone has opened a store at Sharpsburg, Pa., where he is dispensing Bar-B-Q sandwiches, soft drinks, etc. Joe is also Mess Sergeant with one of the Companies in the Pennsylvania National Guards.

George Smith is still with the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, Springfield, Mass. George was mighty peeved that his invitation went astray as he intended to be with I Company at their annual frolic.

Jack Sugden was recently elected Vice-President of the Steel City Gas Coal Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Company I wishes to take this opportunity to extend warm greetings to Company E on the occasion of its Tenth Annual Reunion and Banquet held last month at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, but more especially the invitation given to President Sabin Bolton and Secretary-Treasurer Jack Sugden to be present with them on this glad occasion. We congratulate Bill Maisch and Homer Ludwig and other members of the committee who have worked so hard each year to make Company E's Reunion the success thus far attained which is getting closer and closer to the 100% mark each year.

We are glad to report at this time the recovery of Joe Dessell who was dangerously ill for the past several months. Joe is one of the loyal supporters of Company I, and we are most happy to see him regain his former good health and strength.

Col. E. G. Peyton, member of G-3 Operations General Staff Washington, D. C., attended the U. S. Army Contact Camp which was held by the Reserve Officers of the 99th Division at Conneaut Lake Park, Pa., May 30th to June 2nd. The purpose of the camp is to stage various army maneuvers prior to their reporting to the regular summer training camps. The Colonel, the guest of honor at the banquet, represented the Assistant Secretary of War and made the principal address of instruction in line with the purpose of the camp. He stressed the honor and glory won by his old command in the late World War. Capt. Thomas H. Edelblute, of Pittsburgh, former member of 320th Infantry acted as his aide during his visit.

#### Company K

Holt Page, formerly Lieutenant, is confined to the Richmond Hospital, Virginia, for treatment of injuries received in an automobile accident there recently. Lieutenant Page is Cashier of the Central National Bank of Richmond. We deeply regret to hear of this accident and trust that the injuries will not be serious.

#### Y. M. C. A.

Miss Ruth McClelland, well known to all the 320th members who has been teaching in Cincinnati High School during the past term is returning to her home in Galesburg, Illinois, after which she will make a trip to the Pacific Coast, stopping off at the national convention of the Over-Seas Service League in Minneapolis. She advises us that it may be impossible for her to get back in time for the Reunion. We suggest that she come by "air-mail," but beware of the "males."

### 313TH MACHINE GUN BATTALION

#### Company A

A few months ago we received a request for the address of Peter O'Hara. Word has come to us through an interested reader of "Service Magazine" that Mr. O'Hara is working at the Shanor Drug Company of New Kensington, Pa.

#### Company C

Walter R. Blöse, of 738 Reservoir Street, Lancaster, Pa., is confined to the Philadelphia Hospital for some time. We hope that those who have a few leisure moments will drop Walter a line or two.

### 314TH MACHINE GUN BATTALION

#### Company B

G. R. Harris is now serving as Commander of the John Brawley Post No. 20, American Legion, Charleston, W. Va. Comrade Brawley for whom the post was named was a member of the 317th Infantry, and was killed in action with the division in France. Harris resides at 507 Broad street, Charleston, W. Va.

### 315TH MACHINE GUN BATTALION

#### Headquarters Company

R. A. Shepherd, formerly Sergeant, represents the American Republic Corporation of 25 West 43rd Street, New York City. With the large number of active members in New York City an 80th Post should be formed. We believe every man would give his support whole heartedly.

#### Company A

Lieutenant Albert J. Shartle is still with the Sweet Orr & Co., Inc., of New York City. We have in Lieut. Shartle, a faithful subscriber and true friend of the Divisional Association.

### 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY

#### Battery E

Paul W. Barrett, transferred from Battery E to the 2nd Battalion Headquarters, is Chief Draftsman of the Fort Pitt Bridge and Iron Works, and is living in Beaver Falls, Pa.

Norbert Enders, of Wexford, Pa., is part owner of the Pittsburgh Soap and Chemical Company of Pittsburgh. Just recently Norbert was appointed by Governor Fisher to the office of Justice of the Peace of Wexford. Ten years ago he was fighting for justice, now he is handing it out.

After two years of prosperity in Pittsburgh, C. L. Marshall has transferred his interests to the garage business in Washington, D. C., where he anxiously awaits his comrades who will attend the annual convention in August.

