



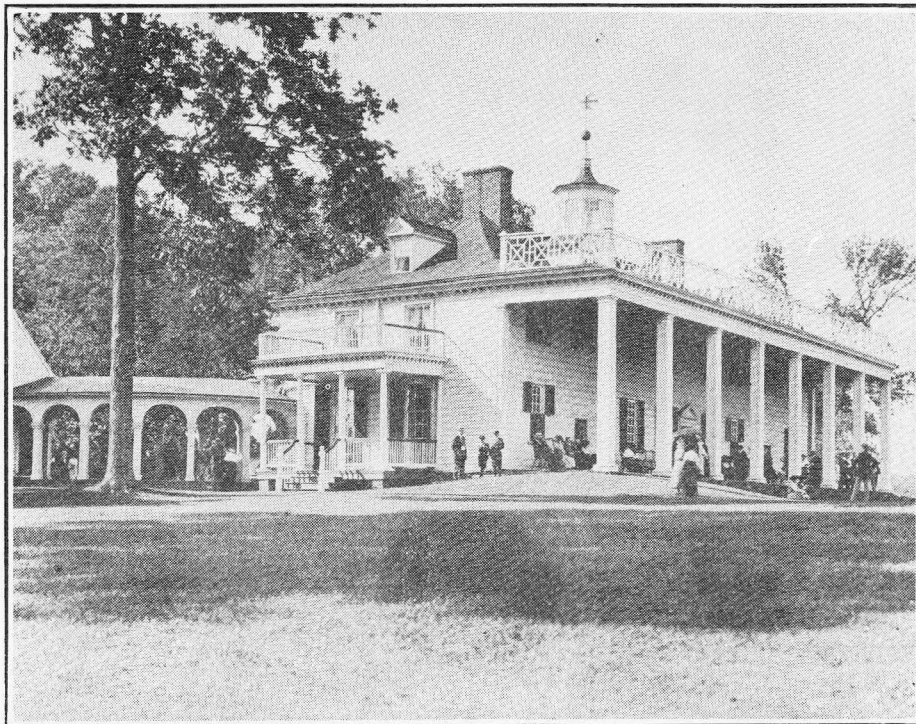
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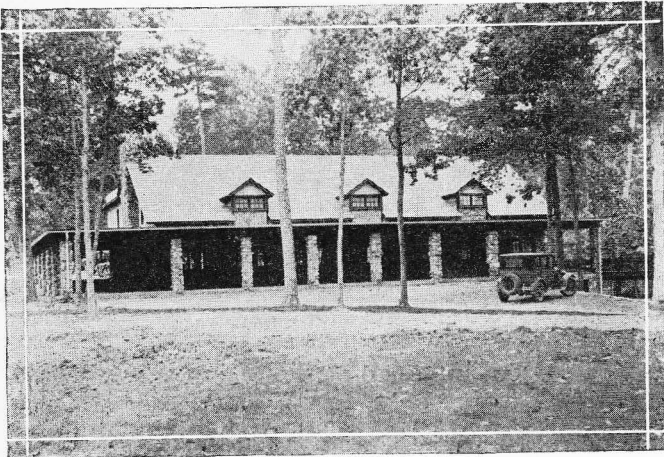
# Harrisonburg Prepares for 80th Division with Hospitality of "Old Virginia"

By GEORGE E. ANDRUS, Secretary Harrisonburg Chamber of Commerce

**F**IRST in the heart of a Nation! Mother of Presidents! Moulder of men! Virginia!

Shaggy mountains rising to towering heights, sparkling pools and the beauty and solitude of forest primevals. This is the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Where beauty reigns supreme!

Harrisonburg, the hub of the Shenandoah Valley, is flanked on the east by the billowy crest of the Blue Ridge and on the west by the Alleghenies. Here, too, begins the fifty mile Massanutten range which has come to be a landmark of legend, history and beauty.



*Spotswood Country Club*

Great events have touched the pleasant country surrounding Harrisonburg. Massanutten Mountain rising in its midst has seen gallantry and heroism, bloodshed and broken hopes.

## "OUT FOR CONQUEST"

In 1716, Governor Spotswood, of Virginia, organized a party of gentlemen, secured rangers and Indians for guides, and undertook the conquest of the mountains which seemed then the further most boundaries of the New World.

This gay company pursued its undertaking with all the flourish that belonged to Colonial Virginia. They were named, because their horses were the first to be shod in the State, the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe. In spirit, in equipment and in procedure, they were in brilliant and good humored contrast to those grim and earnest expeditions which opened North and West.

Yet the Knights achieved their objective. They crossed the mountains by way of Swift Run Gap and ended their exploration on the western bank of the Shenandoah. There, in champagnes and fine wines, they drank the health of his royal majesty and crashed the valley silence with a smart volley from their guns.

Today the Spotswood Trail follows the picturesque way of the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe over undulating hills and valleys into Richmond to the southeast and to the Great Lakes on the west.

Harrisonburg today is one of the most thriving cities in the Shenandoah Valley. It is made up of a population of 7,232 people, eighty-six percent of whom are native white and one percent foreign born white. Its chief industries are mainly agricultural manufacturing plants, however, one plant engaged in the manufacture of silks, one making shirts

and another making shoes are to be found here. The balance of the industrial plants are chiefly engaged in the manufacture of butter, flour and feed and they use the raw products of the farm in their operations.

Education has always thrived in and near Harrisonburg and several higher institutions of learning are located within a short distance of the city. These schools are: Shenandoah College, a co-educational institution located five miles distant at Dayton, Bridgewater College, another co-educational school is seven miles distant, the Eastern Menonite School is another co-educational Junior College for young men and women of that sect. In Harrisonburg proper is located the State Teachers College for Women. This is one of the finest and largest Colleges of its kind in the States.

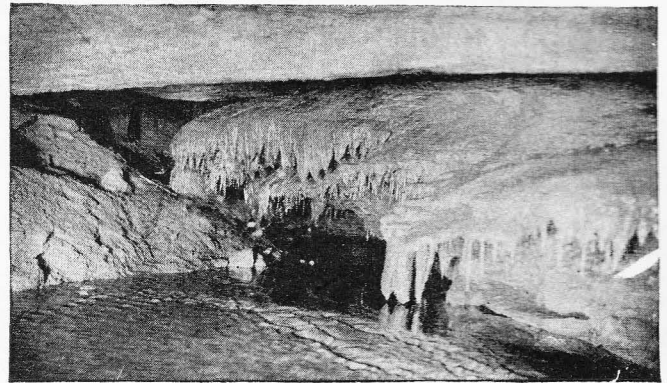
Harrisonburg is the home of Virginia Caverns, noted for its historic array of civil war records. Hundreds of names of Civil War soldiers adorn the walls of this cavern showing their company, regiment and state designations. This is one of the most unusual records of the civil war in existence. These caves were also used by American Indians an unknown number of years prior to the coming of the first white settlers. Tomahawks, skinning knives, and charred fagots were found eighteen inches under the present floor level. Two Indian faces carved on the formations may be seen.

In Rockingham County is also located Endless Caverns. This is one of the largest of Valley Caverns, began, no man knows when, ends, no man knows where. Unusual formations and lighting effects lend it a charm and a delight long to be remembered by those who pay it a visit.

A great variety of formations and coloring which is most natural make it a most thrilling sight.

