

BIG ARMY NEEDED FOR AIR SERVICE

FORTY TO FIFTY MEN REQUIRED FOR EACH ACTIVE PLANE AT THE FIGHTING FRONT.

FIGURES BY HOWARD COFFIN

Veterinary Corps and Remount Service Growing Rapidly—Information About the Pay Received by Uncle Sam's Enlisted Men.

(From Committee on Public Information) Washington.—In a statement issued by Howard E. Coffin, chairman of the aircraft production board, is the following:

"In discussing the accomplishments of the air service in the consummation of the army program, it will be well to point out the impossibility of certain proposals enthusiastically and persistently put forward by word of mouth and in the press. We have seen and heard much of the proposed 100,000 airplanes to be provided by the United States within the next year. In a country where one great industry produces 1,500,000 motorcars per year, the fabrication of 100,000 planes might seem easy, but actual figures based upon three years of practical experience in the war shows that there are now between 40 and 50 men of the auxiliary services required for each active machine at the front. If this same ratio should be adhered to in our service, it would mean that some 4,000,000 men would be required in our aeronautical department on foreign soil between our ports of debarkation and the fighting front.

"Even though this number of men could be reduced by 50 per cent by increased efficiency and standardization, the number required is still staggering. Consider, also, the overseas transportation problem as related to material only and without reference to personnel and its maintenance. The transportation of finished planes, properly crated, with the necessary spares, accessories, and equipment is in itself a serious problem, in view of the situation in ship tonnage."

When war was declared the strength of the United States army in animals was 96,145; it is now 344,000. The remount service April 6 consisted of one officer and four clerks in Washington, five remount depots where horses were received, and a personnel and purchasing organization in the field in proportion. The veterinary corps, responsible for the treatment of animals, consisted of 64 officers and no enlisted personnel when the United States entered the war.

The veterinary corps faced the job of building an organization of about 1,000 officers and 12,000 men. The 1,000 officers have been secured and enlisted men are being transferred at a rate which will soon bring it up to its full authorized strength.

The remount service had a similar task in securing personnel. Its present strength is about 300 officers and 11,000 enlisted men. In place of 5 remount depots it has 34, for which plans had to be drawn, sites chosen, and construction of shelter, hospitals, storage buildings, and unloading facilities in short time.

The greater proportion of deaths of animals in the army results from influenza, popularly known as "slipping fever," and its complications. British losses on horses purchased in the United States during the war have been about 10 per cent, counting only deaths occurring in this country. French and Italian losses have been higher.

The rank of commissioned officers of the United States army is shown by insignia on the shoulder loops.

The shoulder loops of a general bear the coat of arms of the United States and two silver stars; Lieutenant general, one large and two small silver stars; major general, two silver stars; brigadier general, one silver star; colonel, silver spread-eagle; Lieutenant, colonel, silver leaf; major, gold leaf; captain, two silver bars; first Lieutenant, one silver bar; second Lieutenant, gold bar.

The shoulder loop of a chaplain bears a Latin cross.

A recent comparison of health reports from troops in the United States and the expeditionary forces shows the admission rate to hospitals to be greater among the men in France.

Admissions to hospitals in one week in the expeditionary forces, figured on a basis of 1,000 men, were 45.2; in the United States the rate was 33.7 per 1,000 men. In the overseas forces the non-effective rate (the total number of men excused from duty for any injury or ailment, whether or not ordered to hospital) was 54.1 per 1,000 men; in the troops in the United States it was 46.4.

The sale of "smilage" books, containing coupons good for admission to theaters and entertainment tents in all army camps and cantonments, is handled in the smaller cities and towns throughout the country by chautauqua and lyceum organizations.

The books come in two sizes, for sale at \$1 and \$5. When sent to a man in camp a smilage book carries the name of the donor on the cover.

Red Cross appropriations for work in Italy from November 1, 1917, to May 1, 1918, total \$4,771,900.

The pay of enlisted men depends on their grades, ratings, and length of service. From June 1, 1917, and continuing during the term of the war the pay of the enlisted men is as follows:

Men receiving \$30: All privates, the army entering grade.