George Rhode is at Erie, Pa., working for a Bridge and Construction Company as Superintendent of Construction. Rhode went to the army from Pittsburgh, and for a few years after his discharge made his home there. This is the first time George has been in the 80th Division news, but we hope it is not the last.

Remember George Hubert, who shod our horses in the army, and who was a blacksmith by trade, being the son and grandson of blacksmiths? He has worked up quite a large business in his new occupation, managing one of the finest and most up to date weather striping firms on the North Side of Pittsburgh. Hubert has two lovely little daughters and one son.

Charley Hershman, a former Pittsburgher, but now a "native" of California, is very much sold on the Golden State. He went to the coast in 1920 for his health and has returned East just once during that time. Installing organs in churches and theatres for the Aeolion Organ Company is his chief past-time.

Another overworked Artillery man who went west to regain his health is

Otto Jensen, now of Sorum, South Dakota. Jensen formerly lived at Hutchinson, Minnesota. At Sorum he is managing the only store for a radius of about twenty miles around, and is Postmaster there.

Anyone knowing the present address of John P. Miskimins will earn the gratitude of Samuel Evans if he will send said address to 1629 Mill street, Wilkesburg, Pa. I thank you.

Samuel Evans.

Extract from a recent letter:

"Any fellow that moved forward with the 80th, cannot well move forward now without the "Service Magazine," so let it come my way.

H. A. Dailey.

### 314TH FIELD ARTILLERY

#### Headquarters Company

Henry F. Schaub is now manager of the Schaub Mercantile Company, of Crichton, Alabama.

#### Wheeling Sector

Lawrence Fitzpatrick, of Porter Avenue, Wheeling, returned this week from the Government Hospital in Whipple Barracks, Arizona. He is very much improved and we trust that soon he will regain his former strength and health.

"Dusty" Rokos, of Elm Grove, W. Va., will spend the summer months at Morgantown, W. Va. He is still teaching school in Triadelphia High School.

Walter Tippons, of Wheeling, is in the Construction Department of the C. & P. Telephone Company.

Owen Friery is wiring old and new homes in and about Wheeling. And he isn't married yet!

The latest and smartest outfit may be obtained from Alf Sonneborne. His haberdashery on Twelfth Street is the "home of fashion" in Wheeling.

Geo. Beans is in the foundry business at Martins Ferry, Ohio.

An electrical contractor of note is Robert J. Green who conducts a flourishing business in Elm Grove, W. Va.

"Pilet" Burk carries around his Union card. He is a car repairman for the Wheeling Traction Company.

Charles Dudley has a sweet job. He travels extensively selling candy for his father who is in the candy business in Wheeling.

If you should happen to find yourself unceremoniously ushered into the West Virginia State Prison, "be nonchallant," glance around for Ted Burley who is foreman in one of the work shops. Remember Ted, whose hand was severely injured by a 75 M. M. gun?

"Ham" Perkins will change your tires for you and repair the spare. He is at the Perkins garage of Moundsville, W. Va.

We had "Abe" Cowen, of Steubenville, Ohio, as a visitor recently in the Wheeling district. He advises us that anyone who misses the reunion of Battery A

men which will be held in Steubenville very soon, will be sorry. He is surely planning on a big "woow-ee" time.

### 305th Field Signal Battalion

Judge D. Paulson Foster, past Commander of the Association, has had a busy period recently clearing the cases coming before his Allegheny County Court in order to make adequate preparations for the Washington Reunion. Before the Reunion last year he spent considerable time on a ranch in Wyoming, but did not report with any bronchos or six-shooters.

Carl G. Liden, well known to all Field Signal Battalion members, has returned to Texas where he is traveling for a hardware company. Carl will have a long trip to make to get to Washington this year but he can be relied upon to show up if it is at all possible.

Now that school is over, Comrade M. J. Thomas, an instructor in electrical

engineering in the North School of Pittsburgh, will no doubt welcome an opportunity to get away for a few weeks at the time of the Reunion and meet a goodly gathering of the Field Signal Battalion in the Capitol City.

### 305TH AMMUNITION TRAIN

#### Company F

L. L. Sallade, Logan avenue, Sharon, Pa., was unanimously elected adjutant of Sharon American Legion Post. Lawrence is Advertising Manager for C. H. Yeager and Company, Department Store, Sharon, Pa. Quite a different job than the one he held down with 305th Ammunition Train Regimental Headquarters.