## "HOME OF CAVERNS"

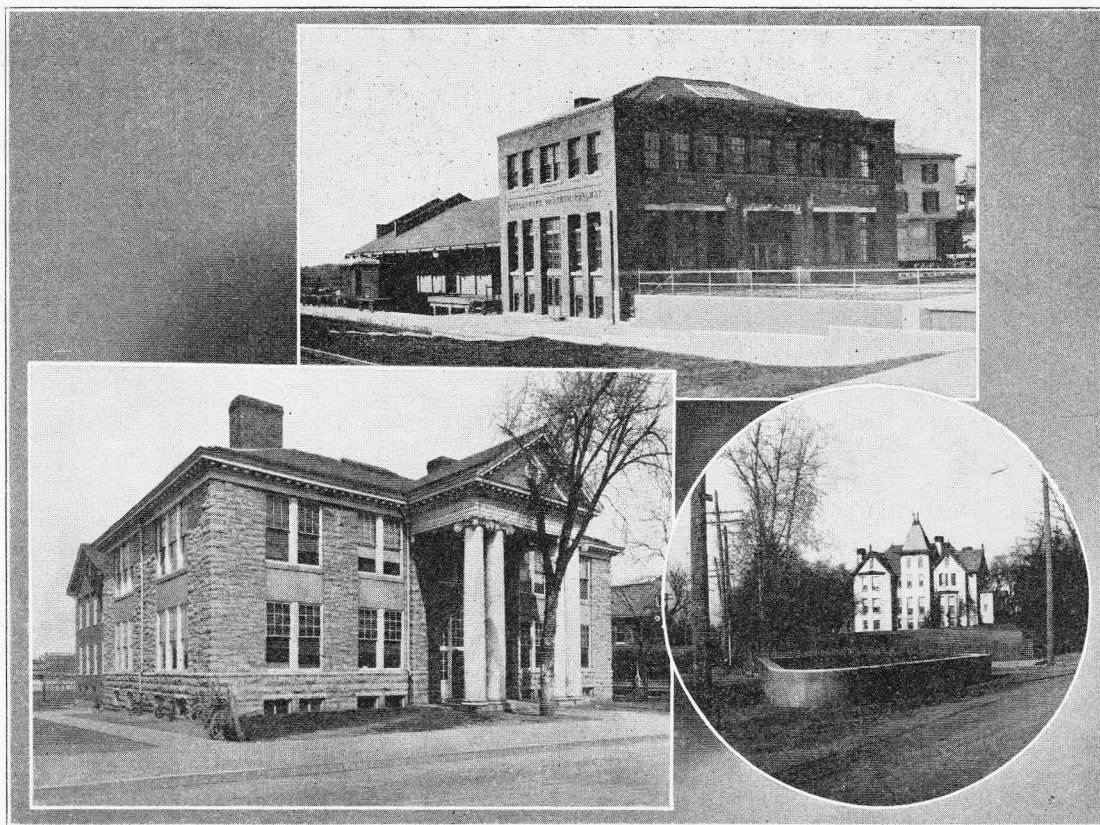
Harrisonburg is also the home of Massanutten Caverns. "The Gem of the Valley." It was discovered only a short time ago, when men blasting into the rocky slope of Massanutten Mountain revealed for the first time to white men what wonders and beauties lay beneath the surface. The corridors, the far-reaching vistas, the many rooms and grottoes, would need volumes for their rightful description. Even



*Cavern Scene near Harrisonburg, Va.*

then all would not be said, for each discovers this wonder of nature with its delights and fantasies for itself.

In addition to this regal array of scenery and wonders, close by is found many other attractions well worth the time and consideration of the traveler, who may spend a day, a week or a month in our midst. Within less than an hour's drive of Harrisonburg is located six famous caverns—Endless, Luray, Shenandoah, Virginia Caverns and Grand Caverns.



C. & W. Railway Terminal. Public School Building. Residence said to be used as headquarters by General Banks during the Civil War.

Harrisonburg awaits the coming of the members of the Eightieth Division with the hospitality of "Old Virginia." Surely with its background of world wonders, Civil War History and legend no place in the east could be more suitable for an annual convention of ex-service men.

The Harrisonburg Chamber of Commerce stands ready to lend its moral support and assistance to those who intend making attendance at this convention. Road information, hotel reservations and routes will be gladly arranged for those who may call on us for this service.

## A Message from the National Commander

**N**EARLY six months have passed since our 1931 Convention and at this half way mark it is well for us to take stock of our situation. On taking office I urged upon all members of the Association the necessity of securing additional members before our 1932 Convention. I am now, more than ever, convinced that the life of our Association depends on moving forward to a really representative membership.

The original strength of the Division on sailing for France, including transfers made at Camp Lee, may be estimated at 30,000. Taking into consideration all replacements and attached units eligible for membership the total number serving with the 80th Division was probably not far from 40,000. Allowing for casualties during the War and deaths since then I believe we would be conservative in stating that there are 30,000 possible members of our Association. **WHERE ARE THE OTHER 29,000?**

We have always been proud of our Division's record and rightly so. We have always been proud of our Association and believe it should move forward as the Division did. I want you to consider this as a personal message and a personal request to bring at least two new members into the Association before the Convention at Harrisonburg. I am hoping some of you can do better than this. Our active membership should be at least 10% of our wartime strength. The history of all veteran organizations shows that the further away we get from the actual conflict, the more precious are the memories of those days; and the greater the urge for a comradeship with which we can share these memories.

What of the History? Our material is practically complete and where scattered unit histories are missing, the lack of in-

terest shown by those units would alone be responsible for an omission from the History. The actual writing is probably 40% finished, except for such editorial revision as may be necessary. Certain portions of the unfinished part should be written by those who were directly concerned and the National Historian and National Commander are using every effort to get this done. We have gone into the details of cost and estimate that a minimum of \$4,000-\$5,000 will be necessary. Of course the more copies we print the less the cost per copy, but we have to be guided by possible sales. Even though times are admittedly hard I feel the necessary funds can be guaranteed once we are ready to print—but no commitments will be asked until that time.

Our coming Convention at Harrisonburg, Va., should be an opportunity for us all. The Division was born in a time of stress almost exactly fifteen years before we will be convening. This year is also a time of stress and it is only fitting that we should show our spirit and regard for our achievements of the past by a Convention of unprecedented numbers. Unless we surge forward in membership, in spirit and in comradeship we will be breaking faith with those we left in France and those who have since passed on. Our Division never failed to take its objective—no effort was too great—no sacrifice too hard. We often passed our objectives in France—we can do it again. I call upon every one who reads this message—whether active member or not—to go into action with a personal membership drive to culminate at Harrisonburg with at least 3,000 members.

RODNEY T. BONSALL,  
National Commander.

# Blue Ridger Revealed As Modern Marco Polo

By ANN HOWE

WHEN the bell of the U. S. Cruiser Pittsburgh was formally presented to the Carnegie Institute by its former Captain, Halsey Powell, it was disclosed that Andrew C. Sweitzer, of 13 Idlewood avenue, East Carnegie, was the only man in the Pittsburgh district who served aboard the Cruiser Pittsburgh, then the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, on its four-year cruise around the world from 1906 to 1910.

Crossing the equator five times and traversing practically 150,000 miles on water alone during his four-year sojourn on the high seas and ports in almost every part of the world, a story of Constable Sweitzer's globe trotting would read like a modern book of adventure and would make the "Travels of Marco Polo" sound like a "walk around the block." Enlisting July 16th, 1906, at Pittsburgh, when 16 years of age, he was sent to the Training Station at Newport, R. I. From there he was assigned as Apprentice Seaman to the U. S. Cruiser Pennsylvania. This ship together with its sister ships, Maryland, Colorado and West Virginia were pathfinders for the Pacific Squadron on its cruise around the world.



ANDREW C. SWEITZER

Sweitzer left Newport, R. I., on September 6, 1906, standing watch on the U. S. S. Pennsylvania which sailed in a direct line east to its first landing, Gibraltar, Spain, a distance of 3420 miles. Landing here about September 14, the crew was entertained by that part of the British Navy which guarded the Rock of Gibraltar, the town consisting of one street about one-half mile in length, lined with shops.

From thence, this young Seaman's eyes and thoughts were ever directed to the next landing port—and so, on sailed the Squadron through the Straits of Gibraltar into the Mediterranean Sea to Naples, where he gazed on the picturesque heights of Posilipo and Vesuvius, the volcanic mountain in the Bay of Naples. Then to Piraeus, Greece, and through the Suez Canal which separates

the desert lands of Egypt and Arabia, and where it was necessary to continually spray water on the decks on account of the intense heat. Through the Red Sea and Indian Ocean to Bombay, India. Here, Andrew states the people all dressed like Gandhi and slept in doorways, alleys and other convenient places. He learned of the sacred cow of India when he kicked one on the streets of Bombay to keep said cow from obstructing the traffic. When the natives threw their hands up in horror the Seaman was thoroughly awed.

At Ceylon, he picked coconuts with the natives and sported in the tea fields on the outskirts of Columbo, (which probably accounts for his flare for afternoon teas). He spent Christmas of 1906 in Hongkong visiting German ships anchored in the harbor, and Fourth of July in Chefoo, China. In Kobe and Yokohama, Japan, he delighted in riding rickshaws but emphatically states that he carried no pink umbrellas on his rides. Under gunfire at Olongapo, Philippine Islands, in the Spring of 1907 while trying to save four missionaries from cannibals; quarantined for 21 days on the island of Molokai, leper settlement, when assigned to escort some doctors there on a navy launch. Being entertained by the Geisha girls of Japan whose business it is to entertain tourists and who always serve Americans, ham and eggs, regardless of what they order; romping with the Chinese girls from Shanghai who never heard of chop suey except from tourists; spending months and months seeing only natives of Bombay, Chefoo, Hawaii and cannibal islands and then perhaps after a year's absence from white civilization, staring in wondering amazement on seeing a white woman from the "Continent."

While at Shanghai, China, the U. S. S. Pennsylvania carried a cargo of food up the Yangtze River for the starving Chinese, up to which time it was the largest vessel that ever sailed up this river. It is here that a large number of Chinese live on flat boats and their sole means of living is by "scupping." A "scupper" is said to be a net on the end of a rod with which the natives scoop up garbage dropped by the English and American boats which navigate the Yangtze.

The ship then visited the Gallipago Islands, off the coast of Panama, where the crew found wild donkeys in abundance. Seals were also very numerous here.

After leaving San Francisco, where the Pennsylvania escorted the U. S. Pacific fleet through the Golden Gate into San Francisco Bay.