Men receiving \$33: First-class privates, men promoted to act in minor noncommissioned officer capacity.

Men receiving \$36: Corporals, saddlers, mechanics, farriers and waggoners, and musicians of the third class.

Men receiving \$38: All sergeant grades in the line, which include infantry, field artillery, coast artillery, and cavalry; cooks, horseshoers, band corporals, and musicians of the second class.

Men receiving \$44: Sergeants of the various corps of the engineers, ordnance, signal corps, quartermaster corps, and medical department; band sergeants and musicians of the first class.

Men receiving \$48: Battalion sergeants majors, squadron sergeant majors, sergeant majors (junior grade), sergeant buglers, master gunners, and assistant band leaders of the line.

Men receiving \$51: Regimental sergeant majors, regimental supply sergeants, sergeant majors (senior grade), quartermaster sergeants of the quartermaster corps, ordnance sergeants, first sergeants, electrician sergeants of the first class, assistant engineers and battalion sergeant majors and battalion supply sergeants of the engineers.

Men receiving \$56: Sergeants, first class, of the medical department.

Men receiving \$71: Hospital sergeants, master engineers of the junior grade, and engineers.

Men receiving \$81: Quartermaster sergeants of the senior grade of the quartermaster corps, band leaders, master signal electricians, master electricians, master engineers of the senior grade, and master hospital sergeants.

All enlisted men, while on detached duty not in the field where there are no army quarters available, receive in addition to their pay \$15 per month to cover the expense of housing and also a suitable allowance for subsistence and for heat and light.

An enlisted man in active service has no necessary personal expenses except for barber and laundry. Uniforms, underclothing, shoes, hats, quarters, medical attendance, and subsistence are supplied them at government expense. Such materials as tobacco, postage, confectionery, and incidentals of individual taste may be purchased at the post exchange at cost.

From uncensored sources the committee on public information has received editorial comment on the president's recent message in the Frankfurter Zeitung, a liberal organ with large circulation throughout the German empire. The following paragraph appears in the translation:

"The foundation for the peace negotiations has not yet been found, but we have approached much nearer to it. Wilson seeks a way out of the war and does so in a manner not entirely in accord with us. We see no reason for exposing ourselves any longer to the charge of lack of clarity about our war aims. Germany and her allies should come out openly with their terms. Then perhaps it will be seen that a continuation of the war can be avoided and the resistance of governments to the desire for peace of their peoples can be overcome."

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A shortage of ice during warm weather in 1918 would result in untold waste of perishable foods in the home, in small creameries, and other establishments dependent upon constant ice service. The United States Department of Agriculture has for distribution complete information on the harvesting and storing of natural ice.

A large harvest and storage of natural ice for summer use is being urged, accompanied by the statement that unprecedented demands for ammonia by the army and navy indicate shortage in this chemical so widely used in producing ice and in refrigerators.

A statement by the provost marshal general shows that of \$59,150 total discharges for dependency 743,141, or 86.50 per cent, were for wife or wife and children; widowed parent, 6.51 per cent; motherless child, 0.66 per cent; minor orphans, brothers and sisters, 0.58 per cent.

Of the total of 1,057,363 men certified for service in the National Army 418,300, or 39.56 per cent, are listed as involuntary conscripts—those who failed to appear or filed unsuccessful claims for exemption or discharge.

Voluntary conscripts—those who filed no claims for exemption or discharge numbered 639,054.

Under the new food regulations Swiss people are allowed only one-fifth of a pound of butter per person per month.

The United States, importing before the war as much as \$10,000,000 worth of aniline dyes a year, in ten months of last year exported dyes valued at \$12,500,000.

Four tons of shipping capacity are required to transport a soldier, and another is necessary for his equipment. In addition, it takes 50 pounds of ship capacity a day to keep him supplied with food, clothing and ammunition.

A million checks a month will soon be going forward from the bureau of war-risk insurance to safeguard America's fighting forces and their families. Applications from soldiers and sailors for insurance are near \$4,000,000.

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