I see by last issue of "SERVICE" that Geo. McK. Minatree, Company F, 305th Ammunition Train Lieutenant, will be among the Washington, D. C. ex-Officers to help put the next Reunion over with a WHOOPEE. That's the spirit George. Recollect the grand shindig we "F'ers" had in Sharon in 1925. You helped us put on the carmine hue that time.

Say George, when you get hold of Agate and McFall, in Washington on the home grounds, ask them about the strange disappearance of your favorite toilet soap at La Claon. They shared your dugout. You know the men of your outfit were angels and did not use soap. No we would borrow sand paper from the blacksmiths when we washed our faces. At the same time jog their memories about that enjoyable hike to Aubrey on the night of October 14th, 1918.

Sharpsville, Pa., Legion Post put on a gala Annual Legion Play the latter part of May. Much of the success was contributed to the hard working committee which incidentally was composed of former "BLUE RIDGERS," Eddie Davey, Company F, 305th Ammunition Train, later transferred to the 4th Division Infantry, on Stage committee; Frank Brannon, one of Doc Brown's 305 A. T. Infirmary detail, and now locomotive engineer on the Erie R. R. teamed up with Timor O. Holland, of 305th Ammunition Train, Company G, Wagon Company, and star quarter back of 305 A. T. 80th Division Champion Football team of Camp Lee 1917, as program committee; John Mehler, another pill roller from Doc Brown's Dispensary De Luxe, and Earl (Little Monty) Montgomery, of Old F Company, scalping the ducats. While last but not least came the finance committee of one, Joseph Donahue, all by his lonesome Joe surely made a go handling the Jack. No reason why he shouldn't. Wasn't he chief custodian of Doc Brown's delicious castor oil and C. C. pills at Camp Lee and abroad? By the looks of that committee, surely wouldn't be a hard job to do the stretcher drill by the numbers.

Will some one kindly page Bill McFall? I would like to get the low-down on what Sgt. Vaughn W. Richardson replied to his polite, "Rest men Rest" upon his entrance into our dugout at La Claon, during the reading of "The Love Letters of a Rookie." It was a dark and stormy night but "Rich" sauntered forth rather hastily after making the retort, attired in his Uncle Sam's B. V. X's plus one rain coat, sleeping the rest of the night not on his feather tick, but on the broad

bosom of Mother Earth, with the sky above for a canopy. Oh how that canopy did leak. It must have been made of the same material as an issue slicker.

Karl Barber—a stranger in a strange land, saw him on the broad Bull E Vards or Cow Paths of Sharon. It has been moons, yea, rather seasons, since I have seen his beaming face. Karl was a member of the 2nd Caisson Co., 305 A. T., which later became Company F when the topic of the day was pounding down peanut hills at Camp Lee. In December, 1917, he, with many more, joined the transfer ranks to other parts. Remember a letter Karl showed me when we first took up soldiering, that he had received from his boss in civilian life. It seems that Karl held a job as a locomotive fireman. So he wrote the boss telling about being in the 305 Trains. Boss came right back with an answer, telling him as long as he was with the trains he could get himself a job as fireman without any trouble as he was experienced. Little Boss knew what the TRAINS were in the Army.

John Mehler, of Sharpsville, Pa., formerly a member of Medical Detachment, 305 Ammunition Train, was elected vice president of the Sharpsville Post, American Legion Male Chorus on May 20.

Thomas (Tomo) Lyons, former dough-boy with 80th Division in France, has the smile that won't come off. Tomo is the proud father of a charming daughter. We buddies hope he will have the same success raising a family as he has had in the florist game.

William J. (Bill) Cave, ex-top soak, Company G, 305 Ammunition Train, and George William ex Band Man from 317 Infantry have returned to their homes in Sharon after a very successful winter season with Noise Conglomerations called orchestras. They each have quite extensive programs mapped out for the summer parks in this locality. We pranced behind these music guzzlers in war time now let the folks dance behind them in peace.

### 305th Motor Supply Train

B. C. Clark, formerly Sergeant of E Company, recently made a tour of the Grenoble Hotels and spent a few days in Chicago, Detroit and other towns in Illinois and Ohio. Mr. Clark is Executive Secretary of the Grenoble Hotels, Inc., with offices in Pittsburgh.

Harold Kritchgau who has been a regular attendant at our Reunions is engaged in the meat business at Scottsdale. He handles a much better grade of meat than it was his privilege to pass out to the ravenous members of the company over in France.