The Pennsylvania and her officers and crew accepted an invitation to participate in the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle, Washington, in 1909.

South American ports were afterward visited, the fleet later returning to the Pacific Coast naval base.

Before his term had expired, Sweitzer again visited the Hawaiian Islands, this time the Samoan group. This occasion being his fifth visit to beautiful Hawaii. His last foreign port was Melbourne, Australia, and he left the ship at Seattle.

"Andy" Sweitzer served during the

World War in the 319th Infantry and received the Verdun medal for service in St. Mihiel and the Meuse Argonne. He is a member of Carnegie Post No. 82, American Legion, Carnegie; Albert Baker Post V. F. W., West End, and the Eightieth Division Veterans Association.

## TREE DEDICATED TO JOYCE KILMER

An elm tree was dedicated in the "honor grove" in Central Park, New York City, to Joyce Kilmer, soldier and poet, on the thirteenth anniversary of his death at Bois Colas, France, by the Catholic Writers' Guild of America and representatives of military organizations.



CLAY, CHARLES W., formerly Corporal, Headquarters Company, 315th Field Artillery, died on November 28, 1931, from complications following an operation for appendicitis.

He was 36 years of age. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. D. J. Clay, 171 Fourth St., Beckley, W. Va., three brothers and six sisters.

Burial was made in the Daniel cemetery, near Harper, W. Va., with services at the grave conducted by Beckley Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A. F., of which the deceased was a member, with an escort composed of members of the Raleigh County Post No. 32, A. L., Beckley, W. Va.

Comrade Clay was active in the National Association of the 80th Division, and a loyal subscriber to "Service Magazine."

HUTTON, JAMES, formerly of Headquarters Company, 320th Infantry, later of Headquarters, 160th Brigade, died January 27, 1932, at his home, 7380 Formosa Way, Homewood, Pa. Pneumonia was the cause of his death. Burial was made in Woodlawn Cemetery, Wilkesburg. Members of Headquarters Company, 320th Infantry, were pall-bearers.

HANSON, HARRY, formerly of Company D, 319th Infantry, died Wednesday, January 20, 1932, in Smethport, Pa. Funeral was from the home of his brother-in-law, in Wilcox, Pa. Interment took place in the Wilcox cemetery with full military honors in charge of Edward Lehman Post, of which the deceased was a member. Casket bearers were: W. F. Johnson, Charles Malone, Conrad Byrington, Van Huson, Martin Salvamoser, and Roy Sonney. Twenty-two members of the Post attended the services. Mr. Hanson is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Oscar Swanson, of Wilcox, and Mrs. Paul Lover, of Canton, Ohio; also by one brother, Arthur, of Wilcox.

DUNROE, JOHN J., formerly of Company M, 320th Infantry, died September 18, 1931, at his home in Bangor, Maine. Details unknown.

# OBSERVATIONS

By B. C. C.

Weather forecast—Sudden drop in temperature.

"The melancholy days have come,  
The saddest of the year,"  
When Politicians heave a sigh  
And shed a ready tear.

In secret dugouts, hard to find,  
Rough henchmen bar the way  
Their gaze creates a sudden chill,  
"The Boss is out," they say.

Old Army days—those barmy days,  
When once he shook your hand!  
Just months ago 'twas "Hello, Joe,  
The boys know where I stand!"

"A box barrage is all we need.  
Your Captain leads the way.  
Your bullets once but ballots now,  
Will win Election Day."

These sudden changes which occur,  
We really must remember,  
Are just a part of that old game  
That's finished each November.

Famous last words of former famous  
Army officers—"Have you seen your  
Ward Chairman?"

Patriotism is a commodity that hit the bottom when business was booming. The American Bankers who unloaded billions of dollars of worthless foreign bonds in this country, the interests that forced the adoption of a ruinous tariff, the manufacturers who established foreign plants to secure cheaper labor and have been busy slashing wages in their American plants ever since—these, my children, are the super-patriots who view with horror and alarm the suggestion that the World War veteran might justly have anything coming to him for his services—other than a jail sentence.

While our financiers are engaged in the popular pastime of deflating American standards of living, and Welfare Agencies are suggesting that the unemployed sell their household furniture before asking for food, the landlords and the mortgage-holders demand their customary six per cent. or more pound of flesh.

For the majority of veterans, the depression did not start in 1929. It started in 1917. The Army scale of wages was depressing, considering the fact that the lowest paid unskilled laborer in civilian bullet-proof occupations received considerably more than the soldier. When the laborer's pay-day came around the deduction racket did not start on account of his losing shoe-strings, dubbin or failing to salute an officer. When the soldier returned home, he was further depressed. Someone else had his job or he was unfitted to resume the old occupation. Since then the combination of profiteers, propaganda, politicians and prohibition, have steadily increased his taxes and deflated his pride, pocketbook and ideals. The Federal Finance Corporation, it is hoped, will now thaw out the frozen assets of the banks and bankers. So few of the former soldiers ever got into the banking class, the only prospects they can look forward to is the usual freeze-out.

We read that "Young Germany" as represented by the followers of Hitler are determined that they are not going to pay for the mistakes of the older generation responsible for the war. Young America and Middle-Aged America (which includes the war veteran) evidently are slated to pay for everyone's mistakes and like it. Any other attitude is "unpatriotic," "narrow nationalism," "red sedition" and "un-American."

Rumbles of third parties about to be launched are frequently heard in the daily news. We are a nation bound by tradition and the grand old sport of bludgeoning the voters into line for the "regulars" will no doubt be as successful as ever. The most serious threat of a third party is to embarrass the Republican or Democratic National Conventions into taking a stand one way or the other on National issues. This is disturbing to the fence-roosting proclivities of our statesmen. Once a question gets to the point where it can be voted on by a yes or a no, one party standing for yes and the other for no, it removes all the science from politics and the public is in danger of getting what it wants.

Most of us are rather doubtful about the integrity of newspapers. News is news, but we recall when it was propaganda during the war. Business is also business and newspaper publication is big business in this period of consolidation. Another big business that has grown since the war is that of radio broadcasting. The most powerful stations and principal programs are controlled by corporations of far reaching financial interests. Sometimes a speaker cuts loose with statements which may or may not be facts and gets away with it, but often just when the tubes are hottest and our ears most keen, one of those unfortunate station interruptions occur. Radio certainly is a marvelous invention but it is not exactly perfect. What or who is?

This year's celebration of the Washington Bicentennial is bringing to notice a number of interesting facts concerning the "Father of our Country." We always pictured him as a man of middle height and somewhat overweight. It is surprising to learn that his height was six feet three inches. The next time you see one of Pittsburgh's big traffic cops such as our comrade "Red" Thompson, at Sixth Avenue and Bigelow Boulevard, it will be easy to realize why the Revolutionary soldiers did not talk back to their General if there ever was any occasion to make them want to.

Let us hope that some of Washington's ideals may also be revived. It is of course advisable to soft-pedal on the land grants made to Revolutionary Officers for their services during the war. The Denny, Negley and other wealthy estates in Pittsburgh existing today had their beginning in this manner.

As this is written, the Tom-Toms of War sound their ominous note around the world. Headlines state that Japanese battleships and troops are at Shanghai, China. The United States may rush

warships to the scene. Treaties have again been violated. Unfortified cities and civilians have been bombed from the air. Solemn agreements sworn to, signed and witnessed between nations have once more developed into mere "scraps of paper." This does not deter many earnest individuals and organizations from meeting and deciding that they have found the sure solution to prevent war. Eliminate armies and navies, refuse service, negotiate more treaties, and all will be well. The ostrich has been practicing this theory for centuries with much satisfaction—to predatory species of other animals. Try it yourself the next time a robber breaks in. Remain calm and cover up your head with the bed clothes. You may lose your valuables and your shirt, but you will be lucky if you are not chloroformed. The PITTSBURGH PRESS on January 26th carried the following Editorial which is worth preserving. Mark Twain knew his stuff:

## THE PASTORS, TWAIN AND WAR

In the most militant attack on war ever recorded by the clergy, the membership of the Ohio Pastors Association says in formal resolutions:

"We will never again sanction or participate in any war."

But won't they?

Without desiring to be cynical, we want once again to quote Mark Twain on war:

"There has never been a just one, never an honorable one—on the part of the instigator of the war. I can see a million years ahead, and this rule will never change in so many as half a dozen instances. The loud little handful—as usual—will shout for the war. The pulpit will—warily and cautiously—object—at first; the great, big, dull bulk of the nation will rub its sleepy eyes and try to make out why there should be a war, and will say, earnestly and indignantly, 'It is unjust and dishonorable, and there is no necessity for it.'

"Then the handful will shout louder. A few fair men on the other side will argue and reason against the war with speech and pen, and at first will have a hearing and be applauded; but it will not last long; those others will outshout them, and presently the anti-war audiences will thin out and lose popularity. Before long you will see this curious thing: The speakers stoned from the platform, and free speech strangled by hordes of furious men who in their secret hearts are still at one with those stoned speakers—as earlier—but do not dare to say so.

"And now the whole nation—pulpit and all—will take up the war-cry, and shout itself hoarse, and mob any honest man who ventures to open his mouth; and presently such mouths will cease to open. Next the statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting the blame upon the nation that is attacked, and every man will be glad of those conscience-soothing falsities, and will diligently study them, and refuse to examine any refutations of them, and thus he will by and by convince himself that the war is just, and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grotesque self-deception."

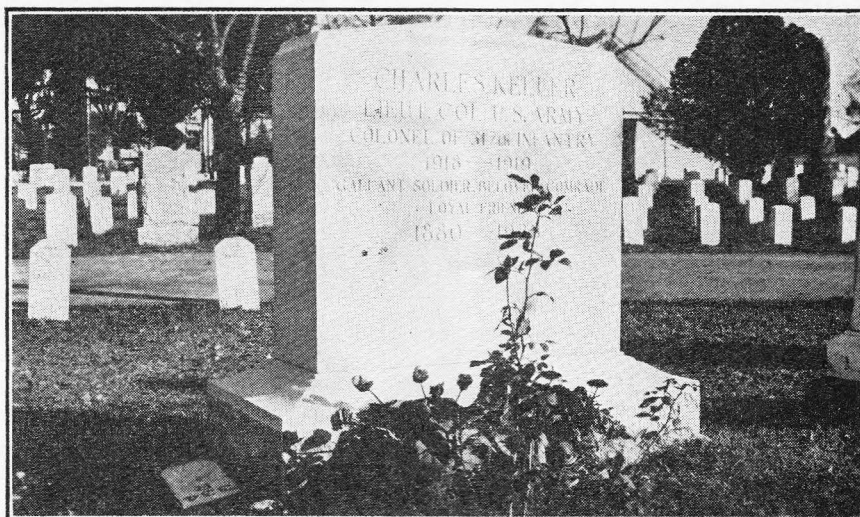
Twain wrote that years before the World War.

## MEMORIAL TO THE LATE COLONEL CHARLES KELLER

**I**N December of 1928 the 80th Division Veterans' Association suffered a severe loss in the death of Charles Keller, Colonel commanding the 317th Infantry. The full extent of this loss will never be known as Col. Keller had before him the prospect of years of service to his Country and to our Association. His interest, however, will be forcibly brought home to us when the Divisional History is completed and we are all able to examine the marvelous set of maps which he prepared for us.

To none was his death more saddening than to the men who served—not under—but with him in the 317th Infantry. While a leader in every sense of the word, daring every danger and willing to undergo every hardship, he was above that type of leadership which stands a little aloof and reached the true heights where he shared with every officer and man a sense of comradeship. A strict disciplinarian he was quick to sympathize and exercised a humane justice in his decisions.

The men of his command have delighted to honor him with a memorial stone



in the National Cemetery at San Antonio, Texas, one only regret being that the regulations governing such cemeteries prevented the use of an inscription which would testify forever to the love which his men had for him. The

simple inscription, however, is mute evidence that Charles Keller, to the very last, was a gallant soldier, fighting against long odds bravely and uncomplainingly. Of him can it be truly said, 'He was an Officer and a Gentleman.'

### The Papers Say

#### UNITED STATES RANKS FOURTH IN MILITARY FLYING

The United States ranks fourth in military aviation among the great powers of the world, according to a survey issued recently by Carl Byoir & Associated of New York.

France leads all other nations in military airplanes and fighting personnel—4,683 planes, and 85,599 men. Great Britain is second—2,065 planes, 51,811 men. Italy is third—1,834, 45,120 men. United States is fourth—1,809 planes, 32,508 men. Russia is fifth—1,520 planes, 26,638 men. Japan is sixth—1,312 planes, 19,783 men. Germany, under the Versailles Treaty, is not permitted to have any military planes. In civil aviation, however, she rivals the other European countries.

#### THE AGED EARTH

Old mother earth has had an enormous lifetime. The latest estimate places her age at 1,500,000,000 years. But that's not near as great as the greater lifetimes of the sun and stars. . . . Apparently some young men heeded that now famous "go West, young man" more than 20,000 years ago. A "butcher shop" dating back to that period has been discovered in Arizona. So says Dr. Harold J. Cook, of the Cook Museum of Natural History at Agate, Nebr.

#### COMPOSITION OF BRITISH ARMY

Latest figures on the British Army shows that it is composed of 143,183 Englishmen, 7,638 Welshmen, 14,295 Scotchmen, 8,843 Irishmen, 2,535 Colonials and 167 Britons born in foreign countries.



#### Philadelphia Post No. 2



The good news continues. The December and January meetings were exceptionally well attended—many former members of the Division visiting us for the first time.

Election of Officers took place at our December meeting and while no special bell ringing electioneering was in evidence, enough interest was displayed to bring out the membership in a goodly number.

H. R. Connell, 315th Medical Officer, as Judge of Election, announced the win-

ners. Commander Wm. O. Pfeifer, 313th Field Artillery; Senior Vice Commander, Wm. Cousins, 319th Infantry; Junior Vice Commander, Geo. F. Bauer, 314th Field Artillery; Adjutant, Lewis Strouse, 313th Field Artillery; Finance Officer, Rodney T. Bonsall, 317th Infantry; Sergeant-at-arms, Frank J. Mayer, 319th Ambulance Company; Executive Committee, Otto P. Leinhauser, 313th Machine Gun Battalion; Wm. H. Graham, 313th Field Artillery; Wm. C. Galleher, 318th Infantry; Fred W. Haussmann, 319th Infantry; Russ W. Mahon, 320th Medical Detach.; Jas. Kilgannon, 314th Field Artillery; Elmer R. Leddon, 320th Medical Detach.; Evan J. Tibbott, 319th Hospital; Paul T. Wysocki, 318th Infantry, and Stanley Lichtenstein, 320th Hospital.

Action was taken whereby former members of the 80th Division having served in any capacity in the Meuse Argonne Offensive, might make application through this Post for the Verdun Medal and citation and have their names inscribed on the Book of Gold presented by the French Government to the Defenders of Verdun. Members of the Division wishing to apply for the Medal through this Post may write to Lewis



Strouse, Post Adjutant, 3235 N. Etting Street, Philadelphia, Pa. All applications not filled out at Philadelphia Post Headquarters must be sworn to before a Notary Public to receive sanction of the French corresponding secretary, before they will be forwarded to Verdun. All applications properly filled out must be in the hands of the Post Adjutant before March 15, 1932.

Our January meeting was another busy one. Yearly reports of all Committees were made. Two French War Veterans attended this meeting and explained in detail the filling out of applications for the Verdun Medal, and promised that the French Consul of this district would personally make the presentations to every veteran present when the Medals and Citations were received from France. Posthumous awards will also be made to the next of kin where the veteran was killed in action or has died since the war.

William O. Pfeifer, newly elected Commander, succeeding Commander Haussman, then took the chair, and called upon National Commander Bonsall to present a Past Post Commander's Medal to the retiring Commander. Committees for the year were then announced as follows: Welfare Committee, Evan J. Tibbott and Paul T. Wysocki; Memorial Services, Otto P. Leinhauser, Frank J. Roche and James Kilgannon; Chaplain, Dr. Frederic Poole; Poppy Sale Committee, Wm. P. Mulvihill and Edwin C. Vessey; Membership, Wm. H. Graham, Jr.; Entertainment, Russell W. Mahon, Howard Brock, Rodney T. Bonsall, Wm. C. Galleher, Otto P. Leinhauser, Fred W. Haussmann, Elmer R. Leddon, Samuel B. Millinghausen, Wm. P. Mulvihill and Geo. W. Guille; Publicity, Stanley Lichtenstein and Wm. H. Graham. Senior Vice Commander Cousins, National Commander Bonsall and Edwin C. Vessey were appointed a committee in charge of applications for the Verdun Medal and to act as reception committee to the French Consul and war veterans on the night of the presentation.

We are looking forward to a large increase in membership and a regimental roll call will be held at each monthly meeting and it is expected that every roll call will show a marked increase in membership from each regiment. Then we have acquired a new dining hall at the Post Headquarters and the entertainment committee in conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary are furnishing us with very delicious luncheons each month. We look forward to these socials too. They are most enjoyable.

### GENERAL WELFARE REPORT PHILADELPHIA POST No. 2

The Welfare Committee found the year 1931 a fairly active one in the variety of services it was called on to render.

The usual remembrances at Easter time were distributed to our comrades at Coatesville, Base 49, Grays Ferry, Philadelphia, and at the Navy Hospital, League Island.

Comrade Howard J. Smith was visited at the Navy Hospital by Committees from the Post and Auxiliary in October and members of both our organizations attended his funeral at Burlington, New Jersey.

Flowers were sent upon the occasion of births in the families of two of our members: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vessey and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Leddon.