Dave Wolfe is still located at the corner of Smithfield Street and Boulevard of Allies, conducting a sporting goods store, and anyone in need of a collapsible bath tub, barracks bag, toilet kit, second-lieutenant's army cot, or other supplies, will find Dave a very reasonable proprietor.

Former Mess-sergeant Harry Wall was noticed recently oozing into the Bakewell Building. We understand he has some-

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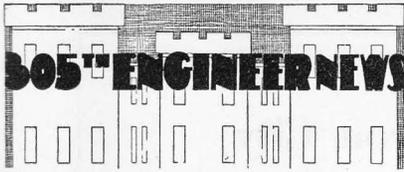
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thing to do with the sale of trucks, or did, according to the last report.



Alfred E. Bailey is in the Accounting Department of the Carnegie Steel Company. His home is at 195 Dakota Ave., Bellevue, Pa.

Another live wire, Joe Craig! He is in the electric business in Crafton.

**Attend the Convention at Washington, D. C., August 18-21, 1929.**

**80th Division Mail Box**

Boyd B. Stutler, Adjutant, Department of West Virginia, The American Legion, 401 City Building, Charleston, W. Va.

May 13, 1929.

Dear Adjutant:

In accordance with the request in your letter of May tenth I shall be glad to include an announcement regarding the tenth annual reunion of the 80th Division Veterans Association, in the Outfit Notices column of "Then and Now." This will appear in the July issue which we are now preparing to close.

I am glad to know that the Blue Ridge Divisional Association is still functioning so well, because some five or six years ago when our offices were still in New York City, I remember digging up some samples of your divisional shoulder

insignia for some candy company which was making up special boxes for one of your earlier reunions.

You should be proud of your association. My regimental and divisional associations are still active and have annual reunions, but unfortunately they are held out in Kansas or Colorado and I have been able to attend only one or two of the very early ones.

Sincerely yours,  
**JOHN J. NOLL,**  
 Associate Editor,  
 "The Company Clerk."

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 24, 1929.

Mr. George J. Klier, Resident Secretary, 80th Division Veterans Association, 413 Plaza Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Klier:

Will you please convey to the members of the Executive Council of the 80th Division Veterans Association, as well as to the Association at large, my very sincere appreciation and thanks for the resolution adopted at their meeting on April 15th, 1929. It is indeed gratifying to have such expressions of confidence and approval from the veterans of your gallant division.

The kind personal references have touched me deeply and I shall cherish the memory of this kind act as long as I live.

With hearty good wishes to each and every member of the association, I am,  
 Sincerely,  
**C. P. SUMMERALL,**  
 General, Chief of Staff.

April 23, 1929.

Mr. George J. Klier, Resident Secretary, 80th Division Veterans Association, 413 Plaza Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Reso-

lution adopted by the Executive Council of the 80th Division Veterans Association held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1929, with reference to the creation of the grade of General in the peace time army of the United States.

The Department appreciates very much the congratulations extended to General Charles P. Summerall, Chief of Staff.