Comrade Leinhauser was visited while confined to the Chester Hospital as the result of blood poison.

The Post and Auxiliary were also represented at the funeral of the former Miss Snyder who served with the Y. M. C. A. units attached to our Division after the Armistice and was therefore eligible to membership in our Post. The November report covered this more fully.

The following comrades were visited on the Saturday and Sunday before Christmas and Christmas Boxes given them personally or left for them when they could not be located at the moment:

U. S. Veterans' Hospital at Coatesville: Joseph Collick, Batt. E, 315th F. A.; George Goff, Motor Cycle Corps; Wm. E. Hudspeth, 314th M. G. Batt.; Glen Sergeant, Camp Lee, Va.; John Thomas, Co. C, 315th M. G. Batt.; Augustus Else, Richard Hannegan, Edward J. Lackner, 320th Inf., later 320th Remount Sta.

Base 49, Grays Ferry, Philadelphia: George Bennett, Battery C, 313th F. A.; Jas. Joseph McEnery, 318th Inf.; Wm. McGarrity, Batt. C, 315th F. A.; James Thornton, (no relatives or friends).

Navy Hospital, League Island, Philadelphia: John Bolanski, Batt. B, 314th F. A., later in Germany with 42nd Div.; Samuel Zuber, 318th Inf.; Stephen McHallick, Co. I, 319th Inf.; William Shaw, 305th Ammunition Train, discharged before Christmas.

The following members of the Post made up the party visiting the above named Comrades: Comrades William Graham, Russell Mahon, Edward Vessey, William Pfeifer, Louis Strause, Otto Leinhauser, Frank Roche and E. J. Tibbott.

Sincere appreciation is hereby acknowledged for the assistance given us by the Ladies' Auxiliary; in their generous contribution toward the expense of the Christmas Boxes; the purchase and packing of the contents thereof. Also, for their generous check at the Christmas Meeting which materially aided the Post in carrying on its Christmas work.

Your Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the members who aided in the above work. It is grateful for the generous sums turned over to it for this work throughout the year. It acknowledges the confidence, evidenced by lack of criticism, placed in it by the Post.

Respectfully submitted,  
EVAN J. TIBBOTT, JR.,  
Welfare Chairman,  
January 20th, 1932. Philadelphia Post.

### Gen. Lloyd M. Brett Post

At a meeting held in the Hotel Henry, Friday evening, January 15, 1932, the following officers were elected: Albert Schwenke, Commander; Samuel Fleming, Senior Vice Commander; Michael Cox, Junior Vice Commander; Hugh McKenna, Chaplain; C. R. Haley, Adjutant and Quartermaster; O. K. Fry, Color Sergeant; John Burke, Samuel Fleming and C. R. Haley, Executive Committee.

Andy Sweitzer certainly is lost without the Judge.

Latest reports are that Judge Foster, after having spent several weeks at Lake Placid, will return to his home in Carnegie shortly. The Judge is recuperating from a recent illness.

Understand John Burke was among the "marchers" to the Capital with Father Cox's "army." He helped pour coffee for over six thousand thirsty men. He claims it was a wonderful trip—he enjoyed it immensely.

The monthly meetings are held every third Friday of each month, at the Hotel Henry, Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. The next will be Friday, February 19, at 8 P. M.

### Who's Who in Philadelphia

Introducing our 1932 Post Commander, Wm. O. Pfeifer, former member of B. C. Detail, Battery C, 313th Field Artillery! Bill was a member of the Philadelphia contingent that left here April 29, 1918 for Camp Lee, Virginia. Arriving there about midnight he was placed in Depot Brigade for two weeks; was later transferred to Battery C, sailing with that outfit for France on May 25, 1918. He was made first class private in France, served forty-eight days in action with the Battery, and returned to the United States on May 28, 1919. Bill was discharged with the Battery on June 8, 1919 at Camp Lee, Virginia.

The members of the first and second section gun crews, Battery C, 313th Field Artillery, will always remember Bill Pfeifer coming out of the B. C. Shack on the sunken road outside Mouzay about six thirty on the morning of November 11, 1918, shouting that the war was over—that an armistice would become effective at eleven o'clock that morning!

Commander Pfeifer is a charter member of the Philadelphia Post. He is a faithful worker and his administration should be a very successful one.

Former Lieutenant William Cousins, of the 319th Infantry, is again back with the gang as Senior Vice-Commander. Bill is owner of a garage in West Philadelphia, and claims he is kept busy these days trying to collect rents.

Our list of "has beens" is growing with Fred Haussmann's name just added. Paging Mr. Haussmann!

Most of them are still in the harness working as hard as ever to boost the Association.

Our old pal, Bill Galleher, finds it necessary to miss the luncheons often possibly because of the long trip he must make to his home, or maybe Bill isn't eating between meals anymore. You know we must keep in good form these days, and eating late at night causes one to worry terribly about tipping the scales over the "two hundred mark." Never mind Bill, we'll be looking for you next time.

Two of our old stand-bys were reported sick in January. Howard Brock had an attack of pneumonia, and Jim Kil-

gannon caught a very bad cold. However, we are happy to report that both men are well on the road to recovery.

It is reported that President James Kilgannon, of the Battery A, 314th Field Artillery's Reunion, is contemplating holding this year's Reunion in Philadelphia's new Convention Hall. He is expecting a large crowd and wants to be sure he has enough room to entertain them all. How about needing M. P.'s Jim?

Our Russ Mahon, still the Medical man, not only joined the Post delegation on their visit to Coatesville, but also brought up several hundred magazines from the Henry H. Houston Post, A. L., to the patients.

Guess you will notice that Rus is again chosen Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. There are two reasons . . . well, when a committee meeting is called at his home it is well attended.

Noticed the new Commander and Rus in a huddle several weeks ago. When called upon to attend a meeting at 1432, you attend.

Members of the Philadelphia Post extend to William Brightmore deep sympathy on the death of his beloved mother.

Glad to have Dave Dunseth and John Loughlin out with us again.

Then there were Wilson, of the 315th Field Artillery; Jones, of the 318th Ambulance Company; Fitzgerald, of the 318th Ambulance Company, and Evans, of Supply Company, 313th Field Artillery, among the new faces present. Hope we will have this pleasure again and again.

We hope you fellows are staying on the right side of the wife so she may answer "Yes, dear, let's prepare now" when you propose attending the National Convention at Harrisonburg, Virginia, this year.

## Pennsylvania Auxiliary of Philadelphia Post No. 2

Our message at this time really constitutes a report of our activities during the past year. Our meetings were well attended and our activities, such as card parties, candy sales, etc., were all very successful. Our treasury is now in good shape.

Our Welfare Committee with Mrs. Poole as chairlady, had a very busy year visiting the men in the hospitals and giving aid to the unfortunate who were really in need.

We missed our President Mrs. Evan J. Tibbott, Sr., very much during the past year. We are hoping that we shall have the pleasure of having her with us this year.

There's a "job" awaiting some kind person who will arrange a nursery at the Post Headquarters where mama and papa can park little Betty and Jimmy for the evening while they go to enjoy themselves with the rest of the members at the meetings and socials. We understand there is a tossing of coins when

meeting night comes around to decide the question of who is to stay home to mind the kiddies.

Mrs. Lewis Strouse, Mrs. James Wilson, Mrs. Jos. Hagy and Mrs. Jos. Jones have joined us recently, and we wish that every one of the mothers, wives and sisters would come and sign up. Our meetings are very interesting and we believe you will find them worth while. You'll enjoy the luncheon and social hour we have after each meeting with the members of the Post. You really don't know what you are missing. Most people realize when it is too late that they could have had a better time in life had they had the initiative to go ahead, to do things, and to brighten their lives with activity and friendships.

Our officers for 1932 are: Mrs. George Burton, President; Mrs. Samuel B. Millinghausen, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Russell Mahon, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Evan J. Tibbott, Jr., Treasurer; Mrs. Jas. Kilgannon, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Frank Mayer, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Frederic Poole, Welfare Chairman, and Mrs. Jas. Wilson, Color Bearer.

We deeply regret to report that Mrs. Evan J. Tibbott, Sr., our Past President has lost the sight of her eyes, and we are taking this opportunity to extend to her the sympathy of the members of the Auxiliary and Post. Mrs. Tibbott is a splendid woman, a faithful worker and a real friend.

Mrs. Jas. Kilgannon was confined to the hospital for a short time, but we are pleased to report that she is well again and was at the January meeting.

Mrs. Samuel Millinghausen is undergoing a series of operations for sinus trouble, but it taking them with a smile. She attends meetings as usual and never complains.

Our "princess of good workers," Mrs. Frank Mayer, reported a fine profit on our latest card party and again on the candy sales at Christmas time. Wish we had more Mrs. Mayers.

We are looking forward to a very busy and enjoyable year and with the support of all our members we can make it so. We meet in the Reception Room, 1st floor, St. James Guild Hall, 2210 Sansom Street, every third Thursday of the month. Won't you pay us a visit. We shall be glad to welcome you.

We notice in "Service Magazine" reports from Pennsylvania Auxiliary No. 1 of Pittsburgh, and our own. Are there no Auxiliaries attached to the other Posts of the Association? We should get busy.

Our Philadelphia boys say, "No Auxiliary, and you have no Post." Let us hear from more Auxiliaries.

How we miss Mrs. Leddon, Mrs. Mahon, Mrs. Dunseth, Mrs. Schoble, Mrs. Tibbott, Sr. and Mrs. Tibbott, Jr., and a few others from our meetings.

## Wheeling Sector

Bill Steele, formerly of 305th Engineers, is again residing in Wheeling. He is in the employ of the Wheeling Electric Co. Bill is married and his family includes two youngsters.

Some time ago the Wheeling papers carried an item stating that an ex-service man named Bucy from Wellsburg, W. Va., had passed away. A group of ex-service men composed of former 80th and other Vets journeyed up to that town to have a last look at his remains. To their surprise "Buck" refused to be buried, but surprised a large number of vets in paying last honors to the unfortunate vet of silimar name. "Buck" was a cook with Supply Company, 314th F. A. and a darn good one to. And was he liberal with seconds. "You're dern tutton."

Rudy G. Wodarczek, formerly of C Battery, 314th F. A., still resides in Wheeling where he is employed by the Felsing Electric Co. located in Capital Theatre Building, Main St. Rudy is married and has one youngster.

George Pappert, formerly of E Battery, 314th F. A., and later transferred to one of the 317th Inf. outfits, is still suffering from effects of a wound and shell shock received in action over there. He resides in Wheeling.

Many 80th Division Vets have joined Wheeling Post No. 1, American Legion, claimed by its earlier membership to be the oldest post in the organization. The 80th was the most popular of Divisions during the war period in this section, as a larger number of Ohio County men were in these ranks than represented in others. We feel that this will be the means of organizing an 80th Division post in the near future.

Ray Falland, E Battery, 314th F. A., has announced his candidacy for County Clerk, Ohio County, at the coming primaries. Ray, serving a first term in that office, has been highly recommended by the Ohio County Bar Association for reelection. He still suffers considerably from a hip wound sustained near Romange, France, while assisting in removing wounded comrades from exposed ground under heavy shell fire.

## 318th Infantry

Comrades, now is a good time to start saving your money for our Annual Convention which will be held in Harrisonburg, Virginia, this summer.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Rion-Bowman Post No. 632, will be hosts to the Eightieth Division on the occasion of the 13th Annual National Convention.

Comrade Russell L. Stultz, General Chairman of the Convention, is working mighty hard to put our Reunion over big, and it is up to us to assist him in every way possible.

Received a card from our old buddy, Robert Y. Henley, of Hillsville, Virginia. Your buddies are always glad to hear from you Bob. Plan to meet them in Harrisonburg, Va., this year.

Word has been received that our old buddy David McElroy, of Blackstock, S. C., was killed by a trolley car. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

John C. Tamko and Lawrence C. Burton, of Disputanta, Va., are anxious to hear from their old friends. They are engaged in the peanut business. Hope

they are making plans for the "big parade" to Harrisonburg.

Joseph F. Barnes, of Hooes, Va., is pleased to know that Harrisonburg is selected for the Reunion this year. So it looks like you'll meet Joe there.

Walker H. Johnson, Route No. 1, Holston, Virginia, claims he will be among the first to check in this year at old Harrisonburg.

JAMES E. FARRAR.

**Company G**

H. F. Clem has changed his address from Point of Rocks, Maryland, to 1819 Murdock Avenue, Parkersburg, W. Va.

**320TH INFANTRY**



The above photo is a group of 320th Infantry members taken at Aix Les Bains, November 19, 1918. Rus Mahon is first in the second row. Members in this photo are requested to get in touch with Rus. He is anxious to hear from you.

**"MEDICAL MUTTERINGS"**

**"By Koney"**

Well, Ole Boys, Ole Boys, Ole Boys, "SERVICE" slipped over a fast one on "Koney" when they prematurely flooded the market with their post-Reunion issue. As a result, we (Ah, Oui!) were caught absolutely flatfooted with respect to an intended write-up of the extra-special Medical Detachment Reunion held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, this city, on November 6th. Was pleased, however, to observe that our gala event was "covered," even though the more lurid features were fortunately omitted. It might be added that, in the opinion of the writer, aside from the further strengthening of our war-bred bond of fellowship, the two outstanding accomplishments of that session were the election of Rev. James I. Kalp as our Chaplain for the ensuing term, and the decision to hold future Medical reunions here in Pittsburgh on the Saturday immediately preceding Armistice Day of each year. Comrades Thurston and Anthony, who rushed here for the

Reunion all the way from Clearwater, Fla. and Buffalo, N. Y., respectively, are especially deserving of commendation, and set a splendid example for some of our local "buddies" who evidently experienced difficulty in making the proper street car connections to reach our isolated headquarters!

Incidentally, if I may be permitted to take a "crack" at my old line company, I had really expected to read a more detailed account of Company "B's" big blowout in Dan's Dugout during those torrid Reunion Days, even with the rougher aspects eliminated (H. Ashbaugh, please note!), but was a trifle disappointed to find that it was recorded in a very general manner. Anyhow, thanks for the Christmas card, Captain Terry.

Oh yes, I well realize the truth of the old adage to the effect that those residing in tin houses (or helmets) should refrain from hurling can openers at their neighbors, all of which leads me to confess my own delinquency in providing "SERVICE" with the promised addition to my travelogue, but have patience, please . . . we can't go on like this forever!

**Medical Detachment**

Well, here we are again. The holidays are over and we are well into the New Year and closer to the end of the "repression."

We are looking forward to a lot more news in this column especially from some of the old reliables. Just stop and think how it booms business when you write a letter . . . stamps, writing paper, envelopes, ink, wear and tear on the pen, and more work for the U. S. Mail, thereby making the postal service more sure of their positions. Hey, hold everything! Who asked for all the noise?

What are you doing? Where have you been? Where are you going? Why don't you write? All these questions we are asking you because we are interested. Drop us a line and give us the news.

If you meet any of the old gang just pry right into their affairs, find out everything, and then tell everybody through "Service Magazine." Tell them to send a word of greeting through these columns.

It seems as though some of my Pittsburgh friends (?) have developed writer's cramp. Of course I wouldn't mention any names, but I suppose a certain party knows who I mean.

My North Philadelphia spy reports that Elmer Kiefer, our little fat boy, is doing considerable work around the Frazer Barnitz Post, A. L. Don't forget your Alma Mater Elmer. We'd like to see you at the 80th meetings more often.

My key-hole peeper in West Oak Lane reports that Elmer Leddon devotes considerable time in entertaining little David (Mickey) Leddon. That explains why we haven't seen much of Elmer lately. Well, better days are coming, and everything comes to one who waits. When Elmer has four or five more they will entertain each other, and he will be glad to get out. I'm just trying to see the bright side of things boys???

Ex-Sergeant Mike Amrich reports that he is now the proud father of a bouncing baby boy, Richard, born January 25, 1932. Drop Mike a word of congratulations boys, at 25 Reger Avenue, Trenton, N. J.



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Where are Rudy Hirth and R. T. Biggs, the long and short of the 320th Pill Rollers?

Who was the bird that was going to shoot out a light in a tent in Saulty while the Jerry planes were flying around? What a picture he made standing under a tree clad in his B. V. D.'s with his helmet on, shouting to put out that light. We won't go into detail.

Let's go, Kohnie, Kates, O'Donnell, Kalp, Case, Milner, Rearich! "Paint it with Iodine and mark him duty."

R. W. MAHON.

**Headquarters Company**

Our Annual Roll Call and Banquet will be held in the Norse Room of the Fort Pitt Hotel, Saturday evening, February 27th, at 6:30 P. M. Hope a very large attendance will be present to answer.

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Our former comrade—James Hutton died in his late residence of pneumonia on January 27th. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery and the following members of our Company were pall-bearers: Mulvehill, Wible, Potts, Bennett, Panthal and Larkin.

We extend sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Like many others today, Dick Wible, Allen "Chips" Bennett, are among the unemployed at the present. If any member knows of anything they can do, please get in touch with them.

"Cy" John Moore has just been discharged from the Marine Hospital at Pittsburgh, but his health is nothing to brag about.

John Berg, of McKeesport, is supplying the people of the East End of Pittsburgh with their sweets, being the representative of the Schrafft Candy Company for that section.

Make a very "Special Effort" to attend the Roll Call and Banquet, Saturday, February 27th, also tell every comrade you meet of it, so that we may have the largest attendance we have ever had.

SAMUEL H. STOVER.