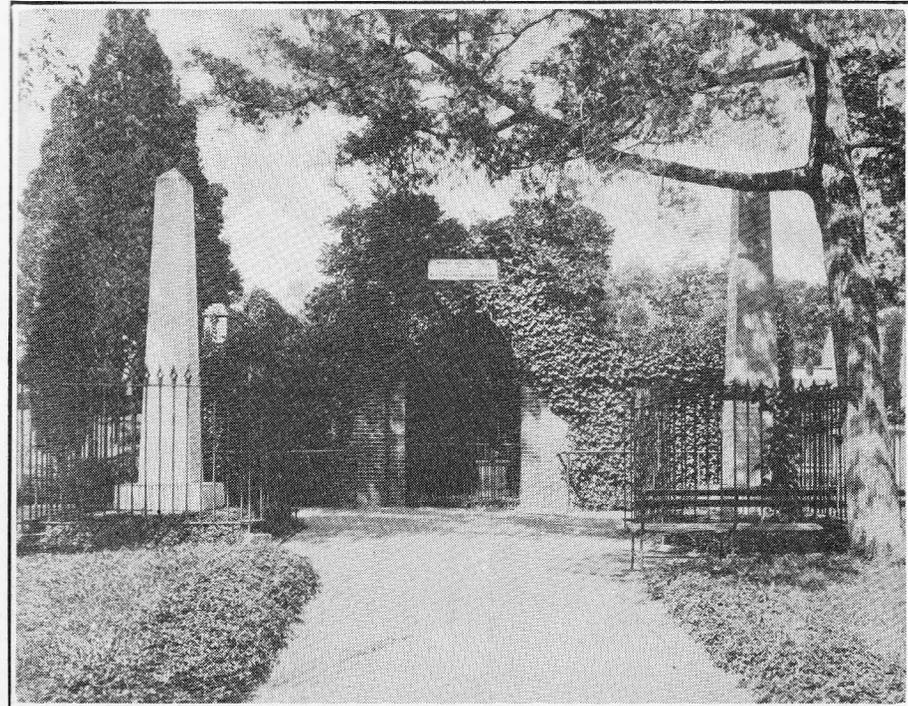
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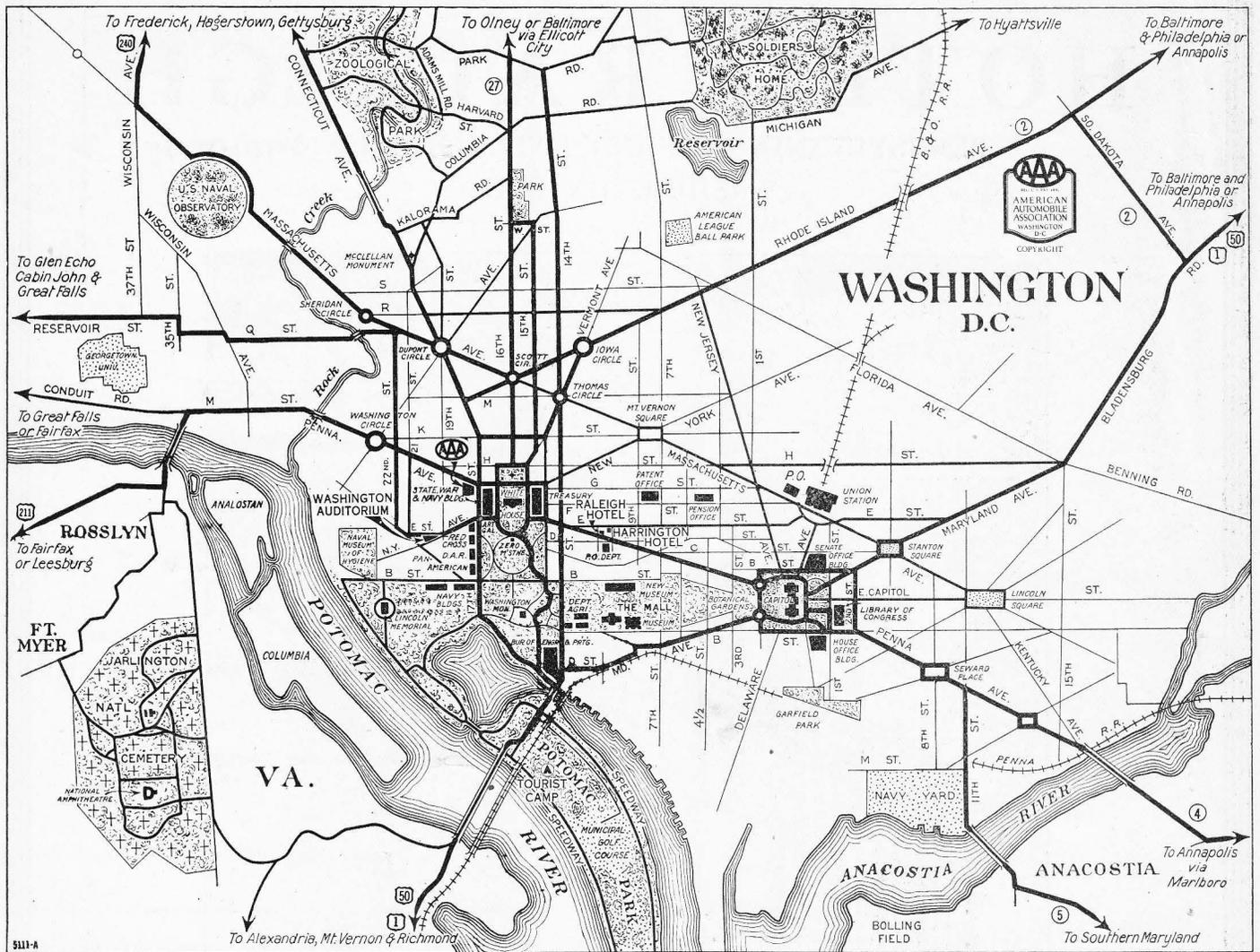
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