**Company A**

Broadcasting on a page of "Service." Wave length 413, Station PLAZA. If you have anything to broadcast send it to 413 Plaza Building, Pittsburgh. I have been waiting to hear from you fellows but almost gave up when a message finally came from our President, Bob Wertz. Here it is:

A. E. F. Service  
 (After England Failed)

To Brig. Gen. S. Fleming, Commanding Officer S. O. S.:

From Staff Correspondent  
 R. F. W.—Eastern Sector

Activities on this front are just about as brisk as the snow shovel industry. "Cheese" Broker is happy in the thought that regardless of the

breakdown of Kris Kingle's reindeers, he was able to put on a mechanical Christmas display that was second to none this side of Mayor Kline's "Fallen City" . . . Did Jerry Madden "go bump," too? . . . Lewis Priletti had his annual outside display 'n everything—except the snow, which he endeavored to manufacture . . . Edwin Black and myself were among "those present" at the County Council meeting in New Alexandria, in December . . . Stan Zimowski is rarin' to go with a mid-winter feast for A Company . . . G. C. (Swamp Angel) Brown also witnessed Mister Broker's Christmas display, and filed a complaint about Nick's "one-holer" relief station to take care of a whole town . . . "Bugler" Errett has either married or passed out—he's not listed in the bread line . . . Time out to inform "A. J.'s" who attended the last reunion that all frozen assets have been liquidated, and a balance of some five bucks and a few odd cents remain in my pocket—but am seriously considering declaring a moratorium—in favor of myself . . . "Doggone" Murphy has the balance of the credits . . . Acknowledge holiday cards from "Butch" Geyer, Sam Fleming, Nick Broker and his better half . . . I sent a card to "Butch" but it was returned—will save for our next reunion . . . Wish to thank Jack Pollet for those horseshoes that he didn't donate . . . Have seen Morg McAlpin once in 12 years, and after a good talking to, he was the same old Morg . . . And then there's Cy Sadler, the soldier we stole eggs for up in Count von Court's barn, when Cy was laid up with rheumatiz—Cy lives in Grapeville. And a card wouldn't do him any harm . . . And that's all.

Yes, Bob, Jerry went "boom," but he bounced right back again. He started at the same job on February 1.

Glad to hear about the five bucks. Thought you were financially "re-barrased." Jerry and I received a very nice Christmas card from Bill McGrogan. Thanks Bill. Wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for the very lovely cards I received at the Holiday Season. Surely is a pleasure to hear from all my old friends.

If you want a "pow-wow" Stanley, just let us know and we will try to drag some of the boys up to Greensburg whenever you say.

Bob says the Bugler has disappeared or got married. What's the difference? Maybe he is hiding so he won't have to go to China. Who knows? He never did like chop suey. Think I'll get one of those dollar a year jobs during the next war. It isn't so hard to collect your "bonus."

Speaking of the bonus! The Pennsylvania State Bonus has passed both houses and will be up for a vote of the people in 1933. Start working on your friends now telling them to vote for it. Hope they won't give us a promissory note for twenty years.

Next Reunion in China, maybe? See you in Shanghai.

SAM FLEMING.

**Company B**

Yes, we know there was no company news in the last issue of "Service"—

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we've heard of it several times so we know all about it. What we can't figure out, though, is whether we were sound asleep or whether "Service" pulled a fast one on us by popping out suddenly after such a delay in getting the Convention number out. Oh, well, there wasn't any news then anyway. The boys apparently forgot their promises to keep your scribe posted on the gossip. You must come across or there'll be no column—we're no Winchell, we'll have you know.

Louis Laufer—good old Louie who used to flip an extra flap-jack into a mess-kit now and then for some starving American—sent in a nice letter to tell us about how he strained his eyes in trying to find some Company B news in the last issue of the magazine. As we read it, we thought he was going to sue us for glasses or something, but, no, Louie believes that the Lord helps those who help themselves, so to avoid eye-strain the next time, he sent in some news. First of all, he wants the boys to know that he moved from Ripley, N. Y. to 325 Fig Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania. (Red Hatcher please note). Which is a nice way of saying, we think, that he would like to hear from some of his old comrades. He has a new job helping a new baking company put over a house-to-house distribution system—something that had never been tried before in Scranton. His job is to bake the cakes, but the hardest part of the job is to guess the kind and number of cakes that the bell-ringers can sell each day. He sent in a few squibbs from some old Battalion Reviews that he found in his attic when moving. He said, however, that he was withholding the best ones for fear of injuring the social standing or putting a strain on the domestic relations of the parties concerned. Thoughtful Louie. From the issue of March, 1919 he sent

"Good-bye, Red, hope to see you in the States." Who did he mean?

"Private Shelton wants the mess corporal to take the boots off the turtle the next time he leads him through the mock turtle soup." My, oh, my! Such mockery.

"What is the darkest moment in military life? Soup Lewis claims it is when you are in a dark dug-out on a dark night with a dark lantern hunting a cootie on a dark shirt." That's too dark for light comment.

"Cook Stocks was putting it all over Molesme last Saturday night. Wonderful stuff! Wonderful!" Maybe so. Maybe so. But at least it was swell training for American moonie. "The Vin Rouge Quartette is wondering whether to set up in business again." They did. Remember the Dead Man's Club? Oh, boy! Thanks, Louie, come again.

Going back into ancient history a little, we are pleased to report here that Joe Frew threw a little party on Armistice night. Bill Kane, Kelly O'Neill, Joe Sughrue and their wives were there as was also your reporter. An awfully nice time was had by all, and the old war surely got a going over. Joe, incidentally, has been improving in health very satisfactorily of late.

As most of you know, Soup Lewis had a nervous breakdown about a year and a half ago. He has been up and around for some time, but can't do anything. The latest reports are that he is some better now, but still far from well. Good

luck, Soup, we all wish you a speedy recovery.

Kelly O'Neill, another of our sick, is doing nicely—thank you. He is helping Joe Frew and Soup with some of their compensation and War Risk Insurance problems.

Joe Sughrue is plugging right along, but he always has time to do something nice for our sick friends. He puts some of us to shame. Good old Joe!

We are sorry to report that the depression has hit at least one of our comrades a terrific wallop. He was buying a home for his family and then a couple of months ago he found himself among the unemployed. Now his house is gone and still he has no job. He is one of the very good fellows that we know, but we won't mention his name for he doesn't know we are writing this. If any of you know of a job, let us know, and we will put him in touch with you.

In our last communique we said that Captain Terry strained his vocal chords at the convention. When none of us heard from him, we concluded he had sprained his writing hand, too. His Christmas card, though, showed that it was back in old time form again. Joe Sughrue showed us the card he received from him and the note complaining about the lack of Company B news in "Service." Alright, Skipper, if you want news, send some in, and we will dig up some more to publish along with it just by way of reciprocity. How's that for a bargain? That's all—See you later.

**Company D**

Captain Russell, Commander of Company D, 320th Infantry, is sales manager of a Frigidaire Company at Lynchburg, Virginia. The Captain is married and has a beautiful little home in Lynchburg.

Bill Dice, the Company's bugler and barber, has a fine gas and service station at Ligonier, Pa.

We understand that Geo. W. McFarland is farming at Latrobe, Pa. George was the only member of our Company to receive the Distinguished Service Cross. He is now married and is the proud father of three lovely children.

Our former Lieutenant, Donald Korst, of Janesville, Wisconsin, is general sales manager of the Parker Pen Company at the above city, the home of the Parker Pen Company.

H. A. Gano has taken the fatal step again. Bachelor life doesn't seem to appeal to H. A. He is associated with the Packard-Studebaker Company in Mansfield, Ohio. He informs us he will meet us all at Harrisonburg in August.



We keep hoping each month that some member will get in touch with the Secretary, to pass along news of the lives and doings of the other fellow, but the days slip by and this column continues to be as empty of real news as a keg of beer

would be after the Second Platoon got hold of it.

We were sorry that we were unable to get a few notes into the last issue of "Service," but unavoidable circumstances

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interferred. We feel that a few lines here each issue is at least evidence that the Company organization continues to exist.

Which brings us to the point that not so far distant is the time for the annual reunion, so we will have to begin to bring our minds around to details of that affair. We feel that though lots of the fellows haven't fared so well in a business way this past year, still we can get together in a quiet way and keep up our record of unbroken annual reunions.

How about it? Will you kindly get in touch with the undersigned Secretary and give him your opinion, so that your Committee for the Reunion can be guided accordingly in laying plans? There is quite a lot of work arranging for the affair, and we would not want it to turn out to be a "dud." Let's hear from you. Thanks.

H. W. LUDWIG, Secy.  
 Company G

Carlton (Lucky) Leonard, former Corporal Company G, 320th, is wintering in the "Sunny South" at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. His address is 805 Ninth Street, South East. Lucky is one of the old faithfuls in the 80th. He has attended many of the Reunions, and finds no trip too hard or too long to be with his former buddies. When on duty you can find him out on the High Seas in search of the Big Bass with his fishing tug. His home address is 76 South Main Street, Chincoteague, Virginia. We hope that he will recruit a number of the Company G men to attend the Reunion of the division in Harrisonburg, Va., next August. How about it old pal.

**315th Machine Gun Battalion**

**Headquarters Company**

Kindly send in your correct address to Ben Brill, 130 Royal Street, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa. At some future date, and we trust it will not be far distant, we expect to plan a get-together. In order to make this affair a real success we must have the co-operation of each and every member of Headquarters Company. Just send in your name and latest address to Mr. Brill and he'll do the rest of the work.

**Company A**

All members are requested to send in their correct address to Bob Heyman, 922 Fordham Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., or to F. W. Schiffer, 629 Dunmore St., E. Liberty, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Anyone knowing the address of Lieutenant Parks, who formerly resided in

Ohio, kindly send it to either of the addresses given above.

Would also like to hear from the Corporal and others who were with Kuebler when he was shell shocked.

The following article appeared in a Pittsburgh newspaper:

**WAR "BUDDIES" SOUGHT BY MACHINE GUNNER**

John R. Kuebler, 314 Mulberry Street, Cincinnati, has written to the Sun-Telegraph in an effort to establish contact with some of the men who served with him in Company A, 315th Machine Gun Battalion, Eightieth Division, during the World War. He names his former comrades as George Schratz, George Daley, Luigi Mergi and others whom he cannot remember.

Don't forget to send in your correct address. We are making plans to get the old gang together soon.

F. W. SCHIFFER.

**Company B**

All members are requested to send in their correct address to Mr. J. H. Walker, 572 Washington Avenue, Carnegie. Do not neglect to do this at once. If we have your name on the roster you will receive notice of all the activities of the Association and the 315th Machine Gun Battalion members. If you know of a member who has moved from your home town send in his new address to us. We will appreciate your kind co-operation in this matter.

**Company C**

Frank A. Mess, of Allison Park, Pa., would like to have the correct addresses of all former members of Company C.

**Company D**

Members of Company D, 315th Machine Gun Battalion are requested to send in their names and new addresses to Ed. D. Williams, 212 Tipton Street, Hazelwood Station, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**313TH FIELD ARTILLERY**

The 313th Field Artillery takes over the command in Philadelphia with the election of Wm. O. Pfeifer, of Battery C, to Post Commander.

Lew Strouse, formerly of Battery C and Headquarters, declined to run for Senior Vice Commander, so that he might act as adjutant for his old friend, Commander Bill.

Bill and Lew are looking for the support of the 313th Field Artillery dur-

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ing the year and as a start have enlisted the following members to bring in the "stay at homes": Larry Fisher, Bill Brightmore and Jim Coleman, of Battery B; Paul Eitle, Jim Delaney, Bob Crawford, Bill Rhoads, Fred Sullivan and the writer, of Battery C; Evans of Supply Company, and Frank Haenle, of Headquarters. More power to them.

After having put on a disappearing act for some years, we are again pleased to see Charlie Kelly, formerly of Battery C. We hope to have him at our next meeting.

Old timers may remember that it was this same Charlie Kelly who first made application for a Philadelphia Post Charter thereby entitling us to Charter No. 2.

Our sympathy is extended to Comrade William Brightmore on the death of his beloved mother.

We received cards from Mat Neider, Frank Hassinger and Clarence Eicher, of Battery C, at Christmas time. You can generally depend on seeing these members at the National Conventions. Hope we all meet this year at Harrisonburg.

Grant Walker, of Battery C, continues to reside in New York, but informs us his heart remains in Philadelphia with the Post. He was sorry he could not be on hand to support the new Commander.

We have been asked if practically all the 313th Field Artillery personnel resided in the Philadelphia area. Were there no Officers? It was your Regiment, now you tell them!

WM. H. GRAHAM, JR.

**314th Field Artillery**

Major Granville R. Fortesque, commander of the Second Battalion of the

314th Field Artillery, has been stricken seriously ill in New York with pneumonia. The latest report is that he is out of danger and on the road to recovery.

An officer of the 314th Field Artillery on whom the spotlight of national interest has turned since war time days is Captain William Clark, now Judge William Clark, of New Jersey, who challenged factional dispute for his decision on the unconstitutionality of the Eighteenth Amendment.

According to the officers of the 314th Field Artillery Veterans' Association that regiment is one of the strongest organized in post-war activities.

**WHEELING SECTOR**

R. V. Burke, of Battery A, has resumed his duties with Wheeling Traction Company after recent illness.

Buddies of Lawrence Fitzpatrick, of Battery A, are glad to hear of his improvement.

Marty Vees, of Battery E, is improving at the Aspinwall Hospital.

John Stumpp, of Battery E, is still handling the "dough" for the General Bread Company as Sales Manager.

County Clerk Raymond J. Falland and Attorney Wm. J. Gompers played a match game over the Cedar Rocks Country Club Course. Needless to say the most shots took place at the 19th hole with Bill holding on.

The American Legion, Wheeling Post No. 1 finished Membership Drive. R. J. Falland led team composed of 314th F. A., assisted by Homer Cunningham, Leo Emmerth, Jack Danie, W. J. Gompers, John C. Stumpp, William Haberstick and Wm. A. Bounds. They reported fifty-seven former Buddies joining.

Clyde T. Bounds, of Battery E, has returned from Boston, Mass., where he has been taking treatment for lung infection.

Friends of Terry Garrison will be interested to hear of his marriage to a prominent lady of Atwater, Ohio. So drop him a card wishing him luck on his second adventure.

Henry Neumann, Battery C, reports

conditions in the plumbing business getting better.

Raymond (Nobby) Miller, of Battery C, has returned from Florida after a great fishing trip.

Members of the 314th F. A. send their deep regrets to Major Granville Fortesque, formerly of the Second Battalion. Hope that he and his family score a clean victory before the next publication of the "Service Magazine."

E. P. BURKE.

**Company A**

H. Paul Rule has changed his address from Rochester, New York, to Snow Hill, Maryland. His box number is 324. He sends the Season's Greetings to all his friends of the 80th.

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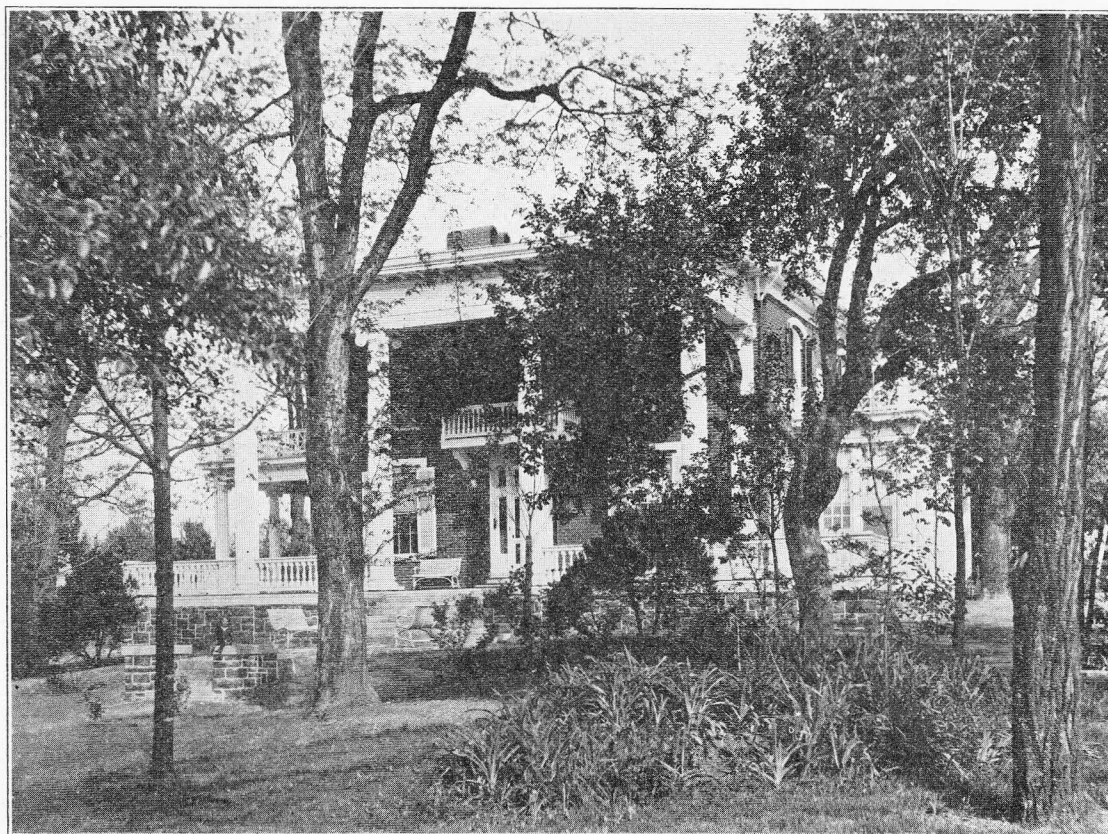
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